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New look for massive Hill development

80 Flatbush tower tweaked to fit nabe

BY JULIANNE CUBA

This megadevelopment just wants to blend in!

Luxury builder Alloy Development unveiled a new look for its massive 80 Flatbush project on the edge of Boerum Hill last week, changing the facade of the shorter of its two planned high-rises to more closely resemble that of its landmarked neighbor, the Williamsburgh Savings Bank tower.

Honchos originally proposed an all-glass exterior for the 38-story building on the lot bounded by Flatbush and Third avenues, and State and Schermerhorn streets, but cut some reflective panels in favor of bricks that mimic the look of the Hanson Place structure erected in the late '20s after receiving months' worth of community input, according to the company's chief executive.

"We've refined our plans based on productive feedback received through more than 100 meetings with local stakeholders," said Jared Della Valle. "We think the project's better for it, and appreciate the engagement."

The street-level exterior of the smaller tower will feature the brick facade, which will also keep the building's appearance more in line with those of the townhouses that comprise the historically low-rise nabe, according to Alloy.

But plans for the controversial project's taller, 74-story high-rise, which is expected to be among the borough's tallest, remain unchanged in the new renderings, which also show that honchos nixed a State Street loading dock, one

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SICK JOKE: A teenager suspected of threatening to shoot up his Windsor Terrace school smiled as cops walked him from the 72nd Precinct station house to Brooklyn Central Booking after they arrested the boy and a fellow student for allegedly making the deadly threats about an hour after a shooter opened fire at a Florida learning house on Feb. 14.

Photo by Paul Martinka

WINDSOR TERROR

Two teens arrested for school-shooting threat

BY COLIN MIXSON

Police arrested two 16-year-old boys who allegedly threatened to gun down their classmates at a Windsor Terrace charter school on Feb. 14, about an hour after a shooter began a killing spree at a Florida high school.

The teens enrolled at Brooklyn Prospect Charter School on Fort Hamilton Parkway between E. Second and E. Third streets posted

messages threatening to shoot their fellow students and faculty on Snapchat at 4 pm, cops said, a few minutes before Florida officials said via Twitter that they cuffed a suspect in the deadly massacre, which claimed 17 lives.

Officers met with school administrators the morning of Feb. 15 after someone called 911 in response to the violent social-media threats, then contacted the two boys'



Photo by Paul Martinka

DEAD SERIOUS: Police also cuffed this 16-year-old boy.

parents, which resulted in one suspect turning himself in that day, according to authorities.

Cops arrested the second student at home later the same day.

And investigators recovered an airsoft rifle, leading them to slap both teens with criminal-weapons charges, according to police, who said no other firearms were discovered.

BIG CONCERNS

Franklin Ave. development 'too tall' for Heights, civic guru says

BY COLIN MIXSON

It's pushing the height limit in the Heights!

A builder proposing a megadevelopment of six residential high-rises on the site of an old Crown Heights warehouse is pushing for a zoning variance that would allow the towers to rise as high as 37 stories — radically altering the predominantly low-rise nabe's character, according to a local land-use guru.

"We would like anything to be contextual with what's in the area, so we spoke about a complex of that size — with two towers that are more than 30-stories tall — being generally too tall," said Michael Liburd, the chairman of Community Board 9's committee that oversees local development proposals going through the city's Uniform Land Use Review Procedure.

Members of the civic panel discussed the project at a Feb. 13 meeting after learning that builder Continuum Company filed a preliminary application with the Department of City Planning for the up-zoning under Mayor DeBlasio's Mandatory Inclusionary Housing program, which gives developers the right to build taller in exchange for providing below-market-rate housing.

But the civic gurus tabled a formal vote on the proposal, choosing instead to hold one during its official public-review process, which is likely still a few months out, Liburd said.

The block where the development at 960 Franklin Ave. between Montgomery and Sullivan places would rise is currently zoned for six-to-seventy-story structures.

The proposed complex features 1,450 units spread among its six buildings, which range



MOVING IN?: A developer wants to construct a six-building complex with towers ranging from 15- to 37-stories tall on the site of this old Franklin Avenue warehouse in Crown Heights. Photo by Taylor Balkom

from 15- to 37-stories tall, with half of the apartments offered at market rate, and the other half being so-called affordable housing.

But there's currently no plan to upgrade infrastructure in the area to accommodate the high-rises' future residents, who will further strain already overutilized public systems, according to the community board's chairman.

"It's too much," said Musa Moore. "Too much for our community, our infrastructure, our sewer system — and we have the Q train that's already too crowded."

News of the super-sized complex comes in the wake of locals' failed grass-roots attempt to upend the redevelopment of the nearby Bedford-Union Armory — which lawyers at Legal Aid are now fighting in court following Council's November approval of the scheme — and as the

board pursues a down-zoning for large swathes of Crown Heights in response to other projects, many of which are teardowns that demolish old homes of around two stories so real-estate firms can take full advantage of current building rights, which often permit six-story apartment buildings on side streets, Liburd said.

"If we can get a wholesale down-zoning on everything, that's what we want to do," he said.

The civic panel hasn't approached the city or local pols about its down-zoning ambitions, however, and is still looking into strategies to protect the neighborhood's character, according to Liburd.

Continuum Company's proposed Franklin Avenue project is a stone's throw away from the Brooklyn Botanic Garden, near the site where builder Cornell Realty requested a similar zoning vari-

ance last year to build two 175-foot towers.

But Cornell quickly abandoned its plan in the wake of a massive public backlash, which included a petition signed by more than 4,000 people from as far away as Manchester, England that claimed the high-rises would starve the public garden's plants by blocking the sun.

Some locals, however, are concerned that if the city approves Continuum's up-zoning application, then Cornell — which has yet to begin any as-of-right construction on its Botanic Garden-adjacent plot — will revive its own request.

"That application can still be produced," said Alicia Boyd, founder of "anti-gentrification" group Movement to Protect the People. "They're waiting for the larger development to get the okay, and then will say, 'If they can get 40 stories, why can't we?'"

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JUST ANNOUNCED: Rapper Common will headline the 40th-annual Celebrate Brooklyn! Festival hosted by arts-and-culture organization Bric with a June 5 performance. Associated Press / Chris Pizzello

Common's ground

Rapper to start annual concert series with P'Park show

BY COLIN MIXSON

All music-lovers will find something in Common at this festival!

Rap superstar Common will headline the upcoming semi-free summer-concert series hosted by local cultural organization Bric, its bigwigs announced on Feb. 14.

The Emmy, Grammy, and Oscar-winning performer wowed attendees of Bric's annual live-music event in 2016 when he took the Prospect Park Bandshell's stage alongside jazz legend Herbie Hancock, and producers pursued the Chicago-based poet ever since until he agreed to return, an organizer said.

"We began a dialogue with Common in summer 2016 when he made a surprise appearance with Herbie Hancock," said the festival's executive producer Jack Walsh.

The rapper's free June 5 concert will kick-off the local arts-and-culture purveyor's 40th Celebrate Brooklyn! Festival summer-music series, which honchos expect to release a final lineup for in May and will feature other no-fee and some paid acts, according to a Bric spokesman.

Common's performance in Brooklyn's Backyard will come roughly three months after he releases a new album in March as part of the "super-group" August Greene, which is comprised of the artist and fellow music-makers Robert Glasper and Karriem Riggins. The trio won an Emmy for Best Music and Lyrics last year for their track "Letter to the Free," which appeared on Common's 2016 album, "Black America Again," and was featured in that year's acclaimed documentary film "13th."

The performer — who raps alongside singer Andra Day in her track "Stand Up For Something," which earned an Academy Award nomination for Best Original Song this year after appearing in the movie "Marshall" — received his first Oscar statue in the same category in 2014, when he and John Legend nabbed the honor for their tune "Glory" from the film "Selma."

And Common has taken home two of the 19 Grammy awards he's been nominated for since 2001.

He headlines the festival one year after pop-soul band Lake Street Drive kicked-off the concert series, and joins its past A-list opening acts who include "Queen of Funk" Chaka Khan, rhythm-and-blues powerhouse Janelle Monae, and former Talking Heads leader David Byrne.

Locals show heart on Valentine's Day

BY JULIANNE CUBA

The love doctors are in!

Patients recovering at a Boerum Hill rehabilitation center celebrated Valentine's Day with a bunch of local dogooders, who lifted the convalescents' spirits with some singing, dancing, and hand-made cards. The visit was a sweet treat for the residents, who couldn't help but smile at the big-hearted Brooklynites' display of affection, according to the woman who organized it.

"You should have seen those expressions — priceless," said Laura Giromini Arrigoni. "It was a magical experience!"

Arrigoni, who lives down the block from the Hopkins Center for Rehabilitation and Healthcare on Dean Street, said her urge to bring joy to the facility's patients grew each time she passed by it, and that the day designated for love offered a perfect chance to put her plan in action.

"I always wanted to do something, but had no clue what to do," she said. "So I



BETTER THAN CHOCOLATE: Organizer Laura Giromini Arrigoni read a card to Segundo Nuesi. Photo by Jason Speakman

thought, what about Valentine's Day?"

The handcrafted greetings, which Arrigoni and volunteers delivered along with pairs of fresh socks, brought beaming grins — and even tears — to some residents, according to the organizer, who said others got down to tunes played by a guitarist and a drummer during the event.

And one 104-year-old who partook in the festivities told Arrigoni the secret to staying young, she said.

"Love," Arrigoni said.



SPREADING LOVE: Volunteers passed out cards and socks to residents of Boerum Hill's Hopkins Center for Rehabilitation and Healthcare on Valentine's Day. Photo by Jason Speakman

Cops: Swindler robs Slope bank in seventh holdup this year

BY COLIN MIXSON

A letter-writing thief suspected of robbing no less than seven Kings County banks this year continued his cash-stealing spree at a Park Slope financial institution on Feb. 14, police said.

The crook approached a teller at the Flatbush Avenue bank between Sterling Place and Eighth Avenue at 3:10 pm, before passing the employee a note that read "robbery" and "don't try any funny stuff," according to police.

The worker gave the lowlife \$1,100

in cash — without a dye pack — and the man fled to parts unknown, officers said.

Authorities believe the Park Slope pilferer is the same guy who robbed six other banks in neighborhoods including Downtown, East Flatbush, Carroll Gardens, Boerum Hill, and Greenpoint since Jan. 2.

In each incident, the suspect handed a teller a letter demanding green, and then hightailed it on foot after receiving some ill-gotten

cash, according to officials.

Cops had yet to connect the Jan. 2 Boerum Hill robbery with the Greenpoint caper, which occurred on Jan. 9, when this newspaper first reported on the crimes on Jan. 11, because a police spokesman said the crook's modus operandi of note-passing was too common to draw a link between them at the time.

"That MO is something we have seen many, many times in the past," the spokesman said.

"It's a tactic that is used a lot."

Investigators are also looking for a female acquaintance of the suspected swindler, who was spotted with the alleged thief on two separate dates that known robberies occurred.

Anyone with information about the incidents can call Crime Stoppers at (800) 577-8477. The public can also submit tips by logging onto the Crime Stoppers website at www.nypdcrimestoppers.com or by texting tips to 274637 (CRIMES) then entering TIP577.



BQE Atlantic to Sands

PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING

Tuesday, February 27, 2018

5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

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The New York City Department of Transportation (NYCDOT) is holding a Scoping Meeting and preparing a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) consistent with New York City Environmental Quality Review (CEQR) regulations for the replacement or rehabilitation of the BQE / I-278 from Atlantic Avenue to Sands Street. The Draft Scope of Work is available for review online at www.BQE-i278.com and at select public locations, including the Brooklyn Public Library Main Branch. During the Public Scoping meeting, a presentation at 5:30 p.m. will be followed by public testimony taken on the Draft Scope of Work. Public comments are requested with respect to matters to be addressed in the DEIS. Written comments on the Draft Scope of Work will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. Monday, March 12, 2018.

NYCDOT will have two American Sign Language (ASL) interpreters at the Scoping Meeting, as well as a Spanish certified translator. These accommodations are intended for individuals with disabilities or language barriers. Any additional requests for special accommodations should be made by Monday, February 19th at 4:00 p.m. For more information, locations of the Draft Scope of Work, or if any special accommodations are needed, please contact the BQE Project Team during regular business hours or leave a message at 332-999-4520 or info@bqe-i278.com.

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IN FAVOR: Justice Carmen Victoria St. George ruled on Feb. 15 that the two towers planned for Brooklyn Bridge Park's Pier 6, which their builders have been working on for months, can legally rise in the green space.
Community News Group / Julianne Cuba

SHOCKER!

Towers ruled legal after months of work

BY JULIANNE CUBA

They're well on their way — and here to stay.

Two polarizing towers already rising at Brooklyn Bridge Park's Pier 6 can legally go up inside the green space, a judge decided on Feb. 15.

The ruling came after builders RAL Development Services and Oliver's Realty Group began construction on the high-rises last summer, months ahead of Justice Carmen Victoria St. George's much-anticipated decision because her predecessor Justice Lucy Billings said in July that work on the project could proceed as long as it could be "undone."

St. George threw out the suit that civic group the Brooklyn Heights Association filed against the meadow's bigwigs and the developers constructing the 15- and 28-story high-rises at the foot of Atlantic Avenue in a 46-page ruling that's a big win for the park, its head honcho said.

"We are pleased with the judge's decision, which ensures that a public investment enjoyed by millions and envied in cities across the globe will thrive long into the future," said Eric Landau.

The 15-story tower already topped out by the time St. George ruled, and a website hawking the 126 luxury apartments inside the taller, 28-story building, dubbed Quay Tower, launched last month.

Heights Association members took the park to court in July 2016, charging that its honchos violated their own terms for choosing the towers' builders, and that the smaller high-

rise — which will contain 100 units of so-called affordable housing — violates Brooklyn Bridge Park's governing document, the 2006 General Project Plan, which permits development in the green space only to raise money for it.

But Bridge Park attorneys argued that the cash-strapped meadow needs the towers to generate funds that will pay for the restoration of the wood piles that support Pier 6, which crustaceans are gnawing away.

St. George took over the case in August after Billings said she was reassigned to oversee asbestos litigation. She twice delayed what were supposed to be litigants' final arguments before presiding over their last day in court on Nov. 15 — seven months after the case's first public hearings began.

It is unclear why the judge took so long to rule. This reporter made several calls to her chambers, none of which were returned.

The Heights Association's head honcho said its members are disappointed with St. George's decision, which he said validates park bigwigs' dishonest reason for building the towers, and that the group is exploring the next steps it may take.

"Although the BHA greatly appreciates the time and effort of the court, it is frustrated by an outcome that permits the state and city to flout the commitments they made repeatedly to the community that they would only permit private real estate development at Pier 6 if, and to the extent, the development were needed to serve the Park's fiscal purposes," said Peter Bray.

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A sign of big change

Rendering shows new letters atop old Watchtower building in Bklyn Heights

BY JULIANNE CUBA

Watch the sky!

Neon-red letters that spell the new name of the massive office-and-retail complex planned for the former Jehovah's Witnesses headquarters could float above Brooklyn Heights where the Watchtower letters once hovered, renderings show.

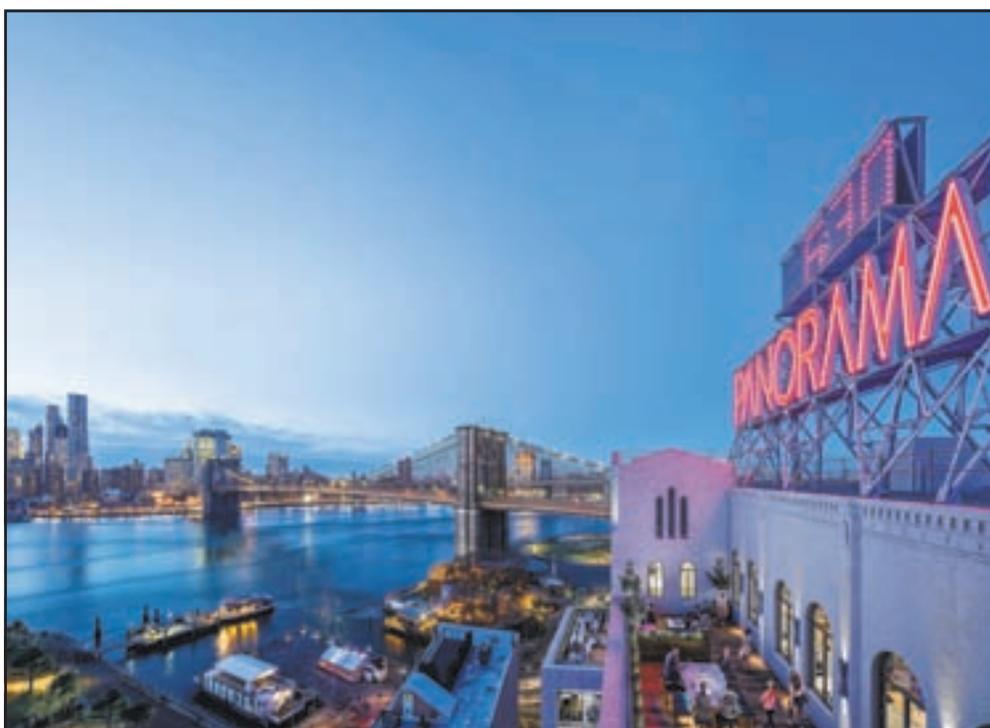
Workers tore down the 15-foot characters that formed the religious group's iconic sign from the framework atop the Columbia Heights edifice last December as part of its new owners' — who include President Trump's son-in-law Jared Kushner — plan to transform the building into the multi-use space dubbed Panorama.

And a drawing on the prop-

erty's website shows very similar letters spelling out the new name atop its East River-facing roof. A rep for the developer said that sign is only hypothetical because whatever eventually gets hoisted onto the now-barren framework — which still features the blinking time and temperature — must first get the green light from the Department of Buildings.

But a sign for Panorama, or one advertising a future tenant of the complex, could float above it some day, according to the rep, who said the scaffolding may even remain empty.

One of the building's new owners, however, told this newspaper that the removal of the Watchtower letters pre-



WATCH OUT: A new "Panorama" sign could tower over Brooklyn Heights where the Watchtower letters once hovered. Columbia Heights Associates

sented an opportunity to bring a "new beacon to the Brooklyn skyline" back when the old characters came down.

Developers Kushner Companies, Livwrk, and CIM Group — collectively called Columbia Heights Associates — purchased the former headquarters for \$340 million

in 2016, and unveiled plans to transform the buildings last year.

The owners filed an application last March to replace the Watchtower sign with characters spelling "30 CH" — shorthand for the complex's address, according to the buildings department — but

agency honchos rejected the proposal months later because it was incomplete, according to a spokeswoman.

A new application has yet to be filed, the agency rep said, and the city must review any future sign proposals to ensure they comply with zoning and construction codes.



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EXPRESSWAY FIX ISN'T IN

Governor doesn't include process to speed up BQE work in revised budget

BY JULIANNE CUBA

It's the road repair not taken.

Gov. Cuomo did not authorize a method to streamline the city-led reconstruction of the Brooklyn-Queens Expressway's deteriorating triple cantilever in his second go at the state budget, sending local lawmakers in Albany back to square one in their fight to allow the design-build process.

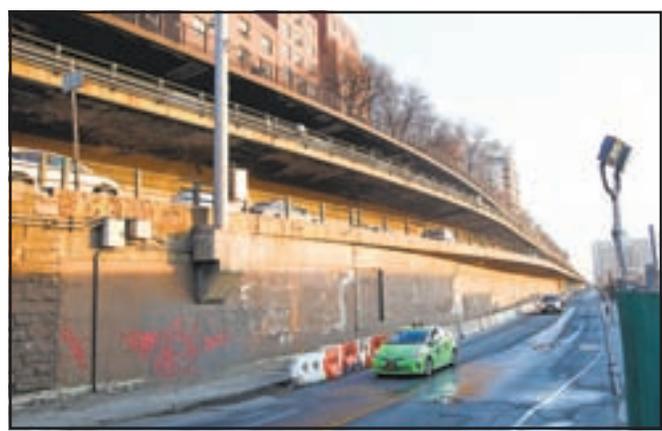
But Cuomo's omission is not a dead end, according to the legislators in the state Senate and Assembly, who promised to push for the quicker fix as they and fellow pols craft each house's own budget proposal over the next few weeks, before convening in mid-March to piece together a final document due on their boss's desk by April 1.

"We are disappointed, but this isn't the end of the road," said Brooklyn Heights' state Sen. Brian Kavanagh and Assemblywoman Jo Anne Simon in a joint statement. "We will continue working with the

governor's office and our colleagues to ensure design-build for the BQE is authorized in the final budget that will be negotiated and enacted next month."

The pair of pols and a contingent of concerned locals demanded in letters and at rallies that Cuomo authorize design-build because they say the process — which secures one bid for the project's construction and design instead of two separate offers for each phase — will fast-track repairs to a portion of the crumbling three-tiered structure that runs from Atlantic Avenue to Sands Street by at least two years, and slash more than \$100 million from the job's price tag.

Local transit honchos expect that, without using design-build, work on the expressway will start in 2024 and wrap in 2029. But if the streamlined process is allowed, they say that construction could begin as early as 2021 and end in 2026 — the year officials



File photo by Jason Speakman

LEFT OUT: The governor on Feb. 16 released his revised budget, which did not include authorization for the city to use the streamlined design-build process in its reconstruction of the triple cantilever.

say they will need to boot the more than 16,000 trucks that travel the triple cantilever daily from the expressway and down local streets so that decaying roadway doesn't collapse beneath their weight.

It is not clear why Cuomo neglected to authorize the use of design-build in his original Jan. 16 budget proposal, or in the revision

he released on Feb. 16.

The governor has repeatedly stated his support for the process, which the state has used in its own projects including the construction of both the new Kosciuszko Bridge and a still-in-progress span named for Cuomo's father. Both Republicans, including Bay Ridge state Sen. Marty Golden, and Democrats, such

as Kavanagh and Simon, embrace design-build, and allowing the city to use it wouldn't cost Albany a dime, according to its advocates.

But the assemblywoman said the governor's ongoing political feud with Mayor De Blasio, which has included spats over the city's subway system and local wildlife, seems a "natural inference" as to why demands for the process are hitting a roadblock.

"Whatever the relationship between the mayor and governor, this is an immediate issue," Simon said. "It's not about politics, and there really shouldn't be a city-state rivalry. This is a time when we should all be working together."

Working design-build's authorization into the final state budget remains the best hope for its proponents, the assemblywoman said, since Albany will be consumed with negotiating the document's finer points over the next month

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Biggest fan

Cops arrested a man who they said pulled a knife on another guy for refusing to pledge allegiance to President Trump on Seventh Avenue on Feb. 6.

The victim told police he was between Union and President streets at 5:15 pm when the suspect approached and asked if he supported the Commander in Chief and former star of "The Apprentice."

But when the man explained that he was no fan of The Donald, the suspect responded by screaming "f-- you," and pulled a knife on the victim, according to officials.

The victim dialed 911, and the suspect fled, but officers found him later that day and cuffed him on menacing charges, cops said.

Bin burglar

A thief stole a Prospect Place resident's brown compost pail from outside his home on Feb. 6.

The thief swiped the 70-year-old man's city-issued brown bin, which costs \$50 and is rodent-proof, from outside his home between Fifth and Sixth avenues at 10:30 am, cops said.

Fight night

Investigators found and arrested a man accused of slashing two guys inside an Atlantic Avenue arena's management office on Feb. 2.

The suspect slugged one of the victims in the face following an argument inside the arena near Flatbush Avenue at 6:05 am, before snatching a pair of scissors and splitting open the guy's cheek, according to authorities.

And when the second victim tried to break up the bloody brawl, the scissor-wielding suspect scratched him on the forehead and on his left hand, cops said.

Police Department sleuths tracked down the suspect two days later and charged him with felony assault, according to officials.

— Colin Mixson

76TH PRECINCT

CARROLL GARDENS-COBBLE HILL-
RED HOOK

Pick (back) pocket

A good-for-nothing stole a man's iPhone from his pocket while he was at a Beard Street store on Feb. 17.

The 35-year-old victim said he was in the store near Otsego Street at 7 pm, and when he got home at 11 pm, he realized his iPhone 7-Plus was no longer in his back pocket.

Police said the man determined the phone was in the Bronx by using the Find My iPhone application.



POLICE BLOTTER

Tool heist

A jerk stole a glutton of tools from inside a Bush Street building sometime overnight on Feb. 15.

The victim told cops he left the tools in the maintenance room of the building near Columbia Street at 4:30 pm, and when he returned at 8 am the next day, they were gone. He said the thief took his tool bag, vice grip, knives, electric drill, wire cutter, screwdriver, and straight-edge.

Stolen iPods

A punk stole a man's iPods from his Bond Street house sometime between Feb. 12 and 15.

The victim said that two iPods and one iPod mini were taken from the desk of his home office between Sackett and Union streets sometime during the three-day span.

Police said there are no signs that someone broke into the house.

— Adam Lucente

84TH PRECINCT

BROOKLYN HEIGHTS-DUMBO-
BOERUM HILL-DOWNTOWN

Sneaky straphanger

A jerk swiped a woman's purse as she was on an A train near Wiloughby Street on Feb. 13, cops said.

The 42-year-old woman told police she was standing on the train around 9 am when someone tugged at her purse, and when she got off at Jay Street, she realized her wallet with her credit cards and cash inside was gone.

The nogooodnik had time to make charges to her cards before she cancelled them, authorities said.

Shop and steal

A baddie took a woman's bag while she was shopping in a Flatbush Avenue Extension store on Feb. 16, police said.

The sneak grabbed the woman's bag with her cash and credit cards inside after she placed it on the floor inside the store near Concord Street around 3 pm, according to a report.

Now that's sick!

A malefactor stole a senior's wallet while she was getting blood work done at a doctor's office on Court Street on Feb. 5, officials said.

The 74-year-old woman told police she placed her wallet and jacket on a waiting-room chair inside the

office near Joralemon Street while getting her blood work done around noon, and when she came back, her jacket was still there, but her wallet — containing her social-security, health-insurance, and state-identification cards — was gone, according to staff.

Cops reported there is a camera in the waiting room.

Phantom robber

Some crook broke into a guy's Pierrepont Street apartment sometime overnight on Feb. 15 and stole his laptop and other electronics, police said.

The victim told cops the snake crept into his apartment near Pierrepont Place sometime between Feb. 15 at 3:40 pm and 6:30 am the next day, and ran off with his HP laptop and other electronics.

Officials said there were no signs of forced entry or damages.

88TH PRECINCT

FORT GREENE-CLINTON HILL

Up in smoke

A ne'er-do-well assaulted a Myrtle Avenue bodega employee for \$3 cigars on Feb. 12, cops said.

The baddie took the black-and-mild cigars from the grocery store near Washington Park around 4 pm, and when the employee confronted him, he punched him in the face, leaving a gash on his left eye, officials said.

The villain fled down Myrtle Avenue in a dark-colored Nissan sport-utility vehicle, police said.

Caught in the act

Cops cuffed a teen for threatening to cut two guys with a knife on Myrtle Avenue on Feb. 14.

The victims told police they and the suspect got into a verbal argument near Saint Edwards Street around 6:45 pm when the 15-year-old whipped out a knife from his waistband and tried to cut them both by thrusting it forward and swinging it. One of the victims picked up the knife from the ground after the suspect hurled it, cops said.

Street slashing

A snake slashed a man's hand with a knife after they got into a fight at a Flatbush Avenue Extension restaurant on Feb. 16, police said.

The 52-year-old security worker

told cops he was outside the diner near Fulton Street at 11 pm when the cur started arguing with him after getting kicked out of the eatery. The baddie took a knife from his front pocket and slashed the victim in his hand, officials said. The criminal fled on foot down DeKalb Avenue and paramedics transported the victim to Brooklyn Hospital, police said.

Bye-cycle

Some jerk rode off with a guy's electric bicycle parked on Myrtle Avenue on Feb. 13, officials said.

The worker parked his pricey black-and-red electric bicycle unlocked on the street near Washington Avenue around 10:20 pm, and when he went to get it 20 minutes later, it was gone, according to authorities.

— Julianne Cuba

72ND PRECINCT

SUNSET PARK-WINDSOR TERRACE

Flail fail

Police arrested a man who allegedly tried to punch an officer who found him unconscious in a running car on 61st Street on Feb. 14.

Cops found the man passed out behind the wheel of a 2006 Honda Accord with the keys in the ignition, engine running, and his foot on the accelerator near Fifth Avenue at 2:10 am, according to a report.

He vomited and opened the windows after the officers tried to rouse him, and when he finally exited the car, he ignored the officers' commands and put his hand in his waistband, prompting a cop to try to remove them, authorities alleged.

The man then allegedly tried to punch the officer and refused to be handcuffed, flailing and swinging his arms, the report stated. Police also found a small bag of white powder and a cut straw with residue in his pocket, according to a report.

Phone a friend

A duo of thieves stole three iPhones from a Fifth Avenue phone dealer on Feb. 12.

The pair robbed the store between 51st and 52nd streets around 5 pm, when one distracted an employee while the other grabbed the phones and fled, police said.

One-two punch

Cops arrested a man who they said punched another man and stole his iPhone on Seventh Avenue on Feb. 13.

The man allegedly approached the victim at 56th Street around 11:15 pm and punched him in his left arm before grabbing the phone and fleeing. Police arrested him the next day.

— Julianne McShane

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MADE FOR NEW YORK.

Woman hit, killed by UPS driver in Ft. Greene crash

BY JULIANNE CUBA

A United Parcel Service driver hit and killed a 27-year-old woman on Feb. 16 as she tried to cross Ashland Place in Fort Greene — just feet from Brooklyn Hospital Center, police said.

The motorist employed by the delivery service was driving its 1997 truck on DeKalb Avenue towards Flatbush Avenue Extension when he turned right onto Ashland Place and struck Sumiah Ali as she crossed the block around 6:30 pm, authorities said.

Cops said a preliminary investigation revealed Ali entered the crosswalk when the “Do not walk” signal was flashing, but could not say whether the motorist had a red, yellow, or green light.

Drivers, however, are required by law to give pedestrians the right of way when a signal is flashing, according to city code.

The 49-year-old motorist remained at the scene, according to officials, who didn’t immediately arrest him or slap him with any summonses.

Paramedics transported Ali, who lived in Bedford-Stuyvesant, down the block to Brooklyn Hospital, where doctors pronounced her dead, cops said.



SCENE OF THE CRIME: The intersection of Ashland Place and DeKalb Avenue, where a United Parcel Service driver hit and killed a 27-year-old woman on Feb. 16.

Photo by Jason Speakman

When asked about the right-of-way law, a Police Department rep said the investigation is ongoing and could eventually result in an arrest.

“I didn’t say anything about legislation,” said Sergeant Jones. “I didn’t say he wasn’t going to be arrested. The investigation is still continuing.”

DESIGN-BUILD

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— leaving lawmakers little time to propose separate legislation — and because the city faces the tight deadline of later this spring to release its requests for proposal for the expressway’s rehabilitation.

“The budget sucks all the air out of the room, but it arguably presents an opportunity to get some things done,” Simon said. “I’ll continue to converse with the leadership, and I will be talking with my colleagues to strategize about our next steps.”

The last time Cuomo included design-build in his budget was in 2013 — during Mayor Bloomberg’s last months in office — when he allowed local municipalities, including New York City, to use the process for large-scale capital construction projects. But that proposal never made it through Albany’s two houses, according to a rep.

“The governor put it in his executive budget in 2013 but the legislature rejected it,” said Cuomo’s spokesman, who wouldn’t comment on who squashed it, or how it was blocked.

Reps for Golden, who in December told the New York Post that he plans to reintroduce legislation authorizing design-build after his first bill to allow the process never made it to Cuomo’s desk, didn’t return a request for comment by press time.

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CLOGGED ARTERY: Brooklyn Hospital Center employees want the city to remove some metered-parking spaces outside the infirmary because they claim the spots cause traffic buildups that delay ambulances from dropping off sick patients. Photo by Jason Speakman

SORE SPOTS

Parking outside Ft. Greene hospital snares ambulances, patients in traffic, staff claims

BY COLIN MIXSON

These spots are to die for.

The city must remove metered-parking spaces on DeKalb Avenue outside a Fort Greene hospital because they create traffic that delays ambulances and their sick passengers from getting treatment, the medical center's staff demanded.

"Our patients aren't getting treated as fast as they should be," said Brooklyn Hospital Center's ambulance supervisor, Violet Rodriguez. "There are a lot of issues."

Hospital reps proposed creating a no-standing zone to replace 10 spots between Ashland and Fort Greene places on the side of DeKalb Avenue nearest the facility during Community Board 2's Transportation and Public Safety Committee meeting on Feb. 15.

There are currently metered-parking spaces on both sides of that stretch of DeKalb Avenue — a two-lane, Downtown-bound roadway that also features a bike lane and several bus stops on the B38 line, which, along with food truck operators who set up shop on the street and drivers who double- and triple-park, slow traffic near the medical center to a crawl, according to a Brooklyn Hospital bigwig.

And the congestion leaves ambulances trapped on the roadway as they approach the infirmary's entrance, sometimes forcing paramedics to unload patients who need urgent care on the street, the executive said.

"There's a backup of ambulances and cars that are double-parked, on top of commercial traffic. And if you have double-parked cars, you have to get the patients out at the sidewalk," said Brooklyn Hospital's vice president of external affairs Leroy Charles.

Reps from the medical center also warned that a planned expansion of its emergency department — paid for by a \$26.2-million grant from the state's Department of Health — will only further congest the roadway outside the facility if a solution isn't found before the work begins.

"The traffic backs up and it's creating problems, and will even more so when we begin construction of the emergency room in summer, or early fall, of this year," Charles said.

Many of the community board's transit gurus, however, questioned whether axing the spots is an effective way to alleviate traffic, especially because the hospital reps' proposal — while supported by anecdotal evidence and a letter from the Fire Department — didn't include hard data to back up its claims.

The committee members did not vote on the parking-removal request at the meeting, and instead suggested presenters hire an expert to survey the area for more evidence that losing the precious spots would result in substantial benefits.

"We have to balance the concerns of residents who drive, and residents who bike, with other things," said Transportation and Public Safety Committee chairwoman Juliet Cullen-Cheung.

But the health of sick and dying patients should always take precedence over a few measly parking spaces, the committee's lone voice of dissent said.

"Why don't you just vote and give them those spots now?" asked member Cheryl Gelbs. "If there's a child in an ambulance that needs to get in there, and we're talking about someone losing a parking spot — ridiculous!"

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Locals hit moon market

Beep's festive bazaar ushers in the Year of the Dog

BY JULIANNE CUBA

Who's a good year?

Brooklynites got a head start on their Year of the Dog celebrations during a Feb. 10 Lunar New Year event outside Borough Hall. The new year didn't officially begin until Feb. 16, but the borough president kicked off the festivities early — and continued them well past the official holiday — as a tribute to Kings County's significant Asian-American population, he said.

"We derive strength from the rich diversity of our borough," said Borough President Adams. "This month's Lunar New Year programming is a testament to how important it is to keep heritage alive, as we build one Brooklyn that is a rich tapestry of culture and community."

Dancers from the Buddhist organization NY Lotus Light Association performed a traditional Lion Dance at the beep's outdoor Lantern Flower Market — the first pop-up bazaar of its kind in Kings County, according to the event's co-host.



SAY CHEESE: A passerby stopped to take a photo with costumed characters at the pop-up Lantern Flower Market at Borough Hall.

Photo by Caleb Caldwell

"This is the first time that a Lantern Flower Market has come to Brooklyn, and there is no better place to host it than the people's house," said Winnie Greco, head honcho

of Chinese-culture promoter the Sino America New York Brooklyn Archway Association.

Some visitors who came out to enjoy the festivities on the rainy day picked up candy, fresh flowers, and fruit in keeping with traditional Chinese Lunar New Year preparations, according to a spokesman for the beep, while others snapped selfies with costumed characters.

Those who missed the market rang in the Year of the Dog at another Borough Hall bash on Feb. 22, which featured more live performances, traditional Chinese food, and an awards ceremony that honored local Asian-Americans who support their community, the beep said.

The Lunar New Year is based on the Chinese lunisolar calendar, which is determined by the cycles of the moon and movement of the sun, and the 12 Chinese zodiac signs, which are related to different animals and change every 12 months.



TEAM EFFORT: Transit workers helped rescue pup Dakota, center left, after she ran onto the subway tracks in Dumbo. NYPD Transit

One ruff commute

BY JULIANNE CUBA

Talk about an underdog!

A wayward pup escaped from her owner and took off down the tracks at a Dumbo subway station on Feb. 16 — the first day of the Year of the Dog — stalling F-train service for roughly an hour until some transit workers came to her rescue.

Dakota, a poodle, got loose from a nearby dog run before the canine commuter headed into Dumbo's York Street station, where she jumped off the platform around 3 pm and trotted along the tracks towards Coney Island, according to the Metropolitan Transportation Authority.

The mass-transit-loving

mutt walked all the way to Bergen Street station — two stops away — before agency employee Sonya Hill took action and scooped her out of harm's way, an Authority rep said.

Dakota's 27-year-old owner brought the slobbery straphanger to the vet to be treated for a minor injury following her rescue, the New York Daily News reported.

Transportation honchos diverted F trains down the G and D lines while workers pursued the pooch, fully restoring service a little after 4 pm once Hill retrieved the four-legged furball, according to the city's transit police, which aided in the caper.

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Justice not amused

Jails woman for theft of theme-park passes

BY COLIN MIXSON

Whiplash set in for this theme-park fiend.

A woman will spend three years behind bars for using a Red Hook charter-bus company's credit card to buy more than \$1 million in amusement-park tickets, a Supreme Court justice ruled on Feb. 14.

Staten Island resident Rosemarie Bader, 51, pled guilty last month to purchasing more than 36,000 passes to New Jersey's Six Flags Great Adventure — home of the world's tallest roller coaster, Kingda Ka — and Pennsylvania's Dorney Park, which she hid in a safe inside charter service Best Trails and Travel's Sigourney Street office.

The adrenaline junkie, a 16-year employee of the company, worked as a sales director and coordinated its trips and admissions to the amusement parks. But a 2016 audit revealed she ordered significantly more entry passes than the service's vehicles had seats, and the bus company canned the thrill-seeking Staten Islander in October of that year.

Investigators later discovered that Bader favored the Pennsylvania park, for which she purchased about 23,000 tickets, over its New Jersey competi-



THRILL RIDE OVER: A Supreme Court judge sentenced a woman to three years in prison after she stole more than \$1-million worth of Six Flags Great Adventure tickets — like the legally obtained pair seen here — and Dorney Park passes from a Red Hook bus company.

Community News Group / Anthony Rotunno

tor, which she only bought a trifling 13,102 passes to.

The woman will also have to reimburse her employer for the \$1 million and change she swindled in ill-gotten admissions, according to Brooklyn's top prosecutor, who said she could've been locked up for as many as 25 years for her crime, which could have bankrupted the mom-and-pop bus company.

"Losses such as this can be devastating to small businesses," Eric Gonzalez said. "Today's prison term holds her accountable."

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of two planned for the project.

The towers — which will contain a total of 900 units, 200 of which will be so-called affordable housing — are two of five buildings that comprise the megadevelopment.

A third new structure proposed for the lot will house a 350-seat elementary school as well as a future home for the on-site Khalil Gibran International Academy high school, which currently occupies a crumbling 19th-century former Civil War infirmary that the builder plans to keep and re-fashion into a cultural space.

And the developer will rehabilitate another Schermerhorn Street structure already on the triangular plot, where office and retail space will fill the parts of the buildings not devoted to residences or classrooms.

A rep for Alloy said it expects to finish the 38-story tower and welcome students to the schools in 2022, before wrapping construction on the super-tall tower in 2025.

Before the builder can break ground, however, the city must approve the project through its Uniform Land Use Review Procedure.

But the City Planning Commission has yet to kick-off the lengthy process, and it's anyone's guess when it will start, according to the chairwoman of Community Board 2, which will hold a



BETTER NOW?: The builder is using masonry that mimics that of the nearby Williamsburgh Savings Bank tower for the street-level exterior of its shorter high-rise.

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meeting on the development once the land-use-review process begins.

"Right now we don't know when it's going to be certified, so we haven't even identified a place to hold a public hearing," Shirley McRae said at a Feb. 14 board meeting.

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Junior League of Brooklyn (55 Pierrepont St. at Hicks Street in Brooklyn Heights, www.brooklynjuniorleague.org/both).

Generally speaking, he's the man

BAY RIDGE

He's the man of the hour.

Hip, hip hooray for Theodore "Ted" General. The Bay Ridge man-about-town, columnist, and generally do-gooding guy was presented with the 2018 Brotherhood Award at the Parent-Teacher Association's International Brotherhood Tea at PS/IS 104 on the day of love, Feb. 14.

Ted was honored for his continuing dedication to the community.



Principal Marie DiBella, along with Ted's wife, Janet Olson-General, his daughter Teresa Mendez, grandchildren Grace and Giovanni, and a passel of well-wishers including Janine Faustner, Dana Poskanzer, Dolores LaRocca, Sophia Koutouzis, and Victoria Anoshina were all on hand to honor Ted for his selfless dedication to the children, the school and the community.

Wife Janet said it best in a Facebook post: "Congratulations to my husband on being the recipient of the 2018 Brotherhood Award honoring your continued love and service to our community."

Ted, in case you didn't know it, is the driving force behind the Ragamuffin Parade held each year, writes the opinion column "Generally Speaking" for another publication, and is on the Prison Ship Martyrs Memorial Committee, just to name a few.

Standing O salutes Ted for all his hard work.

DOWNTOWN

Truckin'

Standing O welcomes Korilla BBQ, the award-winning South Korean barbecue food truck founded by Edward Song, which has found a new parking spot — opening up an outpost at Forest City New York's 2 MetroTech Center Downtown.

Korilla BBQ started out as a food truck in 2015 and is long known for its Korean barbecue-inspired burritos and tacos, spicy pork rice bowls, and kimcheese fries.

Korilla BBQ (2 MetroTech Center, Downtown).



KUDOS!: From left, Gina Paulson, AP Pupil Personnel Services; Brooklyn Tech students Adam Abadi, Joshua Ashan, Winston Koh, Derek Lee, Samuel Lee, Esther Li, John Ng, Richard Ngai, Gary Pesola, and Mary Vavruska; Scholarship Director Robin Scherman-Lefitt, and College Counselor Paula Mckinnon.

Brooklyn Tech students shine

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The following have been named as **2018 National Merit Scholarship Finalists: Adam Abadi, Joshua Ahsan, Winston Koh, Derek Lee, Samuel Lee, Esther Li, John Ng, Richard Ngai, Gary Pesola, Mary Vavruska, Ernest Braun, Conor Hartley, Davin Lin, Jonathan Raybaud, Dan Shafman, Brandon Wood, Alice Yeung, and Ye Cheng Zheng**. Each will earn one of 7,500 scholarships worth a total of more than \$32 million.

The following students are the **College Match Scholarship** recipients through the **QuestBridge National College Match** competition: **Eduardo Noel Sosa-Garcia (Colby College), Yadviha Tischenko (Notre Dame), Finella Tutelman (University of Pennsylvania), Raisha Waller (Yale University)**

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Senior **Jonathan Joasil** received a **Posse Scholarship**, earning a full ride to **Brandeis University**, from the **Posse Foundation**. Jonathan was selected out of 3,600 national nominees at the beginning of the Posse process, with 130 students selected for Posse New York's 13 partner universities, from a larger group of approximately 1,000 Posse Scholars across the nation.

David Newman, acting principal of Brooklyn Tech, offered "Congratulations to all on your hard work and success!"

Standing O joins Mr. Newman in sending felicitations the students, wishing each good luck in their continuing educational careers and future endeavors.

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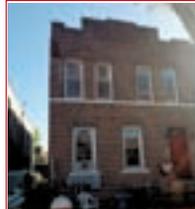
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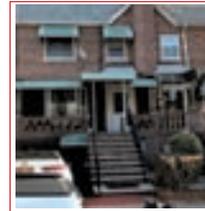
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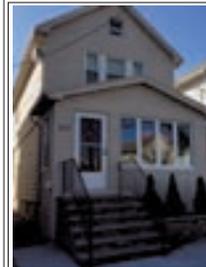
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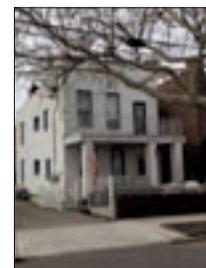
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Towers will stay, to locals' dismay

Two polarizing towers already rising at Brooklyn Bridge Park's Pier 6 can legally go up inside the green space, a judge ruled last week ("Shocker! Pier 6 towers, months into construction, ruled legal by judge," by Julianne Cuba, online Feb. 16).

RAL Development Services and Oliver's Realty Group began construction on the 15- and 28-story high-rises last summer, months ahead of the much-anticipated decision delivered by Justice Carmen Victoria St. George, who threw out a lawsuit filed by civic group the Brooklyn Heights Association. Park honchos said they were "pleased with the judge's decision." But some others were not so happy:

Disgusting, really, that the park administrator should gloat. Well known they don't need the money from these towers looming over the park. Just wanted to screw the neighbors and reward DeBlasio's run for presidency (god no!).

Activists led by Judi Francis, Ren Richmond, and the community associations are to be thanked for their courage, stamina, and fight for what was right. Sad day for Brooklyn.

John from Heights

The utterly corrupt triumph again and screw over the millions of people who visit the park, for 40 so-called affordable (middle-income) units. Basically sham benefits in exchange for taking parkland ... all done to favor the developers who bribed the mayor and never registered their entity as was required by law. Plus we have waiting lists for our public schools. Screw you, mayor.

Mark from Brooklyn Heights

LOL at these comments above. Unless I'm reading incorrectly, it's 100 affordable units, not 40. And there was no basis for the lawsuit to begin with. These sites were always designated as housing from the day the park was conceived (go look at the plans!).

The fact that the park had extra funds so they reduced the size of the developments and will provide 100

SOUND OFF TO THE EDITOR

LETTERS AND COMMENTS FROM OUR READERS

affordable units in a very expensive neighborhood should be commended. Kudos to DeBlasio. And if anyone thinks the mayor favored this developer because of a \$10,000 donation (as was reported), do you really think the other developers who originally bid on the site didn't make similar donations?! Related, Extell, etc.!

If anything, they donated *more!* I never thought my fellow residents could be so foolish.

Jason from Brooklyn Heights

Just wondering how Jason felt about Fortis winning out on Long Island College Hospital's death. Was not Fortis a big contributor to our governor? When the *fix* is in nothing anyone does against it can work. Whoever believed the judge would rule against a constructed building at this stage?

Eddie R. from Bklyn Hts.

Just like the Atlantic Yards, now being called Pacific Park, it shows once again how a developer can win just by having friends in high places. Why worry about the laws, when all that matters is having someone you know bend or change them for you? As for the claim of affordable housing, I would like to know who it is really affordable for. By that I'm referring to the lower classes, not the upper middle-class here.

Tal Barzilai from Pleasantville, NY

Some drivers and their union reps say there's a culture of malfeasance at Action Carting, the garbage firm whose unlicensed truck driver hit and killed 27-year-old cyclist Netfaly Ramirez on a Greenpoint street last July.

Two union employees and a current driver claimed that management at the New Jersey-based private carting firm commands drivers to work as many hours as allowed by law, calls them on the road to ask their locations, orders them to speed up their work pace, and coaches them on how to run red lights ("Driven to death: Carting company's overworking and law skirting leads to fatal accidents, workers claim," by Julianne Cuba, online Feb. 14).

Our exposé drew some outraged responses:

"They should have a lot more drivers on the road,"—how about NO. I'm not even sure that their terrible driving record is fully attributable to the

hours they work. Truck drivers, as a whole, are a reckless, coarse minded bunch. Same goes for bus drivers, taxi drivers, Access-A-Ride drivers and everyone else who drives for a living in this city. You're not exactly drawing these drivers from intellectual stock. They're usually the kind of guys who view fast, reckless driving as a sort of badge of masculine honor, and who view precaution and safety to be for "wimps."

To be honest I see the same level of recklessness among ALL professional drivers in New York City, and the number one problem that we need to address is a hopelessly impotent criminal-justice system that gives these drivers nothing more than symbolic wrist slaps when they kill or maim. We need legal reform so that when these morons get behind the wheel, they do so with the knowledge that their instinctive attitude toward driving is something that is going to land them in jail for 10 years. We need jail sentences for habitual red-light blowers and non-yielders. We need automatic jail sentences for anyone who drives without a license. Speeding, turning across bike lanes without yielding—these are all crimes which abrogate people's basic right to life, and they should be fined heavily (\$1,000) on the first instance, and result in heavy jail time after that.

Let's clear the jails of people who are serving time for non-violent, victimless offenses like possessing or selling pot, and use the space to start incarcerating these violent motorists.

JS from LES

These crashes are a result of employer recklessness. Over-scheduled drivers. Distracting phone calls. Trucks without low-cab forward design. These are not accidents; they are inevitable and preventable.

Rob from NY

I've never seen so many straw men in one post before. You forgot that all car drivers are fat a---- though. It must suck to be so angry on a beautiful day like today.

You should get a car and go for a drive. You are missing all the fun on your sad bike.

Henry Ford from Bay Ridge

It'll be hard for Action Carting to get more drivers now that people can find out about the horrible work conditions at Action Carting. Trash still

needs to be taken away, but hopefully more people don't get killed by these trucks.

Adrian from Ridgewood

City needs to take over all sanitation. This is ridiculous.

Guest from NYC

"City needs to take over all sanitation. This is ridiculous" ... and solves nothing.

You'll have the same drivers.

billy the kid from Queens

We could have all trash pickup be done by the city in all areas, but then we will have those feeling that it will be communist takeover.

Tal Barzilai from Pleasantville, NY

Mayor DeBlasio returned to his old stomping grounds on Feb. 13 to deliver his fifth State of the City address at Kings Theatre, but Hizzoner barely mentioned his home borough in the speech, except for shout-outs to the beep and the historic Flatbush playhouse ("Kings return: Hizzoner delivers annual address in Bklyn, but boro plays minor role in speech," by Julianne Cuba, online Feb. 15).

The second-term mayor instead unveiled lofty goals to make New York City the fairest in the country by expanding free education to its youngest citizens, addressing the long-forgotten needs of public-housing residents, and strengthening police-community relationships.

Predictably, some hard-bitten Brooklynites were not impressed:

Empty vessel. To me, it feels like this mayor lazily got himself re-elected and is now just going through the motions. Where is the tactical vision for *how* he will run New York City? DeBlasio was lucky in his first term. Crime was down and the overall economy is good.

But with many of his best people who actually did the hard work gone or leaving, will their replacements make up for his ineptitude and pay-for-play tendencies? **Mustache Pete from Windsor Terrace**

He truly is the emptiest of suits and a self-delusional moron to boot.

Homey from Crooklyn

Can't wait to see this criminal do the perp walk.

Henry Ford from Bay Ridge

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Why your kid's college education is a big waste of money

It was not a whole lot of fun to interview Bryan Caplan, as my husband and I have two kids in college right now and the bills just keep on coming. But Caplan is an academic I respect, he'll be in New York soon for a big debate at the Soho Forum, and he just wrote a book that will undoubtedly get a lot of people talking: "The Case Against Education: Why The Education System Is a Waste of Time and Money."

"I see myself as a whistleblower," Caplan said. Though he enjoys tenure as a professor of economics at George Mason University, "I feel an obligation to tell people that the system seems dysfunctional to me. What students learn is not relevant in the real world. Most of what they'll need to know is just to pass the final exam."

This resonated a bit uncomfortably for me as I tried to recall what I'd learned in my Modern Russian History class at college, and, for that matter, my French Revolution class. And physics. And English Literature from Milton to, um, someone else. And...

Ahem! Back to Caplan. As an economist, he naturally thinks about this issue



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Lenore Skenazy

in economic terms, starting with the "puzzle" of why college grads earn more than those without a degree. Many employers seem to be paying not for any actual skills or knowledge students have accrued at college, but simply for the "stamp of approval."

"It's a lot like going to a concert you want to see where one person stands up," said Caplan. "If everyone stands up, no one can see any better. And if everyone has a bachelor's degree, then no one does."

Or rather, a college degree becomes the baseline for getting a job interview. This makes it take longer and cost more to start earning a decent living.

It wasn't always thus. In his book, Caplan looks at different occupations going back to the 1940s: How much education did waiters have back then, or hotel concierges? "Since 1940, the education for the same job is up by three years — the education you need to be considered worthy," he says.

And it's not that the jobs have become so much more intellectually demanding. Some have, of course, but some are easier now. For instance, waiters in the 1940s had to add up the bill at the table. Today, a computer does that. And yet, today the job demands more "education."

Meanwhile, this education keeps getting more expensive. For this, Caplan blames, in part, the availability of student loans.

"If students had to pay out of savings or earnings, the demand wouldn't be there" for expensive schooling. But with loans readily available, demand is artificially high. In turn, the schools use this new

pool of money to become ever more alluring, creating a sort of educational arms race: Who has the newest health club? The biggest auditorium?

Caplan is pretty adamant that the system is bloated and wasteful.

But he's not just down on college. He is down on high school, too.

"Kids are so bored!" he exclaims. And, he adds, so many classes are pointless.

Take, for instance, language instruction. The typical American takes two years of foreign language in high school. But what percent say they really learned to speak that language?

"Is it 15 percent?" I venture.

Nope.

"Five percent?"

Nope.

"A bit under one percent claim to have learned to speak a foreign language very well in high school," says Caplan. Ask if they learned enough to at least get by, and more people will say yes. "But you can't get a job being able to speak a slight amount of Spanish."

If instead of spending so many years in high school learning so many things they're

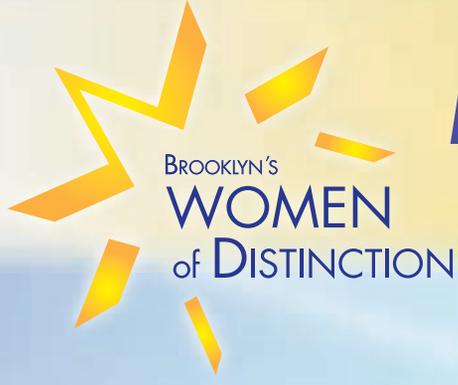
not going to use, students could be learning a trade instead, he said, many would be better off, Caplan says. Vocational ed should not be a dirty word.

I agree! Vigorously! And I'm thrilled some New York City high schools give kids a real-world skill.

But the CUNYs change lives, too. I've seen it. Students from Azerbaijan and China and Ecuador somehow make it to America, learn the language, work a part-time job or jobs, and become the first in their family to get a college degree. It changes the trajectory of their lives. And on the way to becoming an accountant or a teacher, some of them stumble into a computer class or Arabic or biology, and voila: their lives change again.

It's true that not every class in high school or college is memorable, practical, or even good. And it's true we shouldn't dismiss anyone without a degree as unworthy of hiring. But it's also true that the education system can be something other than a pit. It can be a door.

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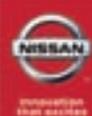
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Youth recreational programs and summer camps can bridge the gap in care between the end of school and the day when classes resume. Due in part to high demand, parents who want to place their kids in summer camps should be vetting such camps well in advance of summer. The following are a handful of tips for moms and dads who want their kids to have fun and fulfilling summers:

Ask for recommendations. Speak with fellow parents and trusted friends about where they send their children. Personal recommendations can be very helpful, providing first-hand insight into a particular camp. Schedule appointments to visit camps that fall within your budget. Take your son or daughter along so he or she can get a sense of what camp will be like.

Explore all options. Camps come in more flavors than ever before. Certain camps may be faith-based ministries while others may focus on particular sports. Band camps and art camps may appeal to creative kids. Also, there are plenty of general-interest camps that offer various activities without narrowing in on any particular one. Parents may need to choose between a sleepaway camp or day

camp, depending on which camp experience they want for their children.

Inquire about camp schedules. While many camps are flexible, day camps do not have the same level of flexibility as after-school programs. Arrangements will need to be made if care is required after regular camp hours. Speak with camp staff to see which types of after-hours programs, if any, are available. **Determine your camp budget.** As varied as program offerings may be, camps also can vary greatly with regard to cost. Government-run camps may be less expensive than those offered by private companies. Day camps typically cost less than those that provide room and board. Find out if a particular organization subsidizes a portion of camp costs. Scouting programs often have a dedicated camp and may offer affordable options for scouts. Martial arts schools and dance centers frequently offer camp schedules.

If camp seems out of reach, look into local summer recreation programs at parks or schools. Such programs may not be as extensive as those offered by camps, but they can quell kids' boredom and keep children occupied during the day.

In addition to camp, remember to plan for some free days so children can just enjoy some downtime. Such days can break up the monotony of a routine and provide kids and families time to relax together.

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Bedding: Sleeping bags, sheets, blankets, and pillows are usually the camper's responsibility. Most beds are twin size or smaller and may be bunk style. Some camps supply linens.

Towels: Usually supplied by the camper.

Clothing: Most camps supply a list of recommended clothing that varies with the climate. Be sure to pack long pants (for hikes and horseback riding) as well as shorts. Comfortable, durable shoes are a must, while special footwear is advisable for certain activities (tennis, hiking, and horseback riding). Use a permanent marker or name tags to identify your child's belongings. Some camps require campers to wear uniforms. Some camps will furnish the uniforms, while others will provide you with ordering information.

Toiletries: A small bag can be handy for toiletries if a camper has



Make a checklist to help pack for camp.

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to walk to a separate building for showering and bathing. It is wise to pack sunscreen, lip balm, insect repellent, soap, toothpaste and tooth-

brush, shampoo, a hairbrush and comb, and deodorant (if your child uses it).

Laundry: Generally, sessions

under two weeks don't include laundry service. You might send a pillow case or laundry bag to store dirty clothing.

Equipment: Camps usually provide items such as oars, life jackets, and craft materials, but check with the camp to be sure. The camper may want to bring a tennis racquet, musical instrument, or backpack. Don't pack radios, televisions, portable CD players, stereos, food, or hunting knives.

Spending money: Camps have different policies on children bringing spending money. Some have stores that sell T-shirts, film, candy, and other items. Check with the camp staff.

Medicine: Any medication should be properly labeled in its original container with dosage instructions and given to the camp's medical personnel for safe keeping.

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Five reasons why camp is a good choice



Summer camp will get kids outdoors engaged in physical activities.

Summer vacation offers students a respite from lessons and the routine of school. Children might once have eagerly awaited those final days of classes so they could lounge poolside, skip rocks across ponds, and spend the long days of the season playing with friends. But many of today's youngsters spend much of their summer vacations indoors playing with their digital devices.

Perhaps that's why one of the last vestiges of the classic summer vacation escape — summer camp — remains such a viable option for parents who want their children to get outdoors once the school year ends.

Although kids needn't be in camp all summer long, a week or two can benefit campers of all ages. The following are five reasons why summer camp might be the right fit this year:

1. Explore talents

Summer camps help young people explore their unique interests and talents. Under an organized, yet often easygoing, camp schedule, kids

can dabble in sports, arts and crafts, leadership, community support, and so many other activities that may not be fully available to them elsewhere.

2. Physical activity

Lots of camps build their itineraries around physical activities that takes place outdoors. Campers may spend their time swimming, running, hiking, playing sports, climbing, and so much more. This can be a welcome change for kids accustomed to living sedentary lifestyles. Regular physical activity has many health benefits and can set a foundation for healthy habits as an adult.

3. Gain confidence

Day and sleepaway camps offer campers the opportunity to get comfortable in their own skin. Camps can foster activities in self-esteem by removing the academic measures of success and fill in with noncompetitive opportunities to succeed. Campers learn independence, decision-making skills, and the ability to thrive outside of the shadow of their

parents, siblings, or other students.

4. Try new things

Camp gives children the chance to try new things, whether that's learning to cook, exploring new environments, or embracing a new sport or leisure activity. Opening oneself up to new opportunities can build character and prove enlightening for children.

5. Make new friends

Camp is a great place to meet new people and make lifelong friends. Campers flood in from areas near and far. This provides kids with a chance to expand their social circles beyond their immediate neighborhoods and schools.

Camps benefit children in a variety of ways. Lessons learned in camp can strengthen values, build confidence, develop coping mechanisms when adversity strikes, and enable campers to make lifelong friends.

Keep in touch with kids at camp

Summer camp is an exciting way for children to spend their extended vacations from the classroom. Camps cater to various interests, including sports, crafts, and even technological hobbies.

Children who attend overnight camps may spend several nights away from home. Some kids take this in stride, while others, possibly away from home for the first time, may experience some homesickness. Staying in touch while the kids are at camp can help alleviate fears and show children their parents care.

Camps now handle communication issues differently than they might have when today's parents were campers. While it once common for campers to send handwritten letters or short missives home to mom and dad, technology has changed that. Today's campers may have access to email accounts, or they even may be allowed to bring mobile phones along. This can facilitate communication, but it also may take away from the camping experience.

Parents need to find a balance between what might be too little or too much contact with campers.

After all, camp is kids' chance to grow independent for a few days or weeks:

Learn camp rules

The camp will likely provide information regarding correspondence. Camps may permit parents to send one-way emails and regular mail, but limit campers to handwritten letters only. Determine if mobile phones are allowed or should be left at home. Knowing the rules can help parents and kids plan accordingly.

Pack correspondence supplies

Send kids to camp with fun papers, stickers, pens, and other crafty items. This way they'll be inspired to write home once or twice. Provide brief lessons on how to address an envelope for campers who may not know how.

Check blogs and texts

Some camps may blog about campers' progress, post information on social media, or send out mass

texts. These messages can reassure parents that their youngsters are doing just fine. Figure out which tech options are available from camp administrators.

Send a care package

Treat the campers to some supplies from home. Pack camp-approved snacks and other reminders of home. Be sure to include enough for the entire cabin and your son or daughter will be the camp star.

Expect some silence

If camp is going well and kids' days are fun-filled, they may be too busy for daily correspondence. Parents may get nervous when they don't routinely see or hear from their children, but chances are everything is going swimmingly.

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Choosing a camp for your child that offers new experiences and friends can help build fond memories that will last a lifetime.

able today, from traditional, to computer, or sports camps. The one you choose should match your child's interests. There are many themed camps that focus on a particular interest, for example, computers, the environment, sports, and music.

Make sure that the camp offers a variety of activities to keep your child entertained and interested. Also keep in mind what you want your child to get out of the experience and how comfortable she is being away from home.

Keeping your child's interests in mind, getting recommendations from other parents, or your child's teachers, is a good place to start. Experts emphasize the importance of researching a summer camp. Sometimes, it is better to choose the right camp that is further away than the wrong camp that is nearby.

After checking out a camp's reputation with your local Better Business Bureau, or by checking online reports, the Bureau recommends asking the following questions before signing up your child:

Does the camp have good references? Ask for references and then talk to parents of campers to get a handle on their experiences.

Are there medical facilities and personnel available in case of an emergency? How far is the nearest hospital?

How old is the camp? A camp that has been around for many years has valuable experience.

Who's on the staff? College grads and former campers are a good gauge of quality.

What types of activities are available? Look for a wide variety of choices.

What are the special interests that your child wants to explore?

What type of equipment is available? For example, if your child is interested in a computer camp, the camp should have the latest technology and software available. If the kids will be canoeing or kayaking, the boats should be in good condition.

Are there any physical, intellectual, or social limitations that should be considered?

What kind of emphasis will your child profit from the most? For example: is a lot of structure desirable, is social interaction with members of the opposite sex important, or does your child need a place where she is encouraged to develop at her own pace?

Is your child ready for a sleep-over experience?

What is the staff-to-camper ratio? Keep this ratio in mind if your child needs extra attention.

Most general camps will provide programs in some team sports such as baseball and soccer, individual sports like tennis, and waterfront activities such as swimming and sailing, as well as some outdoor life options in hiking and canoeing. Many of these camps also provide campers with the opportunity to get extra instruction in any of the areas that are offered.

In making a decision about a camp, it is vital that you and your child look into the total camp program and that you examine the quality of the staff and facilities available to support that program.

Summer camp can help children develop independence, skills, and the ability to make friends. Choosing one that is right for your child can help build fond memories that will last a

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Easing kids' camp fears

Although camp is a time to develop new skills, have fun, gain independence, and experience new wonders, the camping experience is also one of the first times that many children will be away from home for an extended period.

In order to lead a more happy and productive camp life, children need to develop a positive self-image, the feeling that "I am somebody," before they go to the first day of camp, and that's your job as the parent.

The following ideas can help foster self-esteem in children:

Level with children. Don't talk down to a young person; instead, put yourself at eye level with a child. It can often minimize a problem, as well as make the child feel equal.

Let children make decisions. For example, early participation in health care decisions such as, "Do you want

liquid medicine or tablets?" lessens a child's feeling of powerlessness, and can foster an intelligent consumer attitude in children.

Value rules. The purpose of rules is to help people get along with each other and, in turn, feel good about themselves. The best rules are written during calm times with the participation of the child.

Show the child you understand. Share your childhood memories. Children need to know that their parents had trouble learning things, too. By showing understanding, you will help your child become more confident.

Develop your own self-esteem. Parents need to feel valued and self-confident before they can help their children develop self-esteem. Parents should try to show their children that they don't have to have it all together all the time to feel good about them-



Sit down and talk with your child, making sure to listen and let him voice his feelings.

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SAVIOR?: The Angel Guardian home is not long for this world, unless the mayor takes an interest in it, a landmarking expert said. File photo by Georgine Benvenuto

Guardian's angel

Mayor DeBlasio is only hope to save century-plus-old building, expert says

BY JULIANNE MCSHANE

The mayor must show mercy!

Mayor DeBlasio is the only person who can save the more than century-old Angel Guardian home from its impending demolition, according to a rep from a private citywide historic-preservation organization.

"The best way to get this landmarked is to get DeBlasio to care about it," said Historic Districts Council rep Kelly Carroll at a Feb. 15 community board meeting on land marking the property.

Carroll told members of Community Board 10's Zoning and Land Use Committee and locals from the Guardians of the Guardian organization — a civic group that called for putting affordable senior housing in the space — that the mayor could pressure the city Landmarks Preservation Commission, which awards designations, to save the city-block-sized home between 63rd and 64th streets, bound by 12th and 13th avenues. Such a designation would not have to be approved by the Sisters of Mercy, but the landmarks agency would likely still involve them in the process to keep the peace, according to Carroll.

"It doesn't make landmarking look very appealing to people when the government can do what they want with your property," she said.

But getting Hizzoner to care about the historic property is unlikely without some local help, since he rarely makes comments on historic preservation and his administration is so concerned with developing affordable housing, Carroll said, adding that Councilman Justin Brannan (D-Bay Ridge) could — and should — leverage his close relationship with DeBlasio to help save the home.

"I am really hoping that our new Councilman Justin Brannan, who has

a direct ear to DeBlasio, can say, "This is really important, can you do us this one solid?"

Brannan's district does not include the Angel Guardian home, but he has castigated the Sisters over the terms of the secret sale, alleging that the nuns were "giving our neighborhood the finger as they leave" and "spitting in the face of this community."

His chief of staff, Chris McCreight, told this newspaper that Brannan would be willing to bring the matter to the mayor's attention to make sure plans for the building's future best serve the community's needs.

"Councilman Brannan remains committed to finding ways to ensure the Angel Guardian site continues to serve the needs of the local community," McCreight said. "To that end, he has been in talks with many of the stakeholders and is ready to roll up his sleeves and work with anybody, including Mayor DeBlasio, to make sure this site serves the neighborhood no matter who the owners are, now or in the future."

The committee voted 6-0 at the meeting to support the Guardians of the Guardian's landmarking application for the property, which the full board will vote on at the Feb. 26 meeting at the Norwegian Christian home at 7 pm. The board's vote is not binding, but helps give the application more weight with the landmarks agency, according to Guardians of the Guardian member Fran Vella-Marone.

The executive director of the Historic Districts Council, Simeon Bankoff, also wrote a letter to the landmarks agency on Jan. 31 in support of the Guardians' efforts, citing the property's architectural and historical significance as well as a lack of landmarked sites in Dyker Heights.

TOP DRIVER DISTRACTIONS

Using mobile phones

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

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

Daydreaming

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

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

Eating

Those who haven't quite mastered walking and

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

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

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

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Men and women can take small steps to reduce their risk of developing colorectal cancer – such as cutting down on alcoholic beverages and red meat.

How to reduce your risk of colorectal cancer

Colorectal cancer is the third most commonly diagnosed cancer in both the United States and Canada. So say the American Cancer Society and the Canadian Cancer Society, who project nearly 60,000 Americans and Canadians will lose their lives to colorectal cancer in 2014 alone.

Though many risk factors for colorectal cancer, including age, heredity and racial and ethnic background, are beyond an individual's control, that does not mean people are helpless to reduce their risk for this potentially deadly disease. Maintaining or adopting a healthy lifestyle can reduce a person's risk of developing various cancers, and colorectal cancer is no exception. The following are a few ways adults can reduce their chance of developing colorectal cancer.

Get screened. As is the case with many cancer treatments, colorectal cancer treatments are much more effective when cancer is detected and treated early. Colorectal cancer screenings help find polyps before they become cancerous. In addition, people may not immediately associate symptoms of colorectal cancer with the disease, instead thinking such symptoms are indicative of a less serious illness or condition. Screenings can not only determine if those symptoms are a result of colorectal cancer but also find colorectal cancer before such symptoms even develop. Screenings and screening guidelines vary depending on the individual, as people with a higher than average risk for the disease may be told to start receiving an-

nual screenings before they turn 50, which is the age when people are told to receive such screenings regardless of their backgrounds.

Reconsider your diet. Adopting a healthier diet is another way many men and women can reduce their risk for colorectal cancer. Red meat is a great source of many nutrients, including protein, iron and zinc. But studies have shown that a diet high in red meat increases a person's risk for colorectal cancer, which may be due to chemicals known as nitrites forming when meat is digested or processed. In addition, the CCS notes that red meat contains higher amounts of heme iron than white meat. That's significant, as heme iron has been shown to cause damage to the innermost layer of the colon wall, which is known as the mucosa. A diet without much red or processed meats, which are those preserved by curing, smoking or salting, can lower one's risk for colorectal cancer.

Cut back on alcohol consumption. The International Agency on Cancer Research notes that there is sufficient evidence linking alcohol consumption to colorectal cancer. Men and women who excessively consume alcohol may be at greater risk of colorectal cancer because such consumers tend to have low levels of folic acid in the body. Numerous studies have linked low levels of folate to a higher risk of colorectal cancer, and one study that examined the effects of folate deficiency on mice concluded that folate deficiency increased DNA damage by decreasing the expression of two genes involved

in DNA damage by decreasing the expression of two genes involved in DNA repair. When consuming alcohol, men should stick to no more than two drinks per day while women who are not pregnant should limit their alcohol intake to one drink per day. Pregnant women should not consume alcohol.

Reduce exposure to heterocyclic amines and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons. Meat that is barbecued, fried, broiled, or cooked to well done can produce heterocyclic amines, or HCAs, and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, or PAHs, both of which have been found to cause changes in DNA that may increase cancer risk. According to the National Cancer Institute, HCAs form when amino acids, sugars and creatine react at high temperatures, such as those necessary when frying foods or grilling over an open flame. PAHs, which also can be found in cigarette smoke and exhaust fumes from automobiles, form when fat and juices from meat grilled directly over an open fire drip onto the fire and cause flames, which contain PAHs that then adhere to the surface of the meat. To reduce exposure to HCAs and PAHs, avoid prolonged cooking times and direct exposure of meat to an open flame or high heat source, flip meat often, discard charred areas of meat before eating and never use meat drippings to make gravy.

Many risk factors for colorectal cancer are beyond an individual's control, but men and women still can take steps to significantly reduce their risk of developing this deadly disease.

Colorectal cancer by the numbers

Colorectal (colon and rectal) cancer claims thousands of lives each and every year. Due to its widespread reach and ability to affect both men and women, the public should become educated about the disease. Here's a look at colorectal cancer by the numbers:

3: Colorectal cancer ranks as the third leading cause of cancer death in both men and women in the United States.

103,170: The number of new cases of colon cancer in the United States in 2012.

40,290: The number of new cases of rectal cancer in the United States in 2012.

23,300: The number of new cases of colorectal cancer in Canada in 2012.

63: The percentage of Canadian men who will live for five years after receiving a colorectal cancer diagnosis.

1: The number, in millions, of U.S. colorectal cancer survivors.

20: The number of years the cases of colorectal cancer have been dropping steadily thanks to increased awareness and screening methods.

5: The number of feet in length of the average colon.

4: The number of sections in the colon, which include the ascending colon, transverse colon, descending colon, and sigmoid colon.

95: Percentage of colorectal cancers that are a type of cancer known as adenocarcinomas, which start in cells that form mucus for the colon.



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Symptoms and risks for colorectal cancer

As men and women know full well, cancer does not discriminate. Few and far between are those whose lives have not been touched by cancer in one form or another. Be it a personal battle with the disease or a connection via a friend, family member, coworker, or other acquaintance, nearly everyone can cite someone in their life who has battled a form of cancer.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, among cancers that affect both men and women, colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of cancer deaths in the United States, claiming the lives of more than 50,000 men and women in 2007. In Canada, a country with roughly one-tenth the population of the United States, the Canadian Cancer Society reported that colorectal cancer was expected to claim the lives of nearly 9,000 Canadians in 2011.

Such figures illustrate the importance men and women must place on educating themselves about colorectal cancer and its symptoms and potential risk factors. First, however, it helps to understand just what colorectal cancer is and why it is so deadly:

What is colorectal cancer?

Colorectal cancer is cancer that starts in either the colon or the rectum, which make up the large intestine. Often referred to as colon cancer, colorectal cancer can begin anywhere in the large intestine and the majority of colorectal cancers begin as abnormal growths called polyps that develop inside the colon or rectum and become cancers over a long period of time.



Men and women must educate themselves about colorectal cancer and its symptoms and potential risk factors.

Who gets colorectal cancer?

Colorectal cancer does not discriminate. In fact, of the roughly 53,000 cases of colorectal cancers reported to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in 2007, there was a nearly equal split of cases between men and women, with men accounting slightly less than 800 more cases than women over that time.

Are there known causes of colorectal cancer?

Despite its prevalence, colorectal cancer can

rarely be traced to a specific cause. According to the CDC, roughly 75 percent of colorectal cancers occur in people with no known risk factors. However, the following may increase a person's risk of developing colorectal cancer:

- A personal or family history of colorectal polyps or colorectal cancer
- Inflammatory bowel disease, such as ulcerative colitis or Crohn's disease

In a very small percentage of colorectal cancer cases, the cause is linked to a genetic syndrome such as familial adenomatous polyposis or hereditary non-polyposis colorectal cancer, also known as Lynch syndrome.

Are there symptoms of colorectal cancer?

Both colorectal polyps and colorectal cancer don't always cause symptoms. This is especially true initially, when people could be living with polyps or cancer and not even know it. Such is the reason screenings for colorectal cancer, which should occur regularly when men and women reach age 50 are so important. But in some cases, the following symptoms may appear:

- Blood in or on your stool
- Persistent stomach pain or aches
- Inexplicable weight loss

Though causes of colorectal cancer aren't always known, studies have shown exercise and maintaining a healthy weight can decrease risk. More information is available at www.cdc.gov/cancer/colorectal.

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ist, we will be expanding the amount of TAVR procedures that we perform."

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NYP Brooklyn Methodist's TAVR program has been available to patients at the Hospital since 2013. TAVR procedures are performed in the cardiac catheterization laboratory and "require a multidisciplinary team that works together seamlessly," said Steven Silber, DO, vice president for medical affairs at the Hospital. "The team at our hospital is world-class."

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"Recovery time is significantly shorter for TAVR patients than for those who undergo open-heart procedures," said Berhane Worku, MD, cardiothoracic surgeon at NYP Brooklyn Methodist.

Only a handful of New York City hospitals have the resources to offer TAVR. "Despite growing popularity, we are still one of only about 400 hospitals in the US that offers the procedure to our patients," said Dr. Sacchi. "We're thrilled to be able to offer this life-saving procedure to our community, and to all who put their trust in our Hospital for their care."

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BY CAMILLE SPERRAZZA

Dr. Melinda Keller of the Brooklyn Spine Center has been treating patients with chronic back pain for 36 years.

She has heard it all from patients who come to her as a last resort, after they have tried pills and injections. Yet, despite these treatments, they are still suffering. They can't sit and do computer work for their jobs. They can't bend to pick up their grandchildren. Many can't sleep at night because the pain is excruciating. Their quality of life is so diminished, many consider surgery to be their only option.

But Dr. Keller provides them with another alternative: non-surgical decompression. She utilizes the DRX-9000 (pictured right), a state-of-the-art device that helps restore spinal discs back to optimal health. The machine gently stretches the spine so that pain subsides. As a result, pressure on the nerves is released. "It accelerates the natural healing process, and offers an effective alternative to risky spine surgery, painful injections, and prescriptive medications," says Dr. Keller.

The results are based on scientific evidence. "Post-MRI results reveal actual physical improvement to the health of the spinal disc in approximately 90% of the cases," says the doctor.

D.R.X. stands for Decompression Reduction Extraction, and the DRX -9000 is the best quality and most researched decompression device on the market, she says. The system is manufactured by Axiom Worldwide, and is Food and Drug Administration-approved. This technology allows Dr. Keller to apply a controlled amount of traction to specific parts of the spine, gently easing the pressure off of patients' injured discs. Keeping discs healthy is important. "Discs are responsible for drawing fluid from the body that carries nutrients and oxygen to the spine," says Dr. Keller. "The spine needs these nutrients to stay strong."

The procedure is non-



(Clockwise from left) Dr. Melinda Keller of the Brooklyn Spine Center helps a patient use the LPG Spine Force. Dr. Keller in her office. Cecilia and Nadia greet patients at the front desk.

Photos by Georgine Benvenuto

invasive, and patients do not feel any pain when undergoing the treatment. The only thing they may feel is a gentle tug to the spine as the machine works to ease the symptoms associated with herniated discs, degenerative disc disease, and sciatica. While this is taking place, patients are lying comfortably on top of the machine's cushioned table. The treatment takes place slowly and gradually, so that patients are relaxed and stress-free.

Some patients report feeling a sense of relief right away, as the machine can offer immediate relief to the pressure on their discs. Several DRX-9000 treatments are usually needed to obtain lasting results. Dr. Keller will discuss the timeframe with each patient, outlining a treatment plan that's based on individual needs. Each session lasts about 45 minutes, providing time for the DRX-9000 to lengthen and stretch the spine, as it reduces pressure to the nerves.

Good spinal health is essential, says the doctor, as it can mean the difference between staying active and being bedridden. Some patients come into the office, and they can barely walk. If left untreated, what will their spines be like when they age? "Half of all babies born in the year 2000 or later, can expect to live to be 100 years old," says Dr. Keller. "We are already living longer, but we have to live better." Keeping our spines functioning at 100% prolongs quality of life.

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Foods that help your body fight cancer



Apples' dietary fiber contains pectin, a polysaccharide that bacteria in the stomach can use to produce compounds that protect colon cells.

No single food or ingredient can prevent people from getting cancer, but research has shown a link between excess body fat and various cancers. A poor diet that's high in fat can contribute to excess body fat, which the American Institute for Cancer Research has linked to higher risks for developing cancers of the esophagus, pancreas, colon and rectum, and gallbladder, among others.

The Institute notes that research on foods that fight cancer is ongoing, but the following are some of the foods that can play a role in cancer prevention:

Apples

Apples are a good source of fiber, which can help men and women lower their cancer risk. Dietary fiber can in-

crease feelings of fullness, which reduces the likelihood that people will overeat. Men and women who do not overeat are less likely to accumulate the excess body fat that increases their risk for various cancers.

In addition, apples' dietary fiber contains pectin, a polysaccharide that bacteria in the stomach can use to produce compounds that protect colon cells.

Broccoli

Broccoli is a cruciferous vegetable, and nearly all cruciferous vegetables, which get their name because their four-petal flowers resemble a cross, or crucifer, are great sources of vitamin C. Broccoli also is a great source of the B vitamin folate as well as potassium.

The Institute notes that

studies have shown folate helps to maintain healthy DNA and keep cancer-promoting genes inactive. But men and women should speak with their physicians regarding how much folate to include in their diets, as animal studies have suggested that high amounts of folate may promote development of certain types of cancer, including colon cancer.

Cranberries

Like apples, cranberries are high in dietary fiber and vitamin C. Diets high in foods containing vitamin C have been linked to a reduced risk for cancer of the esophagus. In addition, studies have shown that vitamin C protects cells' DNA by trapping free radicals, which can damage the body, and inhibiting the formation of substances called

carcinogens, which are capable of causing cancer in living tissue.

Legumes

Legumes include kidney and black beans, yellow split peas, and red lentils. Dry beans and peas are great sources of fiber and good sources of protein, and each also make excellent sources of folate.

In addition to their ability to contribute to the protection of colon cells, legumes also contain various phytochemicals, which researchers feel

may decrease chronic inflammation, a risk factor for many cancers. In addition, these phytochemicals may increase the self-destruction of cancer cells.

There are no magic foods that can guarantee men and women won't one day develop cancer, but there are many foods that research has shown are capable of reducing a person's risk of developing this potentially deadly disease. More information on cancer-fighting foods is available at www.aicr.org.

Coffee and colon health

Coffee compels many people to rise out of bed every morning. While individuals have many reasons to drink caffeinated beverages, the most notable is often the pep such beverages provide. But coffee, tea, and other caffeinated beverages actually may provide additional benefits, including helping to fend off disease, including colorectal cancer.

The American Cancer Society estimates that, in the United States, more than 95,000 new cases of colon cancer and 39,000 new cases of rectal cancer will be diagnosed in 2016. Colorectal cancer is the third most common cancer diagnosed in men and women. However, coffee may help reduce instances of colon cancer.

A study titled "Coffee Consumption and the Risk of Colorectal Cancer," which was published in the journal *Cancer Epidemiology, Biomarkers & Prevention*, found that regular coffee consumption inversely correlates to colorectal cancer risk. Coffee has been identified as a protective agent against colorectal cancer, as several of its components affect the physiology of the colon and can make cancerous cells less likely to take root there. The Journal of the National Cancer Institute also substantiates these claims. Frequent coffee consumption has been associated with a reduced risk of colorectal cancer in a number of case-control studies — for both men and women.

Drinking coffee may not only help keep cancer at bay, it may boost the survival rate from colon cancer, too. Information from a study published in *The Journal of Clinical Oncology* stated that colon cancer patients who are heavy coffee drinkers have a far lower risk of dying or having their cancer return than those who do not drink coffee. Significant benefits start at two to three cups per day. People who consumed four cups of caffeinated coffee or more a day had half the rate of recurrence or death than non-coffee drinkers.

Other data indicates caffeine alone may not be behind the reduced cancer risks and rates — it may be the coffee itself. Researchers at the University of Southern California Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center of Keck Medicine found that decreased colorectal risk was seen across all types of coffee, both caffeinated and decaffeinated. According to Dr. Stephen Gruber, the author of the study, coffee contains many elements that contribute to overall colorectal health, which may explain coffee's preventive properties. Caffeine and polyphenol can act as antioxidants, limiting the growth of potential colon cancer cells. Melanoidins generated during the roasting process have been thought to encourage colon mobility, and diterpenes may prevent cancer by enhancing the body's defense against oxidative damage.



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Demystifying colonoscopies

Among cancers that affect both men and women, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention identify colorectal cancer as the third most common cancer and the second-leading cause of cancer-related deaths in the United States.

Thousands of people receive a colorectal cancer diagnosis every year, but screening can help save lives. However, some people fear the screening process even more than the reality of cancer. A typical physical involves numerous tests, and while many are unpleasant, few elicit such strong negative feelings as a colonoscopy. A colonoscopy remains one of the best methods of examining areas of the rectum, colon, and other parts of the intestinal tract to detect abnormalities that indicate diseases such as cancer. According to the Mayo Clinic, a colonoscopy should become part of routine checkups by age 50 in patients without a family history of colon abnormalities. Doctors may advise earlier screenings for those at higher risk.

A colonoscopy can be awkward, but it is a common procedure that is relatively safe. Understanding the process can alleviate some patients' trepidation. Your doctor will describe in detail what can be expected, as it may vary from practitioner to practitioner. The following is a rundown of what people can expect when receiving a colonoscopy:

Preparation

Some have described colonoscopy preparation as the most unpleasant part of the procedure. In order to provide clear images of the interior of the colon, the colon needs to be completely empty. To achieve this, your doctor will prescribe a solution that will empty the bowels thoroughly. This solution is consumed over a certain period of time prior to the procedure and will draw fluid into the colon to expel stool. Patients will need to stay near a bathroom after consuming the solution, and this prep work may be repeated on the morning of the procedure.

In addition to the beverage, you will be advised to eat a clear diet for 24 hours before the procedure. This means only clear broths and fluids. Solid food is not allowed. Again, this is to ensure that the laxative does its job and there will be no obstructions in the colon.

Day of procedure

The majority of colonoscopy procedures are performed when the patient is under anesthesia. Therefore,



Prior to a colonoscopy, your doctor will describe in detail what can be expected.

patients will need to bring a friend or relative along to the medical center to drive or escort them home once the procedure is finished.

Gastroenterologists typically perform the colonoscopy in a hospital or outpatient center. The anesthesiologist will meet with the patient to explain his or her role in the procedure. The doctor will once again explain the procedure, which involves the insertion of a flexible camera into the anus, to patients. The scope will travel through the colon slowly, looking for any abnormalities.

Patients can expect to lie on their sides on a gurney during the procedure. Patients will be hooked to an intravenous line and various monitors will keep track of their pulse and oxygen levels. Once the anesthesia is administered, patients will quickly drift off, and this is when the doctor will begin. After the procedure has been performed, many people do not remember it and experience no pain.

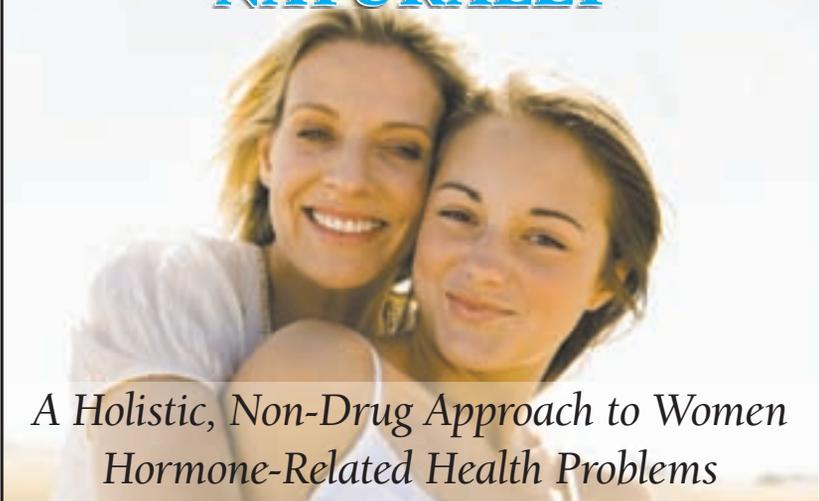
Because air is pumped into the colon to help the scope move unencumbered, patients can expect to feel some bloating and gas, but this should abate over time. Once the grogginess has worn off, you will be allowed to go home and enjoy a large lunch and fill your empty stomach.

Follow-up

The gastroenterologist may discuss the results of the colonoscopy right after the procedure or schedule a follow-up appointment a few days after. Patients will be provided with ongoing care information and recommendations to improve colon health. A diet that includes more full-grain fiber may be recommended.

Although a colonoscopy may not be an enjoyable procedure, it is vital to maintain health and a valuable tool for screening for cancer and other diseases.

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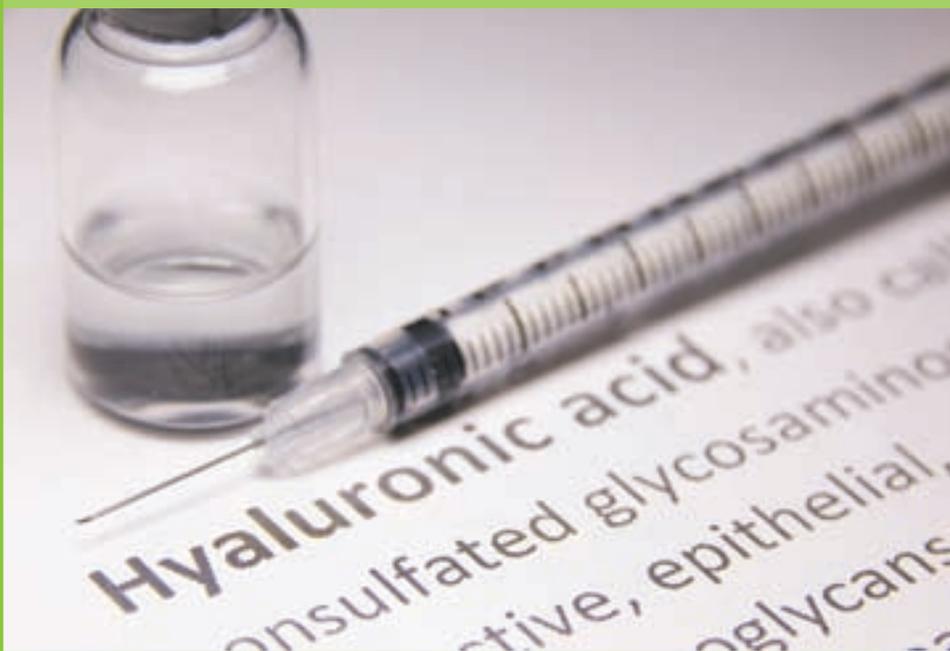
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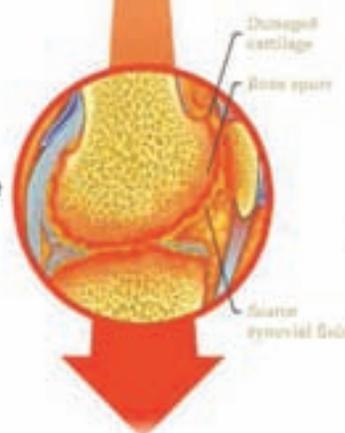
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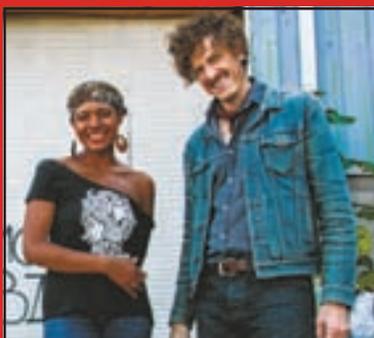


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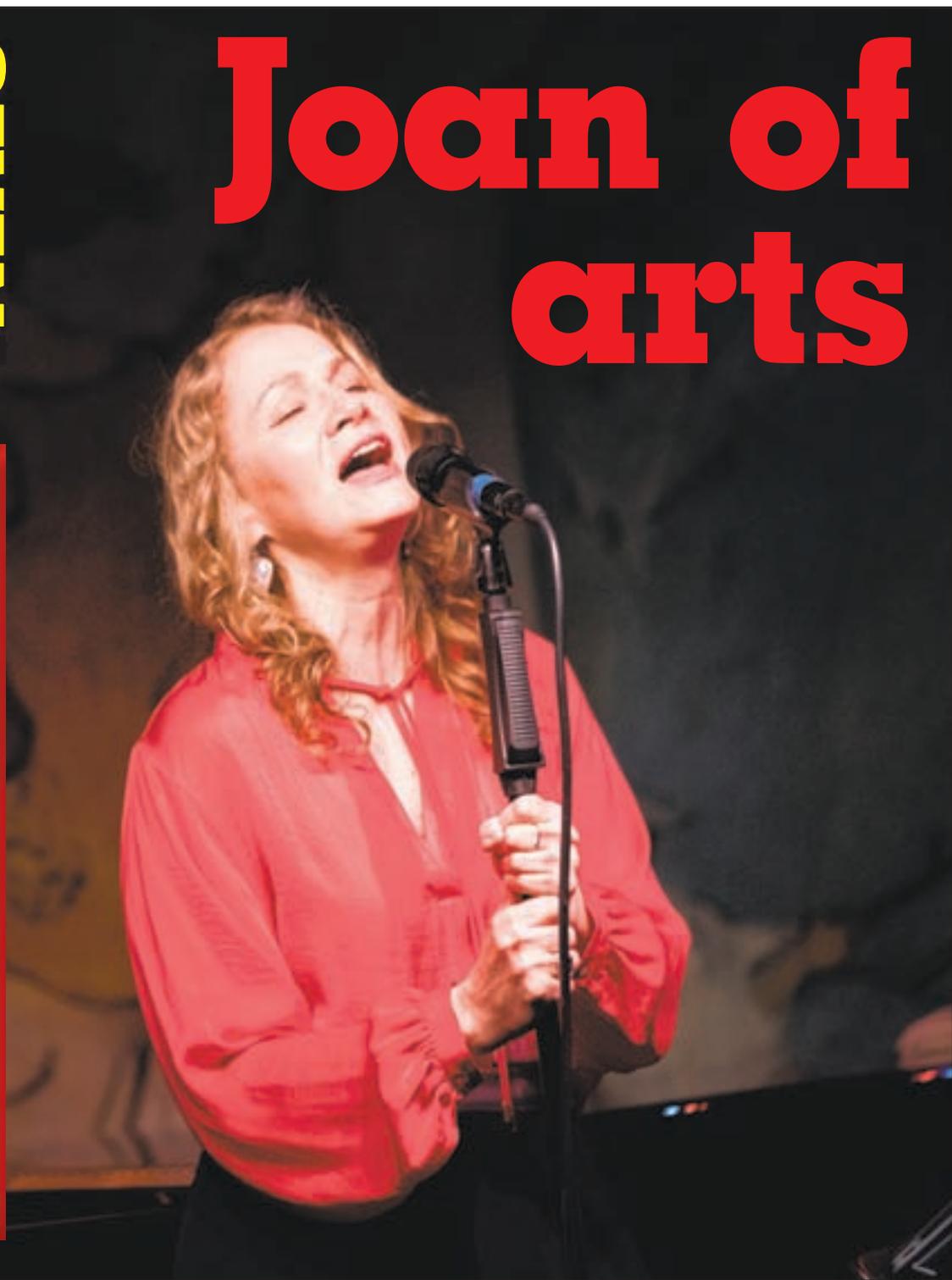
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Joan of arts



'borne to sing: Joan Osborne curates the "Womanly Hips Presents" series of concerts at Bric House in Fort Greene, and may sing a song or two at each performance. Neo-soul duo Les Nubians (inset, top) will launch the series on March 1, and Birds of Chicago (inset, bottom) will perform on March 8. David Andrako



Singer curates a women's music series

By Adam Lucente

These musicians are hip! A superstar of the Lilith Fair women's music scene will launch a new concert series next month at the Bric House in Fort Greene. "One of Us" singer Joan Osborne curates the "Womanly Hips Presents" series, starting in March with a pair of performances from the Parisian neo-soul duo Les Nubians and the secular gospel group Birds of Chicago. Osborne said she hopes the concerts will promote women working in music today.

"With these shows I particularly want to elevate female voices and female artists," she said.

"Womanly Hips" was the name of

Osborne's independent record label during the 1990s, and also of her touring company. Osborne, who lives in Boerum Hill, said she does not remember exactly what she was thinking when she came up with the name in the '90s, but she suspects that it was part of affirming her female form.

"Maybe it's because I have womanly hips and want to celebrate that fact," she said.

The first concert in the two-part series will happen on March 1, with a performance by Les Nubians, a pair of Grammy award-winning sisters who combine African music with a unique brand of soul. Brooklyn funk band Igbo

will open for the sisters, who now live in Brooklyn.

Osborne is a longtime fan of Les Nubians, and she chose the sisters to launch the series because their eclectic music draws from traditions on multiple continents.

"I love the way they have a multicultural African, French, and urban mix of sounds," she said.

One week later, Birds of Chicago, a husband-and-wife team that mixes gospel music with folk and soul, will play the second concert in the series. Osborne discovered the group's music while she was on tour across the pond, she said, and she got in touch soon after.

"I was on tour in the Netherlands and the driver of the van played them," she said. "I said 'What an amazing singer. Who is this band?'"

More concerts might come later in 2018, said Osborne, who also plans to join the bands at each show for a song or two.

Womanly Hips Presents: Les Nubians with Igbo at Bric House (647 Fulton St. between Rockwell and Ashland Places in Fort Greene, (718) 855-7882, www.bricartsmedia.org). March 1 at 8 pm. \$20 (\$15 in advance).

Birds of Chicago with Victory at Bric House. March 8 at 8 pm. \$20 (\$15 in advance).

KEEPING COOL

'Embrace Winter' fest celebrates Bay Ridge

By Julianne McShane

Warm up to winter in the Ridge!

Bay Ridge will show off its artsy side next month at the "Embrace Winter" Festival, with six hours of art exhibits, activities, and performances along Third Avenue. The sixth annual event, happening on March 3, is meant to draw attention to the nabe's vibrant arts and culture scene, said the founder and president of the Bay Ridge Arts and Cultural Alliance.

"I got tired of hearing about art in every other neighborhood," said Victoria Hofmo, who also founded the Scandinavian East Coast Museum. "People make art no matter where you live, and we have cultural institutions [in Bay Ridge], including museums, that have been around for decades."

To warm up for the winter festival, Ridgites can head out one week early, on Feb. 24, for a free one-hour kick-off concert from the Regina Opera Company at Vesuvio's (7305 Third Ave. at 73rd Street). Six singers will launch the concert at 2 pm, belting out tunes from classic operas including "Carmen" and "The Marriage of Figaro," along with Broadway favorites from "Beauty and the Beast," "Les Miserables," and "My Fair Lady." The variety of tunes is designed to appeal to fans and opera novices alike, said the producer of the show.

"We tried to pick pieces that are interesting and well-known to the audience, because some people coming to the show may not be familiar with opera," said Francine Gerber.

On March 3, the day of the festi-



On keys: Regina Opera singers Adwoa Asiedu and Danny Oakden, accompanied by pianist Maxine Feldman, rehearse for the free "Embrace Winter" concert on Feb. 24. Photo by Jason Speakman

val, businesses along Third Avenue will sponsor special arts events from noon until 6 pm. Highlights of the day include:

Kids can learn to make paper roses at the Appletree Natural Market (7613 Third Ave. between 76th and 77th streets) from noon until 4:15 pm.

Charmed Boutique (8311 Third Ave. between 83rd and 84th streets) will display watercolor fashion illustrations created by 96-year-old Elsie Willumsen back when she was a youngster at the Textile High School on the distant isle of Manhattan. Plus, if the fashion design drawings inspire you to upgrade your own wardrobe, the store will offer 20% off all purchases.

At happy hour, adults can head to the Salty Dog (7509 Third Ave. between Bay Ridge Parkway and 76th

Street), where Joseph Anatasi and Ira Bolterman of the Lovebutton Musical Duo will play rock, blues, and country tunes starting at 4:15 pm.

Finally, the day will end with a documentary about every Brooklynite's favorite street game: stickball! "When Broomsticks Were King," by Park Slope's Jay Cusato, will screen at Hom (8806 Third Ave. between 88th and 89th streets) at 5:30 pm, and producer Jake King will be on hand for a post-screening question and answer session.

"Regina Opera Embraces Winter" at Vesuvio's [7305 Third Ave. at 73rd Street in Bay Ridge]. Feb. 24 at 2 pm. Free.

Embrace Winter Festival (Third Avenue between Bay Ridge Avenue and 89th Street in Bay Ridge). March 3, noon-6 pm. Free.



Beard and beers: Five Boroughs Brewing's head brewer Nick Griffin has concocted a "Rooftop Wheat" beer for the Ruppert's Cup competition, which he says is perfect for sipping on the roof as winter turns to spring. Photo by Jordan Rathkopf

King of cups

Breweries compete for best brew of Beer Week

By Bill Roundy

Their Cup runneth over!

Seven Kings County breweries will battle each other — and a handful of outer-borough brewers — to see who makes the best beer as part of New York City Beer Week, which starts on Feb. 24. The winner of the Ruppert's Cup competition will not only be able to lord it over the other members of the New York City Brewer's Guild, said the president of that group, but will hoist an enormous stein of suds.

"If you win the Ruppert's Cup, you get bragging rights," said Kelly Taylor, the co-founder of Kelso Beer Company. "And it's a pretty cool trophy."

The Ruppert's Cup — named for 19th century brewer and Yankees owner Jacob Ruppert — is a five-gallon keg with a handle welded to the side, said Taylor, so it can hold a lot of beer.

Each competitor for the Cup must craft a special brew, made entirely with ingredients grown in the state of New York. The grains native to the Empire State lend themselves to darker, more complex beers, said Taylor.

"I think they lend themselves more to ales, because they're a little richer, have a little more structure and depth of character," he said, though inventive brewers have made a wide variety of brews.

In addition to state malts and hops, Flatbush brewery Island to Island plans to use local apples and cranberries to make a fruity pilsner, while Five Boroughs Brewing Company, based in Sunset Park, will make a "Rooftop Wheat" Hefeweizen. Coney Island Beer plans to serve a high-proof English barleywine, and Gowanus's Strong Rope Brewery will draft a Double IPA. SixPoint will tap a curious New England-style India Pale Lager, Randolph beer will pour a French-style biere de garde, and Greenpoint's Keg and Lantern will brew two concoctions: a pale ale and a pilsner.

Each brewer will serve its entry at the Beer Week Opening Bash party on Feb. 24, but voting will not take place until the final event of the week, at a tasting brunch with all the competitors at Randolph Beer in Dumbo on March 4.

More than two dozen Beer Week events will take place in Brooklyn during the 10-day Beer Week. Here are some of the highlights:

Opening Bash

More than 30 beer makers from New York City, and another 50 of the best breweries beyond the boroughs, will serve unlimited samples to guests.

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Bread winner!

By Julianne Cuba

He won't be kept at Bay!

A gigantic French bistro in Sheepshead Bay will expand next month, opening a second location in America's Downtown on March 1. The new branch of Karver Brasserie will serve up fresh bread, sandwiches, and pastries, along with dishes tailored to whatever the neighborhood is hungry for, said the eatery's new award-winning chef.

"It's very good, a big challenge to make a new concept," said Francois Payard, who lives in Manhattan and moved from France in 1990. "The menu would be a little heavier downtown, more lunch places for offices. We don't know the business."

The Sheepshead Bay restaurant, which opened its doors last August, shuttered in January for a month of

renovations and reopened last week with Payard at the helm. There will be a few differences between the two farm-to-brasserie eateries — the Livingston Street outpost will be about half the size of the 4,800 square foot one on the Bay, but both will boast a cozy cafe space and Payard's new menu, he said.

"We're now making fresh bread, baking sandwiches inside to order, kind of changing the concept," said Payard. "We closed for four weeks for renovation, have a brand new menu for lunch and dinner. There's a cafe in the front, a little cafe like a bakery."

Before joining Karver as its culinary director, Payard worked at highfalutin' Manhattan spots including Daniel and Le Bernardin, and he received the James Beard award for "Outstanding Pastry Chef" in 1995. He has also won several other awards in the culi-



Baked fresh: Chef Francois Payard has taken over the kitchen at Karver Brasserie's two locations, one Downtown and the other in Sheepshead Bay.

nary world and whipped up the popular cookbook, "Payard Desserts."

Among the brasserie's top items will be the chicken paillard, said Payard, but he finds it hard to choose just one, since it offers such a robust menu, including escargots à la bourguignonne, stuffed branzino, croquet-monsieur, and salmon rillettes for those seeking a heavier lunch, along with lighter fare such as

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FRI, FEB. 23

ART, "DON'T 'DIS' THE ABILITY": An exhibit of more than 100 pieces of art by individuals on the autism spectrum. Free. Noon-6 pm. RXR Realty [470 Vanderbilt Ave. between Fulton Street and Atlantic Avenue in Clinton Hill, (917) 757-1019], www.strokesofgeniusinc.org.

ART, THE RED ENVELOPE SHOW: A celebration of Chinese Lunar New Year, featuring hundreds of original art work on red envelopes by over 150 artists. Traditional lion dance begins at 8:30 pm. Free. 7 pm. Grumpy Bert (82 Bond Street between Atlantic Avenue and State Street in Downtown).

TALK, CURRENCY: As part of the Reparations365 series, visual artists, neighbors, and activists gather to explore the current monetary system, its roots in the free labor of enslaved Africans, and how to change it. Free. 7 pm. Brooklyn Navy Yard Bldg 92 (63 Flushing Ave. at Carlton Avenue in Fort Greene).

COMEDY, BROWN TITTY HOUR: Comedy featuring Phoebe Robinson and Michelle Buteau. \$12 (\$10 in advance). 7:30 pm. Union Hall [702 Union St. at Fifth Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 638-4400], www.union-hallnyc.com.

THEATER, "AMERICAN ESCAPE ARTIST": Thomas Solomon will perform a solo show of amazing, unique escape artistry. \$15. 8 pm. Coney Island USA [1208 Surf Ave. at W. 12th Street in Coney Island, (718) 372-5159], www.coneyisland.com.

MUSIC, TAL NATIONAL: With Kaleta and Super Yamba Band. \$30-\$35. 8 pm. Littlefield (635 Sackett St. between Third and Fourth avenues in Gowanus), www.littlefieldnyc.com.

THEATER, "ASSASSINS": Theater 2020 presents Stephen Sondheim's musical about figures who tried to take out U.S. Presidents. \$40 (\$30 seniors and students). 8 pm. St. Francis College [180 Remsen St. between Court and Clinton streets in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 489-5200], www.sfc.edu.

MUSIC, "THE BROBOT JOHNSON EXPERIENCE": A sci-fi hip-hop solo concert and concept piece about the origins of a future race of hip-hop androids. \$20-\$25. 8 pm. Bushwick Starr (207 Starr St. between Irving and Wyckoff avenues in Bushwick), www.thebushwickstarr.org.

MUSIC, "DEEP FRIED CELLO WITH STEAMED VOICE": An experimental classical music performance with food created to complement each of three sets. \$35. 8 pm. Mirror Tea House [575 Union St., #A, between Third Avenue and Nevins Street in Gowanus, (917) 909-0577], www.mirrorinthewoods.com.

COMEDY, CAMOUFLAGE: A comedy show with free pizza, featuring Hari Kond-

WHERE TO GO WHAT TO DO SEVEN 24 EVENTS



Color commentary: The Brooklyn Children's Museum will celebrate the Indian "color festival" of Holi on March 3 with "Holi Hooray!" featuring Indian music, Bollywood dance classes, and an outdoor colored powder extravaganza.

Erica Miriam Fabri

abolu, Krystyna Hutchinson, Louis Katz, and more. \$5-\$10. 9 pm. Big Irv's Gallery (381 Hooper St. at S. First Street in Williamsburg).

SAT, FEB. 24

MUSIC, REGINA OPERA EMBRACES WINTER: A free concert featuring opera and Broadway selections. Free. 2 pm to 3 pm. Vesuvio Restaurant (7305 Third Avenue between 73rd and 74th Streets in Bay Ridge), www.reginaopera.org.

MUSIC, CONCERT IN MEMORY OF JOHN RANDOLPH: A tribute concert for John Randolph, the organ curator for St. Ann and the Holy Trinity Church, who died last summer. A reception will follow the concert. Voluntary donation. 3:30 pm. St. Ann's Church [157 Montague St. at Clinton Street in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 875-6960].

MUSIC, "EXCUSE ME WHILE I KISS THE SKY": A Jimi Hendrix tribute show featuring Wilco's Nels Cline. \$15. 5 pm. Brooklyn Music School Playhouse [126 St. Felix St. between Lafayette Avenue and Hanson Place in Fort Greene, (718) 638-5660], brooklynmusic-school.org.

MUSIC, KENNY BARRON: One of the top jazz pianists in the world presents a solo piano show. \$35. 8 pm. Kumble Theater at Long Island University [DeKalb and Flatbush avenues in Downtown, (718) 488-1624], www.kumble-theater.org.

THEATER, "YOSEPH THE MUSICAL": The Biblical story of about the favored son Yosef and his brothers. \$25-\$75. 8 pm. Master Theater [1029 Brighton Beach Ave. at Brighton 11th Street in Brighton Beach, (516) 344-8030], www.yosefthemusical.com.

THEATER, "ASSASSINS": 8 pm. See Friday, Feb. 23.

FAMILY, MUSIC OF BILLY JOEL: The Rock and Roll Playhouse's presents the music of the uptown guy. Free. 12:30 pm. Indus-

try City (220 36th St. at Second Avenue in Sunset Park), therockandrollplayhouse.com.

READING, DRAG QUEEN STORY HOUR: A drag queen reads "How Mamas Love Their Babies," the first kids' book to feature a parent who is a sex worker. Free. 1:30 pm. Greenlight Bookstore (Prospect Lefferts Gardens) [632 Flatbush Ave. between Fenimore and Hawthorne streets in Prospect Lefferts Gardens, (718) 246-0200], greenlightbookstore.com.

TALK, BUSINESS BASICS FOR FREELANCE ARTISTS: At this three-hour class, learn the business side of art, including pricing your products, finding more work, tracking your earnings, and dealing with taxes. \$75. 2 pm. Shoestring Studios (640 Classon Ave. between Dean and Bergen streets in Prospect Heights), www.shoestring-studio.com.

ART, OPENING RECEPTION: Jessica Dalrymple's Urban-scapes, along with oyster stew and Widow Jane beverages. Free. 3 pm. Gowanus Dredgers Boathouse (165 Second St. at the Canal in Gowanus).

TALK, WHAT IS CREMATION?: Funeral director Amy Cunningham explores cremation's history and 21st century revival, followed by a visit to Greenwood's crematory. Free. 3:30 pm. Green-Wood Cemetery [Fifth Avenue and 25th Street in Greenwood Heights, (718) 210-3080], green-wood.com.

SPORTS, HOTSTAR CRICFEST: Watch a live game of cricket, meet some of the stars of the sport, and try street food from different parts of India. Free (RSVP required). 4 pm. Matchpoint NYC Brooklyn [2781 Shell Rd. between Avenue Z and Shore Parkway in Gravesend, (512) 773-6679], cricfest.hotstar.com.

COMEDY, SIDE PONYTAIL COMEDY: The weekly event has a special Saturday night show, featuring Sam Evans, Dave Hill, and

Aparna Nancharla. Free. 8 pm. Friends and Lovers (641 Classon Ave. between Dean and Pacific streets in Crown Heights), www.fnlbk.com.

SUN, FEB. 25

THEATER, "YOSEPH THE MUSICAL": 2:30 pm and 7 pm. See Saturday, Feb. 24.

FAMILY, "HAMILTON" FOR KIDS: The Rock and Roll Playhouse performs songs from the Broadway hip-hop musical about the Founding Fathers. \$12 (Free for children under 1). 11:30 am. Brooklyn Bowl [61 Wythe Ave. between N. 11th and N. 12th streets in Williamsburg, (718) 963-3369], www.brooklyn-bowl.com.

FILM, "CLOSE HARMONY": Oscar and Emmy Award-winning documentary about an intergenerational chorus; accompanied by a talk from filmmaker and director Nigel Noble. \$15 (\$10 in advance). 1 pm. National Council of Jewish Women (1001 Quentin Road between Coney Island Avenue and E. 10th Street in Sheepshead Bay).

"UNRAVELING ROSE": Children's author Brian Wray reads from his new book. Following the reading, illustrator Shiloh Penfield will give an art lesson. Free. 4 pm to 5 pm. Private Picassos Art Studio (237 Fifth Avenue in Park Slope), www.privatepicassos.com/art-studio.

MON, FEB. 26

COMEDY, BUTTERBOY: The Monday-night comedy show hosted by Jo Fires-tone, Aparna Nancharla, and Maeve Higgins welcomes rising stars of comedy. \$10 (\$8 in advance). 8 pm. Littlefield (635 Sackett St. between Third and Fourth avenues in Gowanus), www.littlefieldnyc.com.

COMEDY, SIDE PONYTAIL: The Monday night comedy show welcomes Mike Drucker, SallyAnn Hall, Chris Donahue, and more. Free. 8 pm. Friends and Lovers (641 Classon Ave. between Dean and Pacific streets in Crown Heights), www.fnlbk.com.

MUSIC, WINTER COMPOSERS CONCERT: A special showcase of new original works, as part of the Composers Now Festival. \$5 (Free for students). 8 pm. ShapeShifter Lab [18 Whitewell Place at Union Street in Gowanus, (646) 820-9452], www.composersnow.org.

COMEDY, COMEDY MONDAY: Open Mic and Stand-Up. Free. 9 pm. Freddy's Bar [627 Fifth Ave. between 17th and 18th streets in Greenwood Heights, (718) 768-0131], www.freddysbar.com.

TUES, FEB. 27

TALK, BLACK WRITERS IN A POST-OBAMA AMERICA: Hear from authors Kaitlyn Greenidge, Bernice McFadden, Garnette Cadogan, and Quincy Troupe in a panel discussion. \$5. 6:30 pm. Friends and Lovers (641 Classon Ave. between Dean and Pacific streets in Crown Heights), www.fnlbk.com.



A wheel hero: Captain America menaces a giant lizard in the superheroic stunt show "Marvel Universe Live: Age of Heroes," showing now at Barclays Center. Feld Entertainment

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SAT, FEB. 24

THEATER, MARVEL UNIVERSE LIVE: \$15-\$95. 11 am, 3 pm, 7 pm.

SUN, FEB. 25

THEATER, MARVEL UNIVERSE LIVE: \$15-\$95. Noon, 4 pm.

MON, FEB. 26

SPORTS, BROOKLYN NETS V CHICAGO BULLS: \$26-\$3,000. 7:30 pm.

FRI, MARCH 1

SPORTS, NEW YORK ISLANDERS V MONTREAL CANADIENS: \$20-\$350. 7 pm.

SAT, MARCH 2

SPORTS, PREMIER BOXING CHAMPIONS: Deontay Wilder v Luis Ortiz. \$57-\$757. 6 pm.

TUE, MARCH 6

SPORTS, 2018 ACC MEN'S BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT: \$55. Noon.

WED, MARCH 7

SPORTS, 2018 ACC MEN'S BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT: \$55. Noon and 7 pm.

THU, MARCH 8

SPORTS, 2018 ACC MEN'S BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT: \$55. Noon and 7 pm.

FRI, MARCH 9

SPORTS, 2018 ACC MEN'S BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT SEMIFINALS: \$55. 7 pm.

SAT, MARCH 10

SPORTS, 2018 ACC MEN'S BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT FINALS: \$55. 8:30 pm.

SUN, MARCH 11

SPORTS, BROOKLYN NETS V PHILADELPHIA 76ERS: \$26-\$3,000. 7:30 pm.

TUE, MARCH 13

SPORTS, BROOKLYN NETS V TORONTO RAPTORS: \$26-\$3,000. 7:30 pm.

THU, MARCH 15

SPORTS, NEW YORK ISLANDERS V WASHINGTON CAPITALS: \$15-\$400. 7 pm.

FRI, MARCH 16

MUSIC, DEMI LOVATO AND DJ KHALED: \$49-\$499. 7:30 pm.

SAT, MARCH 17

SPORTS, BROOKLYN NETS V DALLAS MAVERICKS: \$17-\$3,000. 7:30 pm.

SUN, MARCH 18

SPORTS, NEW YORK ISLANDERS V CAROLINA HURRICANES: \$16-\$400. 5 pm.

MON, MARCH 19

SPORTS, BROOKLYN NETS V MEMPHIS GRIZZLIES: \$9-\$2,557. 7:30 pm.

TUE, MARCH 20

SPORTS, NEW YORK ISLANDERS V PITTSBURGH PENGUINS: \$20-\$600. 7 pm.

WED, MARCH 21

SPORTS, BROOKLYN NETS V CHARLOTTE HORNETS: \$11-\$3,000. 7:30 pm.

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

ON BRAND

Exhibit celebrates Bklyn's biz

By Alexandra Simon

They're putting the brands back together!

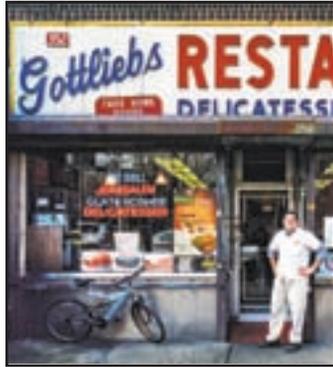
A new exhibit at the Brooklyn Historical Society showcases the products and commercial concerns that have made Brooklyn famous. "The Business of Brooklyn" which opens on Feb. 23, celebrates the industries that have thrived in the borough — and the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce's 100th birthday, said the organization's president.

"We commissioned this exhibit in preparation for the 100th anniversary of the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce, so this is all of the past and current things that make the Brooklyn business world great," said Andrew Hoan. "We want to celebrate the entrepreneurs and brands made in Brooklyn — that have taken the brand of Brooklyn to all over the world."

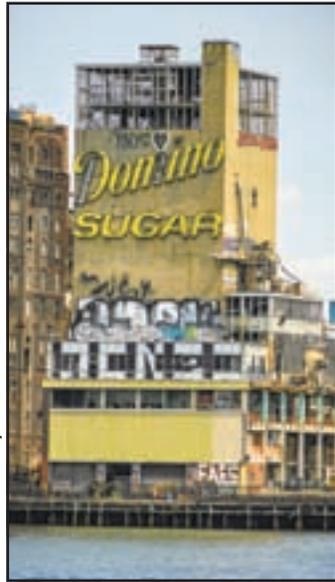
The show, which is broken into six sections, highlights local businesses and stores from the past 100 years. The "Made in Brooklyn" section focuses on products and brands that started in Brooklyn — some of them dating back 150 years, said Hoan.

"Some of those companies we mention — people will be really surprised about the number of brands that began here," he said.

A few notable Brooklyn-born brands includes pharmaceutical company Pfizer, the licorice candy Twizzler, Benjamin Moore paint, Eberhard-Faber pencils, Domino sugar, and Sweet 'N' Low sugar sub-



James and Karla Murray



Domino photo by Stefano Giovannini

Brooklyn means business: The Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce and the Brooklyn Historical Society will open an exhibit on Feb. 23 that spans 100 years of businesses in Brooklyn, showcasing mom-and-pop restaurants as well as giant industries, with a special section focused on the Domino sugar company.

stitute, along with dozens more.

Visitors will be able to trace the path of companies that began in the borough and conquered the world, said the museum's president.

"Part of the fun in this is recognizing that this exhibit is not just a local story — Brooklyn really has been a force over time," said Deborah Schwartz. "From all the types of coffee companies we had, and other brands that are now household names — they've become major global brands."

Though some of the businesses have abandoned their home borough, their successful history here still encourages the up-and-coming, said Hoan.

"Although many have moved on, their legacy is in Brooklyn, and in some ways this can innovate compa-

nies to start-up in Brooklyn," he said.

The exhibit includes more than 100 artifacts to help visitors visualize the borough in the early 20th century. The charged economy of modern day Brooklyn has its roots in those long-ago days, said Hoan.

"What's happening in Brooklyn is a big deal and it's driving a lot of the economy and all the incredible things that make people love the borough," he said. "But you'll really get to see a whole history of different things, and the products are a really important part of that."

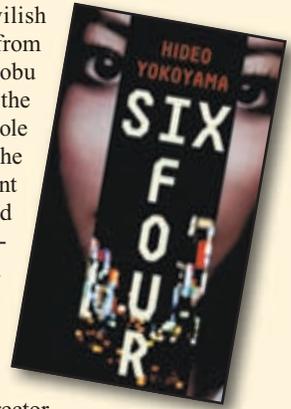
"*Made in Brooklyn*" at Brooklyn Historical Society [128 Pierrepont St. at Clinton Street in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 222-4111, www.brooklynhistory.org]. Open Sun, Tue-Thu, 11 am-6 pm; Fri, Sat, 11 am-8 pm. \$10 (students free).



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

Greenlight Bookstore's pick: "Six Four" by Hideo Yokoyama

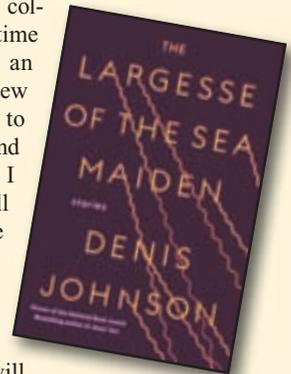
This remarkable, devilish detective novel, translated from Japanese, follows Yoshinobu Mikami, who has worked in the police department his whole life. Fourteen years ago, he was a detective on the front lines of the still unsolved child-kidnapping-turned-murder case known as Six Four, but now, just as his daughter goes missing, he has been transferred to the administrative role of press director. As press director, Mikami is forced to revisit the original Six Four investigation, and when he discovers an anomaly in the files, he uncovers long-buried secrets.



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

Word's pick: "The Largesse of the Sea Maiden" by Denis Johnson

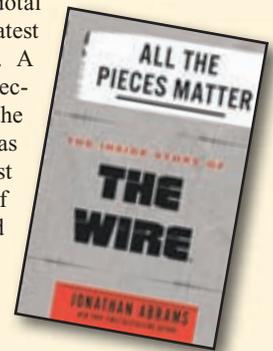
The title story in this collection is one of my all-time favorites. The narrator, an aging ad man, returns to New York after a long absence to receive a major award, and looks back on his career. I think about that scene all the time. Whether you are a longtime fan of Johnson's work, or just getting into it, this collection — his last work before his death from liver cancer in 2017 — will really knock you out.



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

Community Bookstore's pick: "All the Pieces Matter: The Inside Story of the Wire" by Jonathan Abrams

This book is an anecdotal retelling of one of the greatest television shows ever made. A gritty portrayal of the intersection of the war on terror and the war on drugs, "The Wire" was conceived as more than just television. The brainchild of journalist David Simon and writer Ed Burns, the structure of the show has been likened to a novel and even to a university course. This oral history shows how the creators of the show inaugurated the era of challenging long-form dramatic entertainment.



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

The Bay Ridge Nights are packed!

By Julianne McShane

Get concerts, culture, and comedy in the Ridge!

Start your Saturday afternoon with a free, four-hour concert by classic rock cover band Rock Farm at **Red, White, and Brew** (8910 Fifth Ave. between 89th and 90th streets). The quartet favors the tunes of U2, Journey, the Foo Fighters, and the Red Hot Chili Peppers, among others, and will take the stage at 3:30 pm.

After you take in the rock hits, throw it back a few decades with a visit to **St. Patrick's Catholic Academy** (401 97th St. at Fourth Avenue), where the "Musical Memories" concert from the Rhapsody Players will feature hits of the 1960s, '70s, and '80s. The \$20 ticket, which benefits the church, includes coffee and dessert. Wine, beer, and a raffle will also be on offer. Call (646) 335-2710 for a reservation to the show, which



starts at 7:30 pm.

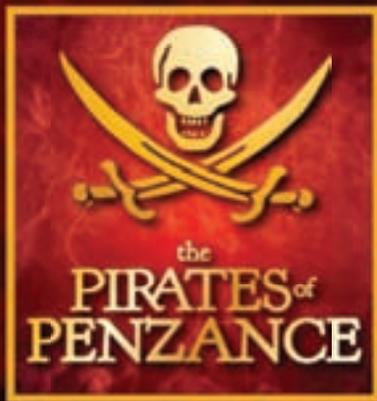
On Sunday, trade rock and throw-back tunes for rhyme time at the Bay Ridge Poets Society's monthly Open Mic Night at the **Owl's Head** (479

74th St. between Fourth and Fifth Avenue). Writers, readers, and performers of all stripes are welcome at the free event — you can play music, read a short story, or do stand-up, as well as read poetry. Plus, the wine bar boasts a selection of meats, cheeses, and other small bites while you wait your turn at the microphone. The lights dim at 7:30 pm.

And for a lighthearted weeknight pick-me-up, head to the **Brooklyn Firefly** (7003 Third Ave. between Ovington Avenue and 71st Street) on Tuesday for a 7 pm comedy show featuring Robert Kelly and Sean Donnelly. The show is hosted by the Bay Ridge Boys, Chris Distefano and Yannis Pappas, who launched an eponymous comedy web series set in the nabe last fall. The "boys" will debut the fourth episode and launch a fund-raising campaign as soon as the stand-up is over.



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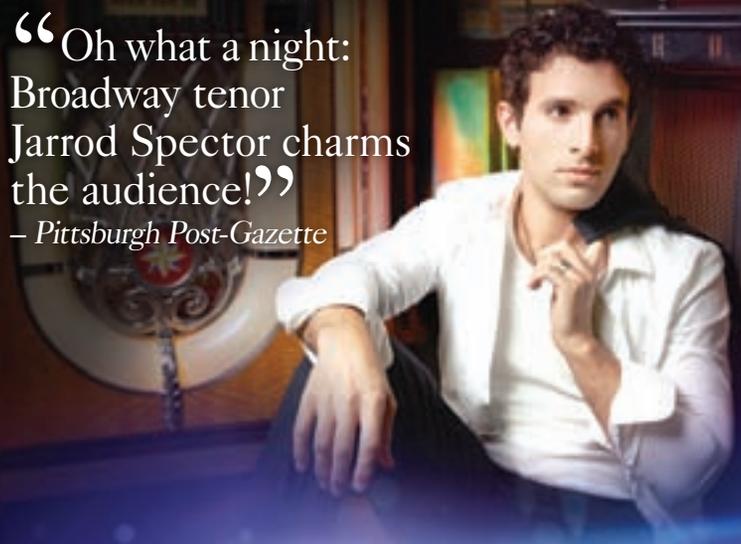
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"It's difficult to say what's my favorite," said Payard. "Burger, salad, steak — I don't know what you're in the mood for."

And patrons looking for a quick lunch dish can always order a sandwich made with bread from the restaurant's own fresh bread-making machine, known as a "Bongard Paneotrade," which turns out warm baked dough every 10 minutes, with flavors including traditional ciabatta, olive and sun-dried tomato, garlic rosemary, and squid ink.

Karver Brasserie (129 Livingston St. between Boerum Place and Smith Street Downtown, www.karver.com). Opens



Coming soon: French bistro Karver Brasserie will open its second location on Livingston Street Downtown on March 1. Photo by Jason Speakman

March 1.

Karver Brasserie (1809 Emmons Ave. between E. 19th Street and Sheepshead Bay Road in Sheepshead Bay, (718) 521-2777, www.karver.com).

WHERE TO GO WHAT TO DO SEVEN EVENTS

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pm. Brooklyn Historical Society [128 Pierrepont St. at Clinton Street in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 222-4111], www.brooklynhistory.org.

FILM, ACLU PRESENTS "BOYZ N THE HOOD": As part of the Reel Resistance series, the American Civil Liberties Union presents the short film series "Mass Incarceration: An Animated Series," followed by a screening of John Singleton's 1991 film about gang culture in Los Angeles. A panel discussion about prison reform will follow. \$15. 6:30 pm. Alamo Drafthouse [445 Albee Square West between Wiloughby and Fulton streets in Downtown, (718) 513-2547], www.drafthouse.com/nyc.

MUSIC, "MADAMA BUTTERFLY" SNEAK PEEK PERFORMANCE: A free, fully staged performance of Puccini's opera "Madama Butterfly" about a young geisha gives up everything for a brash American naval officer. Sung in Italian with English supertitles. Free. 7:30 pm. Our Lady of Perpetual Help School Auditorium [5902 Sixth Ave. at 60th Street in Sunset Park, (718) 259-2772], www.reginaopera.org.

live the days of questionable premises on tri-fold cardboard and paper-mâché planets with the Educated Guess, a comedy-show-slash-science-fair. \$7-\$10. 8:30 pm. Littlefield (635 Sackett St. between Third and Fourth avenues in Gowanus), www.littlefieldnyc.com.

THURS, MARCH 1

ART, INTERSEXTIONS: This pop-up event by and for queer teens will cover gay artists in history, art by teen artists; discussions and workshops. Open to all LBGQTQ teens and their allies, 14 and older. Free. 5-7 pm. Brooklyn Museum [200 Eastern Pkwy. at Washington Avenue in Prospect Heights, (718) 638-5000], www.brooklynmuseum.org.

READING, "THE CIA AND AMERICA'S SECRET WARS IN AFGHANISTAN AND PAKISTAN": Author Steve Coll discusses the conflict between the United States military and a Pakistan's intelligence agency, known as "Directorate S." \$5. 6:30 pm. Brooklyn Historical Society [128 Pierrepont St. at Clinton Street in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 222-4111], www.brooklynhistory.org.

848-1624, www.kumbletheater.org.

LUNA PARK JOB FAIR: The fair features openings for a host of different positions, including ride operators, game operators, ticket sales associates and food line cooks. Free. 11 am-5 pm. Luna Park B & B Carousel [Coney Island Boardwalk between Kensington Walk and W. 15th Street in Coney Island, (212) 627-5766].

DANCE, "LIGHTS OUT": An evening-length multimedia show about darkness sponsored by Boink! Dance and Film. \$20. 8 pm. The Actors Fund Arts Center (160 Schermerhorn St. between Smith and Hoyt streets in Downtown), www.boinkdance.com.

THEATER, "THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE": The Narrows Community Theatre produces Gilbert and Sullivan's comic operetta. \$25 (\$20 seniors and students, \$15 kids). 8 pm. St. Patrick's Church auditorium [401 97th St. at Fourth Avenue in Bay Ridge, (718) 482-3173], www.NarrowsCommunityTheater.com.

SAT, MARCH 3

MUSIC, "MADAMA BUTTERFLY": Regina Opera Company presents Puccini's opera about a young geisha who gives up everything for a brash American naval officer. \$25 (\$20 seniors, \$5 teens). 3 pm. Our Lady of Perpetual Help school auditorium [5902 Sixth Ave. between 59th and 60th Streets in Sunset Park, (718) 259-2772]. www.reginaopera.org.

FAMILY, HOLI HOORAY! Kids celebrate Holi, the Hindu festival of springtime and play, with music, dance lessons, crafts, and a color powder procession and party in neighboring Brower Park at 3 pm. \$11. 10:30 am-4 pm. Brooklyn Children's Museum [145 Brooklyn Ave. at St. Marks Avenue in Crown Heights, (718) 735-4400], www.brooklynkids.org.

WED, FEB. 28

THEATER, "FIDDLER ON THE ROOF": Students at Brooklyn Technical High School present this classic musical of love, family, and tradition. \$15. 4:30 pm. Brooklyn Technical High School (29 Fort Green Place between DeKalb Avenue and Fulton Street in Fort Greene), bths.edu.

COMEDY, THE EDUCATED GUESS SCIENCE FAIR: Re-

FRI, MARCH 2

FAMILY, "THAT'S QUITE ABSURD": The Paper Bag Players return with stories, songs, freewheeling dances, painting, audience participation, and paper bag costumes and scenery. 1:30pm. \$8. 10 am and noon. Kumble Theater at Long Island University [DeKalb and Flatbush avenues in Downtown, (718)

BEER

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Brooklyn Expo Center (72 Noble St. at Franklin Street in Greenpoint, www.nycbrewed.com). Feb. 24 at 6 pm. \$80.

Talking beer

Members of the Kings County Brewers Collective, along with non-Brooklyn brewers from Grimm, Pipeworks, Barrier, and Equilibrium breweries, tell stories of the brewing life at this panel discussion.

The Well (272 Meserole St. between Bushwick Place and Waterbury Street in Bushwick, www.thewellbrooklyn.com). Feb. 25 at 5 pm. Free.

Grain vs. Grape

A battle of the food pairings, as a sommelier and a cicerone (that's the beer equivalent) debate whether wine or beer goes best with food. A selection of foods paired with each will be available for purchase.

Randolph Beer Dumbo [82 Prospect St. between Pearl and Jay streets in Dumbo, (646) 383-3623, www.randolphbeer.com]. March 1 at 7 pm. Free.

IPAs and Jerk

Pair jerk chicken wings with four different IPAs from different breweries, at a Caribbean-inspired brewery.

Island to Island Brewery [642 Rogers Ave. between Parkside and Clarkson avenues in Prospect Lefferts Gardens, (646) 769-0490, www.islandtoislandbrewery.com]. March 3, 4-9 pm. Free.

The Ruppert's Cup Awards Brunch

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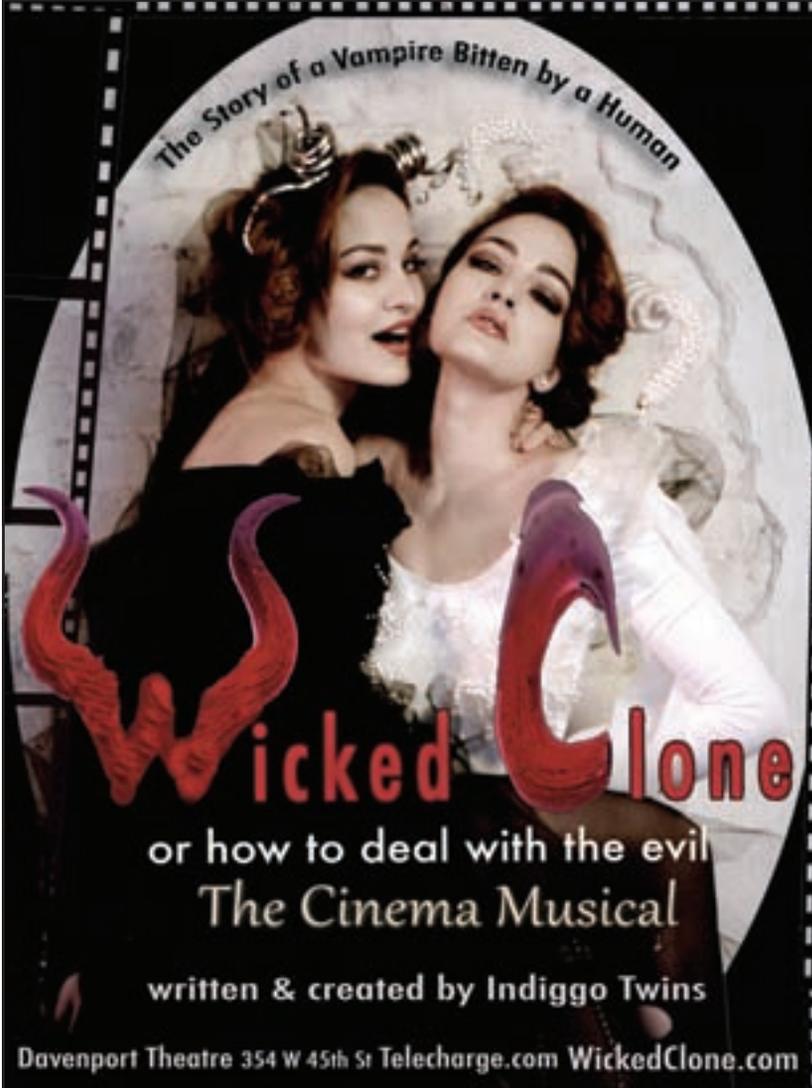
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YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, Kings County, at 2 Johnson Street, Brooklyn, Rm. 319, New York, on March 22, 2018, at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, why a decree should not be made in the estate of Catherine Brown, aka Catherine M. Brown lately domiciled at SS. Joachim and Ann Residence, 2720 Surf Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11224, United States admitting to probate a Will dated January 13, 2016, a copy of which is attached, as the Will of Catherine Brown deceased, relating to real and personal property, and directing that:
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To any and all unknown persons whose names or part of whose names, and whose place or places of residence are unknown, and cannot, after due diligent inquiry, be ascertained, distributees, heirs at law and next of kin of said PEARLINE RUSSELL, and if any of the said distributees, heirs at law or next of kin of deceased, be dead, their legal representatives, their husbands or wives, if any, distributees and successors in interest whose names and/or places of residence are unknown
A petition having been duly filed by Sonia Etwaroo a/k/a Thelma Sonia Etwaroo, who is domiciled at 750 Lenox Road, Brooklyn, NY 11203,
YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, Kings County, at 2 Johnson Street, Room 319, Brooklyn, New York, on April 5, 2018, at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, why a decree should not be made in the estate of Pearlina Russell lately domiciled at 194 Lefferts Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11225 in the County of Kings, New York
1. Directing that the petitioner's Preliminary Letters Testamentary be amended to authorize the petitioner to sell the decedent's real property located at 194 Lefferts Avenue, Brooklyn, NY (block 1328 lot 0035) for \$1,390,000.00 and to collect the sale proceeds thereof, and
2. Granting such other and further relief as this Court deems just and proper.
Dated, Attested and Sealed, February 15, 2018
Hon. John G. Ingram, Acting Surrogate
Doreen C. Quinn, Chief Clerk
Name of Attorney for Petitioner: Erin A. Cummings, Esq. Antonelli & Antonelli
Tel. No. (212)227-2424
Address of Attorney: 225

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PROBATE CITATION
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A petition having been duly filed by Michele J. T. Haller, who is domiciled at 370 Taggart Haller Lane, Sparta, TN 38583
YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, Kings County, 2 Johnson St., Room 319, Brooklyn, New York, on March 29 2018, at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, why a decree should not be made in the estate of John Joseph Harte lately domiciled at 8300 4th Avenue, Apt. 412, Brooklyn, NY admitting to probate a Will dated February 19, 1987. (a C o d i c i l dated _____) (a C o d i c i l dated _____) as the Will of John Joseph Harte deceased, relating to real and personal property, and directing that
Letters Testamentary issue to : Michele J.T. Haller
Dated, Attested and Sealed
February 1, 2018

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1736 53rd Holdings LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 2/12/2018. Cty: Kings. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to 232 Broadway, Ste. 400, Brooklyn, NY 11211. General Purpose.

LEGAL NOTICE

176-180 Grand Street, LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 1/16/2018 Cty: Kings. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to Enrique Viera, 302 Bedford Ave., No. 48, Brooklyn, NY 11211. General Purpose.

LEGAL NOTICE

442 Graham Avenue, LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 1/24/2018. Cty: Kings. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to 442 Graham Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11211. General Purpose.

LEGAL NOTICE

554 Henry Street, LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 1/4/2018. Cty: Kings. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to 554 Henry St., Brooklyn, NY 11201. General Purpose.

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560 19th St LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 2/12/2018. Cty: Kings.

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SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to Paul Basile, 135 13th St., Brooklyn, NY 11215. General Purpose.

LEGAL NOTICE

76 Rapelye LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 1/12/2018. Cty: Kings. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to 78 Rapelye St., Brooklyn, NY 11231. General Purpose.

LEGAL NOTICE

9612 LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/07/18. Office: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 9322 Third Avenue, Suite 502, Brooklyn, NY 11209. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

LEGAL NOTICE

Andy Levine LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 2/7/2017. Cty: Kings. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to Andrew Levine, 4121 7th Ave., Apt. O, Brooklyn, NY 11232. General Purpose.

LEGAL NOTICE

Beechwood Pacific LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 12/15/2017. Cty: Kings. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to 190 South 1st St., #10A, Brooklyn, NY 11211. General Purpose.

LEGAL NOTICE

Cora Michael Fine Art LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 1/8/2018. Cty: Kings. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to Cora Michael, 295 St. Johns Pl., #5F, Brooklyn, NY 11238. General Purpose.

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HUNTER LAKE DEVELOPMENT LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/17/18.

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Office: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 52 Clark Street, #7L, Brooklyn, NY 11201. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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ICSUN, LLC. Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 02/07/2017. Office in KINGS COUNTY. SSNY desig. agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 1069 EAST 9TH STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11230. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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Intellectum Solutions LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 2/2/2018. Cty: Kings. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to 236 Etna St., Brooklyn, NY 11208. General Purpose.

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JMARI ADVISORS LLC. Art. Of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/07/18. Office: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom Process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 275 Park Ave, Apt 2E, Brooklyn, NY 11205. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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MB Realty Property LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 12/22/2017. Cty: Kings. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to Paul Basile, 135 13th St., Brooklyn, NY 11215. General Purpose.

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Notice of Formation of 303 23RD STREET DEVELOPMENT, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/25/18. Office location: Kings County. Princ. office of LLC: 45 Main St., Ste. 526, Brooklyn, NY 11201. SSNY designated

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as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC at the addr. of its princ. office. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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Notice of formation of 6508-6510 11th Ave LLC Arts. of Org. filed with the NY Sect'y of State (SSNY) on 1/23/2018. Office located in Kings County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 6522 11th Ave., Brooklyn NY 11219. Purpose: any lawful act.

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Notice of Formation of ARC AGENCY LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/18/18. Office location: Kings County. Princ. office of LLC: 203 Harrison Pl., #327, Brooklyn, NY 11237. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC at the addr. of its princ. office. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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Notice of Formation of CHICAGO BOXING FILM, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/29/18. Office location: Kings County. Princ. office of LLC: 123 Seventh Ave., #139, Brooklyn, NY 11215. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC at the addr. of its princ. office. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: 703 E 5TH LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 12/13/17. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: 703 E 5TH ST BROOKLYN, NY 11218. Purpose: any lawful purpose.



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NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: PASCHALL LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 02/27/2015. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: C/O UNITED STATES CORPORATION AGENTS, INC. 7014 13TH AVENUE, SUITE 202 BROOKLYN, NY 11228. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: LIZRD BRAIN, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/30/2017. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: UNITED STATES CORPORATION AGENTS, INC. 7014 13TH AVENUE SUITE 202 BROOKLYN, NY 11228. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: EOS INTERACTIVE, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 10/03/2017. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: JOSE ZAMBRANO 203

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HARRISON PL, STUDIO 350 BROOKLYN, NY 11237. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: INKY PRODUCTIONS, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/07/2017. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: RACHAEL L. NEVINS 822 OCEAN AVE., APT. 4E BROOKLYN, NY 11226. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: JDS LEGACY HOLDINGS, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/14/2017. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: THE LLC 663 REMSEN AVENUE BROOKLYN, NY 11236. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: THE SOPHIA CONSULTING FIRM LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 12/29/2017. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as

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agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: THE SOPHIA CONSULTING FIRM LLC 186 LENOX RD, #4B BROOKLYN, NY 11226. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: CRAZY MOOD SHOW LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 10/03/2017. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: CRAZY MOOD SHOW LLC 7619 21ST AVE APT 3R BROOKLYN, NEW YORK, 11214. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: SECURED SERVICE GROUP LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 09/09/2016. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: SECURED SERVICE GROUP LLC 323 LEWIS AVENUE #1 BROOKLYN, NY 11221. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: BOUTIQUE BK, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 07/14/2017. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: MATTHEW JOSHUA RICKETTS 187 SACKETT STREET SUITE 1 BROOKLYN, NY 11231. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: KENDALL AND CO DESIGN LLC. Articles of

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Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 06/07/2017. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: KENDALL AND CO DESIGN LLC 189 CORNELIA STREET #2 BROOKLYN, NY 11221. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: GARAGE MAKEOVER, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 01/19/2018. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: JEFFREY W. NERO 9322 3RD AVE. STE 171 BROOKLYN, NY 11209. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: 1203 NOSTRAND LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 10/17/2017. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY 348 FENIMORE STREET BROOKLYN, NY 11225. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: 1285 FULTON, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 02/02/2018. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: MICHAEL GOULD 97-17 130TH STREET SOUTH RICHMOND HILL, NY 11419. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: B N F FAMILY LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 01/16/2018. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: DONG-RU TAI 74 AVENUE O BROOKLYN, NY 11204. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: THE UNIVERSE NEW YORK, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/22/2017. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: REGISTERED AGENTS INC. 90 STATE STREET, SUITE 700, OFFICE 40, ALBANY, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: MWP (MEN WITH PURPOSE) LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 01/13/2017. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: LEGALINC CORPORATE SERVICES INC 1967 WEHRLE DRIVE STE 1 #086 BUFFALO, NY 14221. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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Notice of Formation of LISA KLEINMAN LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/30/18. Office location: Kings County, Princ. office of LLC: 339 President St., Brooklyn, NY 11231. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Lisa Kleinman at the princ. office of the LLC. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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Notice of Formation of Xin Fang Hua LLC, Art. of Org. filed Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/9/2018. Office location: Kings County. SSNY Designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: The LLC, 754 53rd St., Brooklyn, NY 11220. Purpose: any lawful activity.

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Notice of Qualification of Another Management Company, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/02/17. Office location: Kings County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 09/27/17. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o eResidentAgent, Inc., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 805A, Albany, NY 12210. Address to be maintained in DE: 1013 Centre Rd., Ste. 403S, Wilmington, DE 19805. Arts of Org. filed with the Secy. of State, John G. Townsend Bldg., 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19910. Purpose: any lawful activities.

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Notice of Qualification of DDK HOTELS LLC Appl. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/22/18. Office location: Kings County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 07/17/14. Princ. office of LLC: 55 Water St., Brooklyn, NY 11201. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to c/o Corporation Service Co. (CSC), 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207-2543. DE addr. of LLC: c/o CSC, 251 Little Falls Dr., Wilmington, DE 19808. Cert. of Form. filed with Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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Notice of Qualification of GFE NOSTRAND AVENUE LLC Appl. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/04/17. Office location: Kings County.

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LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 10/05/17. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, Attn: George Fellows, 462 Mariner Dr., Jupiter, FL 33477. DE addr. of LLC: c/o National Registered Agents, Inc., 160 Greentree Dr., Ste. 101, Dover, DE 19904. Cert. of Form. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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Notice of Qualification of HUDSON VIEW BROKERAGE LLC. Authority filed with NY Dept. of State on 11/08/2017. Office location: Kings County. Princ. bus. addr.: ERIC REIZIS HUDSON VIEW BROKERAGE LLC 201 MARIN BLVD, SUITE 1410 JERSEY CITY, NJ 07302. LLC formed in NEW JERSEY on 09/14/2017. NY Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: ROWE LAW GROUP LLC 317 GEORGE STREET SUITE NO. 400 NEW BRUNSWICK, NEW JERSEY 08901. 201 MARIN BLVD SUITE NO. 1410 JERSEY CITY, NEW JERSEY 07302 Cert. of Form. filed with STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY NJ DIVISION OF REVENUE CORPORATE FILING UNIT PO BOX 308 TRENTON, NJ 08646. Purpose: all lawful purposes.

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Our Ideas, LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 1/11/2018. Cty: Kings. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to 181 Lafayette Ave., Apt. 3, Brooklyn, NY 11238. General Purpose.

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PAB 11 St Holdings LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 12/21/2017. Cty: Kings. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to Paul Basile, 135 13th St., Brooklyn, NY 11215. General Purpose.

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