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A HEALTHY SNACK: Lisa Davis and Lora Pinahasova handed out crunchy apples to raise awareness for a healthy diet at a community health fair in Canarsie on July 29. Photo by Steve Solomonson

Health fair brings fun to Canarsie

BY KEVIN DUGGAN

It was an afternoon of fun and health.

Hundreds of Canarsie residents came out for a day of dancing, face painting, and health education at the Community Health Fair on July 29. The event, organized by home-care provider Four Seasons Health Care and the 69th Precinct, offered locals the chance to have a fun-filled afternoon while learning more about health and safety, according to a local pol who attended the event.

"A lot of people came after church, so they were appreciative that there was something on a Sunday afternoon that they could bring their kids to—and not only for kids to have fun with the face painting and the activities, but also for them to receive educational information," said state Sen. Roxanne Persaud (D-Canarsie).

The event, which featured giveaways and dance competitions, attracted around 200 visitors, according to the organizer.

"It was a very nice and wellrounded event and a chance to really connect with the local community," said Mordechai Heller, Four Seasons Health Continued on page 12

BUS-TED DEPOT

Bus drivers illegally park, evade tickets in M'Park



Magic hour

Shéba Michel and Amiel McDuffie are ready to cast a spell at the Brooklyn Public Library's celebration of the 20th anniversary of the publication of the first Harry Potter novel. For more on the fun, **see page 4**.

Photo by Stefano Giovannini

BY KEVIN DUGGAN

Call them bus despots.

Metropolitan Transportation Authority employees at the Flatbush Bus Depot in Marine Park routinely park illegally on surrounding streets but evade parking tickets by placing authority paraphernalia in the dashboards of their personal cars, according to a local pol.

"The workers who work in the depot will park illegally," said Councilman Alan Maisel (D-Marine Park). "They might not have placards but they'll put something that says 'Transist Authority' and the cops are reluctant to give them tickets."

The workers' cars take up public spaces all along the streets surrounding the depot, including on Utica, Fillmore and Flatbush avenues as well as E. 49th Street, even though a designated employee parking lot is available just one block away at Utica Avenue and Avenue N.

Many neighboring busi-Continued on page 12



WHAT ME WORRY?: Transit Authority employees push their luck on Utica Avenue with only a work vest for protection.

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THE FACTS OF 'LIFE'

Ridge artist's take on classic board game spotlights immigrant experience

BY JULIANNE MCSHANE

She has skin in this game.

A Bay Ridge artist created a new version of a classic board game, focusing on immigrants' experiences as they resettle in the United States, inspired by her own move from France as a teenager. Isabelle Garbani said she hopes "Life: Immigration Game" — which is available for locals to play for free at Caffe Café on Third Avenue at 84th Street through the end of the year — will help raise awareness of the challenges that immigrants must face and overcome.

"I want people to go through some of the experiences that immigrants go through, and develop a little bit more empathy for the immigration experience," said Garbani, who has lived in Bay Ridge since 2005 and teaches sculpture and public art at Wagner College on bucolic Staten Island.

"Life: Immigration Game" uses the same general concept as the classic Milton Bradlev game, which brings players through life's highs and lows - including college, working, getting married, having children, and owning a home while they earn and lose money along the way. But Garbani customized her game by overlaying the board's surface with her old family photos and rewriting all the tiles along the path to reflect the real-life — and sometimes unexpected - triumphs and tribulations ; that she culled from interviews with about 20 local immigrants.

Everything in the game is something that's actually happened to someone," she said.

Garbani and her family members - whom she also interviewed for the game—experienced some of the challenges in the game themselves when they emigrated from their native France to Massachusetts in 1984, when Garbani was 17-years-old. She quickly en-





GAME OF "LIFE": (Top) Ridge resident Isabelle Garbani, right, created an immigration-themed version of the "Life" board game, which will be on display and available for locals to play at Caffe Cafe on Third Avenue at 84th Street – co-owned by Kelley Lynch, left – through the winter. (Above and right) Garbani's "Life: Immigration Game" gives players a taste of the issues immigrants have to deal with on a daily basis.

countered strong prejudices against both her French culture and her status as an immigrant, she said, and those memories helped inform her decision to create the game.

"People would make jokes

about the French all the time. thinking it was really funny, saying things like, 'thank god we saved you in World War II — if it weren't for us, you'd be speaking German,' or, 'of course you like cheese, you're



French — that's probably why you're stinky, too," she recalled. "I wanted to do a project on immigration for a long time because of those microaggressions and the good and

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OFF EASY: Conor McGregor cut a deal with the district attorney to do community service and take anger-management classes after the Ultimate Fighting Championship athlete turned himself in to local cops following an April fracas outside the Barclays Center.

Conor McGregor cuts plea deal after Barclays melee

BY COLIN MIXSON

This fight ended with a slap on the wrist.

Celebrity brawler Conor McGregor struck a sweetheart deal with District Attorney Eric Gonzalez that let the Ultimate Fighting Championship athlete walk away with a clean record after an April scuffle outside the Barclays Center in which he injured two other athletes and a security guard.

"I'm thankful to the DA and the judge for allowing me to move forward," McGregor said following his July 26 sentencing, "I want to say thanks to my friends, my family, my fans, thank you for your support.

The Irish mixed-martial artist pled guilty to a disorderly-conduct violation before a Criminal Court judge, who subsequently sentenced him to five days of community service and angermanagement classes, in exchange for the top prosecutor dropping all felony assault charges against him, according to Gonzalez's spokes-

McGregor turned himself in to cops at the 78th Precinct earlier this year after he hurled a metal hand truck at a bus outside the Prospect Heights venue, shattering glass that cut fellow fighters Michael Chiesa and Raymond Borg, all of whom were in town for an Ultimate Fighting Championship event.

The "notorious" athlete then demonstrated his superior striking ability on an arena security guard, hitting him in the face with a few well-placed jabs.

McGregor walked free 24hours later after posting his \$50,000 bail, but the day after that, the fighting league's former lightweight champion lost his belt to rival athlete Khabib Nurmagomedov after Nurmagomedov defeated another brawler to claim the

The plea deal also allows the star of the 2017 documentary "Conor McGregor: Notorious" to travel freely in and out of the country, according to the district attorney's of-

And that's a good thing, because McGregor — who still holds an Ultimate Fighting Championship record as its only competitor to win the light- and featherweight belts in his career — is now returning his attention to the fighting-league, according to his manager, who told ESPN his client looks forward to talking with bigwigs about how the Brooklyn brawl and its fallout will affect his status with the organization.

"We're going to get back to talking with them, we've had some communication in the last few weeks. Everybody wants to get back to the good old days," Audie Attar said.

Undercover boss

Head of Industry City fails to introduce himself at waterfront development town hall meeting

BY JULIANNE MCSHANE

He was hiding in plain sight.

Sunset Parkers blasted Industry City chief executive officer Andrew Kimball for trying to blend into the crowd at a town hall on his waterfront development on July 23, and never telling fellow attendees that he was in charge of one of the main subjects of the discussion.

One local said that officials for Community Board 7, which organized the event, should have pointed Kimball out to the crowd when he failed to identify himself.

"They should've been called out, and that is the organizer's fault," said Sunset Park resident Maria Roca, who arrived late and said she didn't notice Kimball was there until the end. "Why didn't they call them out? It could have been done very nicely."

Kimball attended the event in the neighborhood's temporary library at CB7's Fourth Avenue office at 43rd Street, where board officials presented information on developments at Kimball's mammoth manufacturing complex, Industry City, as well as the cityowned Brooklyn Navy Yard, and the Made in New York campus at Bush Terminal.

But CB7 officials specifically zeroed in on discussing the potential future of Industry City, due to the hub's rezoning bid, which reps will apply for this fall with the hope of adding more retail and two hotels to the property. The community board would have the chance to weigh in on the rezoning in an advisory capacity as part of the city's uniform land use review procedure.

But when town hall attendees broke off into small groups to discuss their opinions on the benefits and concerns of waterfront development generally — and the Industry City rezoning in particular — one board member who was in Kimball's group said she was shocked when he weighed in on Industry City's benefits to the local economy without revealing his obvious conflict of interest.

'In response to [the community board's question about]



INCOGNITO: Industry City chief executive officer Andrew Kimball participated in a town hall hosted by CB7 to discuss developments at Industry City and other parts of the waterfront, but he did not identify himself to the locals who showed up, irking some attendees.

File photo by Elizabeth Graham

bring to the area, he said jobs and partnerships with higher education and schools," said Marcela Mitaynes. "He did give his input."

But Mitaynes said that in the interest of transparency. Kimball should have identified himself - or been pointed out by the board so that locals knew who he was and why he was there. Mitaynes did not out him herself at the time, but rather thought it was the responsibility of the board if Kimball failed to do so himself.

"I don't know how many people know who he is and what role he plays, and I think that's a conversation that we need to have about wanting to be transparent, whether he identifies himself or the board identifies him," she said.

The CB7 chairman, Cesar Zuniga, said that the board did not specifically invite Kimball what could this development to the event, but agreed that he

should have identified the executive in front of the crowd, and pledged to do so if Kimball shows up at the board's three upcoming town halls on the topic, slated for Aug. 13, Sept. 17, and Oct. 1 in the same loca-

"I think maybe moving forward we will ask him to identify himself, because Industry City has a pretty large stake in this," Zuniga said. "In the spirit of full disclosure and being transparent, it probably makes sense to disclose that he's in the room."

Kimball refused to answer a reporter's questions after the event, and directed inquiries to a spokeswoman, who sent this paper a statement about the development's role in the local economy but did not address why Kimball didn't identify himself at the meeting or if he planned to identify himself at future town halls he attends.

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Magical show at Library

BY COLIN MIXSON

Talk about the magic of reading!

Kids celebrated Harry Potter's 20th birthday at Brooklyn Public Library's Central Branch on July 28, in an event that recreated the wonder of the beloved children's novels, according to one mom.

"We had a great time," said Shéba Michel. "My children love Harry Potter."

For Potter's birthday bash - a celebration of the character and the Sorcerer's Stone" librarians redecorated the Grand Army Plaza book lender's basement to resemble the Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry.

The wizarding academy offered courses in herbology, divination, and charms, along with instructions on how to properly care for magical creatures, including unicorns and dragons, and proved so convincing that some kids started Harry Potter Fan Club.

ter's 1997 debut in "Harry Pot- to feel like they were back in real school, said Michel.

"They enjoyed that, but it was little long for them," she

Outside, the kids were treated to wand-making classes, and games of the classic wizard sport of quidditch, which the young athletes played on foot, for lack of any flying brooms.

Library staff produced the event with the New York City



SPELLBINDING: (Above) Wizard Kellene O'Hara shows off her wand at Brooklyn Public Library's Harry Potter birthday party - a celebration of the 20th anniversary of the character's debut. (Center) Quidditch players, from left, Benjamin Gruderk, Kara Kavanagh, Anton Spivack, and Abraham Makhdoomi. (Left) Kids try their hands at the wizard sport guidditch. Photos by Stefano Giovannini

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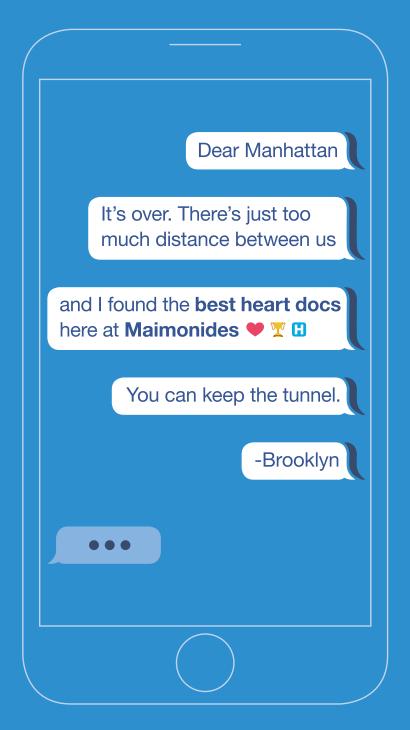
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CB7 committee tackles homeless shelters

BY JULIANNE MCSHANE

Members of Community Board 7's committee on homelessness convened on July 25 to address the problem of the city opening shelters in Sunset Park without consulting the board, according to the board's district manager.

"I don't have a problem with homeless folks in general — I have a big problem with the Department of Homeless Services," said Jeremy Laufer. "I think it's a very poorly run agency. I don't think they consider the communities that they are hosted in."

But even worse than not giving information, Laufer alleges that the agency sometimes knowingly provides false information.

"I think they outright lie to the public, and they get district managers to lie to people when they spread their false information," he said.

The 11 members of the twoyear-old ad hoc committee gathered at the board's office at Fourth Avenue and 43rd Street to discuss its new mission and plan strategy. The committee chairwoman, Karen Rolnick, drafted the mission statement. which echoed Laufer's sentiment that the locals were not seeking to demonize people living in shelters, but instead "ensure that homeless people in our district get the support and services they need, while also ensuring that the presence of shelters does not negatively impact safety or quality of life in our neighborhood."

"We need to have a stated goal, I think, so we don't become the 'not-in-my-backyard' group or anything like that," Rolnick said.

Locals have blasted the city in recent years for converting so many hotels in the neighborhood to homeless shelters, complaining that the district hosts a disproportionate number of shelters because the area actually has a low number of homeless people.

There are currently more than 260 homeless people from CB7's district in shelters citywide, according to a spokesman for the homeless-services agency, but the district hosts more than twice that number — providing 825 beds divided between three traditional shelters and six commercial hotels being used



NO VACANCY: Community board 7 is mobilizing to confront the proliferation of homeless shelters in Sunset Park, such as this stalled Howard Johnson hotel on 24th Street between Third and Fourth avenues that was converted into a temporary family shelter.

as emergency shelters.

The 650 beds in commercial hotels will be phased out under Mayor DeBlasio's plan to stop using hotels by 2023,

according to spokesman Isaac McGinn, but the agency expects to find traditional shelter space in the district for at least another 100 people who

previously lived in the district over the next few years.

Laufer said he was aware of the agency's plan to open new Continued on page 14

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BAY RIDGE-DYKER HEIGHTS

Rude awakening

Police arrested a man who allegedly followed a woman into her 84th Street home on July 24 and stared at her while she slept in her bedroom.

Officers say the man began following the woman near Ridge Boulevard at 10 pm, and followed her down 84th Street to her home between Colonial Road and Ridge Boulevard, and where she woke up to find him staring at her while she slept, according to the report.

Seat stealer

A crook smashed the windows of a car parked near Dyker Beach Park on July 23 — and stole the vehicle's seats and tires.

The theft occurred near Poly Place at some point overnight and before 12:30 pm, police said.

Bad ride

A pair of punks escaped a cab ride without paying and then assaulted the driver by punching him and stunning him with a Taser on Fourth Avenue on July 25.

The assault began at 84th Street around 7:20 pm, when the cab driver dropped the men off, and they tried to leave without paying, police said. When the driver tried to stop the men, one of them clocked him — causing a laceration to his ear and bruising to his back — before stunning him with the Taser, cops said.

The man who assaulted the driver left his tablet in the car, and the second man left his phone, sunglasses, and necklace in the vehicle, police said.

Playtime gone wrong

Police arrested a man who they say struck another man twice on the right side of his forehead at a playground on Shore Road on July 26

The alleged assault occurred at the playground near Oliver Street just after 8 am, police said, and left the victim.

62ND PRECINCT

BENSONHURST-BATH BEACH

Nap time

A crook threatened a man with a baseball bat and stole his slippers on Bay Parkway on July 29.

The incident occurred at Shore Parkway just after 3:30 am, when the baddie confronted the driver and demanded he get out of the car, adding that he wanted to talk to him. The lowlife then reached into the car, turned off the ignition, and took the keys before going back to his own car, grabbing the baseball bat, and chasing the



driver down police said.

When the victim ran away, his slippers fell off his feet, and the thief swiped them, police added.

Car shopping

A thief stole jewelry and designer sunglasses from a woman's car parked on Bay 29th Street on July 24.

The theft occurred at the parking spot between 86th Street and Benson Avenue at around 6 pm, police said.

Home invasion

A baddie broke into a 73rd Street home on July 24 and stole electronics, jewelry, and a backpack, police said.

The break-in and theft occurred at the home at 16th Avenue around 2:30 pm, when the crook broke in and exited through a side window, according to police.

Gone in a second

A thief stole a man's wallet with his MetroCard and credit and debit cards inside when he put it down on a shelf while shopping at a store on Avenue U on July 25.

The theft occurred at the store at W. Eighth Street around 12:30 pm, police said.

Knife try

A knife-toting lout tried to break into a man's Avenue O apartment through a window on July 27.

The attempted break-in occurred at the home between W. Fourth and Fifth streets just before 9:30 am, when the perp first rang the man's doorbell and knocked on the door after he entered the building through an unlocked front door, police said.

Then, he tried to break in by lifting the window with a knife, but when the man closed the window on the lout, he fled on Avenue O towards W. Sixth Street, cops said.

While you were out

A miscreant broke into a woman's W. 10th Street home and stole \$300 plus credit and debit cards on July 27.

The theft occurred at the home between Avenues O and P around 9:45 am, when the woman returned home from the laundromat to find both her living room and bedroom windows wide open, according to police.

Crook who couldn't

An aspiring robber tried to break into a man's 84th Street home on July 29 by opening numerous windows and screens, police said.

The attempted break-in occurred at the home between 14th and 15th avenues just before 5 am, according to the report.

72ND PRECINCT

SUNSET PARK-WINDSOR TERRACE

Love triangle

Police arrested a man who allegedly stabbed another man in the chest and back on 49th Street on July 30.

The alleged assault occurred between Third and Fourth avenues at around 11:30 pm, when the pair were fighting about a girl, police said. Emergency medical personnel brought the man to Lutheran Medical Center, according to the report.

Stolen wheels

A crook stole a yellow 1986 Chevrolet Sedan from its Fifth Avenue parking spot on July 29, the owner reported to police the next day.

The vehicle was parked near 35th Street, and the thief stole it sometime between 7 and 9 pm, according to the report.

Biked into the night

A bandit stole a blue 2009 Yamaha motorcycle from its 74th Street parking spot on July 30.

The sneak stole the bike from the spot between Seventh and Eighth avenues at some point between 1 am and 5:30 am, cops said.

— Julianne McShane

60TH PRECINCT

CONEY ISLAND-BRIGHTON BEACH-SEAGATE

Shooting on W. 33rd

A gunman shot a guy on W. 33rd Street, cops say.

Police say they found the victim with one gunshot wound to his chest outside a housing complex near Neptune Avenue around 9:45 pm, before taking him to Lutheran hospital. Cops found six shell casings on the scene, the report says.

Three on one

Three jerks robbed a guy at gun-

point in a Bay 44th Street park on July 28, cops say.

The victim told cops he was sitting on a bench in the playground near Shore Parkway around 11:40 pm when the three snakes approached him from behind. One pointed a gun at him, while another put him in a chokehold, and the third stood lookout, police reported.

The gun-touting fiend said "give me all your s--- or I'll shoot you," while one of the jerks rifled through the victim's pockets, swiping his keys and phone before all three fled, according to authorities.

Caught sleeping

Some sneak robbed a guy while he dozed on a Coney Island-bound Q train on July 29, cops say.

The victim told cops he boarded the Q at Atlantic Avenue at 3 am, after having a few drinks, then fell asleep while in transit. According to the report, another passenger woke the victim up near the Brighton Beach stop, and he realized his phone had been swiped.

— Ben Verde

61ST PRECINCT

SHEEPSHEAD BAY-HOMECREST-MANHATTAN BEACH-GRAVESEND

What a tool!

A burglar broke into a vehicle and stole a bunch of tools at W. Seventh Street between July 20 and 23.

The looter broke the rear window of the vehicle, which was parked in a chain-locked gated commercial area near Avenue V between Friday after 3:30 pm and Monday at 6:30 am and stole a Hilti core drill and a Miller MaxStar welding machine, according to authorities.

Cowardly attack

A group of ruffians cornered a man, struck him to the ground, and robbed him on Haring Street on July 22.

The victim told police he was near Avenue Z at 2 am when he was approached by seven men. Four of the nogoodniks surrounded him, punched him in the face, and knocked him to the ground, he told police. The pillagers went through the victim's pockets and stole his Coolpad cellphone, a New York State ID, and cash, and then fled towards the corner of Avenue Z, cops reported.

Phone snatcher

A thief stole a man's iPhone and took off on Mackenzie Street on July 28.

The victim told cops that he was near Oriental Boulevard at 10:30 pm when the bandit forced his iPhone X from his hands and then took off in a black Hyundai Sonata towards Brighton Beach. — Kevin Duggan

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Pass the joint

DA says pot policy keeps stoners out of jail

BY COLIN MIXSON

Weed rather not jail them.

Brooklyn's top prosecutor is taking credit for keeping Kings County potheads out of the joint, claiming his decision to expand the district attorney's non-prosecution policy in the spring has cut the amount of borough marijuana arrests by more than half.

"Earlier this year, we expanded our existing nonprosecution policy to include smoking cases," said District Attorney Eric Gonzalez. "That pilot policy proved to be effective in dramatically reducing the number of low-level marijuana cases processed in court."

Gonzalez's predecessor Ken Thompson instituted the nonprosecution policy after taking office in 2014, claiming New York's drug laws disproportionately affected Blacks and Hispanics, despite indications that white residents smoke more than their fair share of Kings County's chronic.

But advocates with the Drug Policy Alliance criticized the program as being too limited in scope, and pointed to statistics that showed prosecutors pursued charges in 80 percent of all Kings County pot busts in 2016.

Gonzalez In response, formed a think tank that included local pot experts from the Drug Policy Alliance to explore options for expanding the policy, and this spring announced that his office would let most stoners caught smoking in public off the hook.

And whether a direct result of Gonzalez's discretionary pot prosecution or not, smalltime pot busts are way down in Brooklyn, with 425 arrests in January versus 168 in June, according to the district attorney's statistics.

And of those pot arrests in June, only 29 found their way to criminal court, versus the 349 possession cases that were

prosecuted in January, Gonzalez said.

The district attorney's office still reserves the right to prosecute stoners caught lighting up in public, but only in certain limited cases, such as while driving, while riding public transportation, or when in close proximity to schools.

And since reefer madness appears to have spread from the district attorney's office to the police department, Borough President Eric Adams praised Gonzalez for exercising his prosecutorial discretion for the benefit of his constituent tokers.

"I commend the Brooklyn district attorney's office for leading the effort to create a more equitable justice system that is fair and smart," Adams

The city is also in the process of implementing new protocols when it comes to the sticky icky. Mayor DeBlasio announced in June that, be-



POT LUCK: District Attorney Eric Gonzalez says his non-prosecution policy has cut the borough's marijuana arrests by more than half.

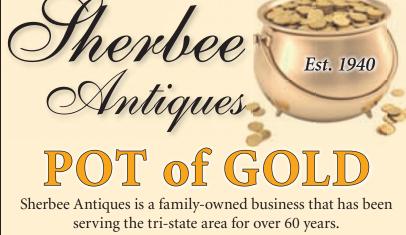
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ginning Sept. 1, anyone caught smoking weed in public — but without a criminal record would be issued a summons in lieu of arrest, a policy shift his office estimates will lead to 10,000 fewer arrests next year.

A spokesman for the Pa-

trolmen's Benevolent Association declined to comment regarding Gonzalez's pot policy. The Drug Policy Alliance also declined to comment about the district attorney's expansion of the non-prosecution policy.





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VESTED INTEREST: Why pay for parking when a transit vest will do? Transit Authority workers leave their cars with vests on the dash instead of feeding the meter.

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PARKING

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nesses have complained to the police and to the authority, saying that the cars are taking spaces away from their customers, but the problem persists, according to Maisel.

"Every once in a while, the local storekeepers come into the office and they complain to get the cops to crack down," he said. "And if you don't do this on a daily basis, it becomes put to the side until someone else complains."

Transist Authority workers regularly park their cars illegally all day outside one local business owner's property on the corner of E. 49th Street and Fillmore Avenue.

"They park their cars on the side of the diner where there's a meter," said Steve Zaharakis, owner of the Floridian Diner directly across from the depot. "They put their vehicles there with an MTA shirt in front of the dash and nobody ever puts any money in the meter. They just leave their vehicles there and go to work — and if they didn't do that, people could use those parking spaces."

A store supervisor at the Petco store on Utica Avenue echoed the complaints, saying that he sees transit employees leaving their cars parked all over the area without feeding the meters.

"They leave their cars there all day, every day, with their vests in their car, showing the MTA logo," said the supervisor, who declined to give his name because he wasn't authorized to speak for the pet-supply chain. "I see that on Flatbush, Fillmore, Avenue S, parking all through the blocks."

The illegal practice causes a lot of hassles for local business and the surrounding residential community because the cars take up spaces for customers and locals, according to the Petco supervisor.

"A lot of businesses are very upset about it," he said. "It prevents people from actually being able to park, including neighbors that want to park after-hours because they don't have a driveway."

Authority spokesman Andre Berman said that the issue has been raised in the past and the authority has repeatedly reminded employees to "adhere to all parking rules and regulations which are enforced by the NYPD."

HEALTH

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Care's director of business development.

Visitors got health screenings for blood pressure, blood sugar, and body mass index, as well as information about nutrition and diabetes and weight management.

Four Seasons Health Care had a number of stands to promote its health services, and reminded visitors that even if they didn't think they needed them, they may know someone who might, according to a staff member at the event.

"There's people that stop by and say 'I'm young, I'm in my 50s, I don't need home care services,' and you let them know, you might not need it, but you might have a loved one or neighbor or friend that might need some type of home-care services department," said Melissa Kalloo, an account manager for Four Seasons Health Care.

The activity-filled health fair was so engaging that it kept some locals



FUN AT THE FAIR: Raphal Corpuz proudly shows off his painting skills.

Photo by Steve Solomonson

around for the whole afternoon, according to Kalloo.

"I had a woman stop by the table and tell me she was only supposed to stop by for an hour she and her mom didn't leave until the end," she said.







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SHELTERS

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shelters in the district, but didn't know how they would stick to their timeline since Mayor DeBlasio will be out of office by 2023.

"What they don't tell you is that the plan goes beyond DeBlasio's administration, so how do they plan on enforcing it?" he asked.

Beyond complaints about the total number of shelters, Sunset Park residents also take issue with how the city tends to dump them in the district with no consultation and little notice. Last December, for example, locals were irate that the city gave them less than 24-hour's notice of its plan to use 22 of the Brooklyn Way Hotel's 99 rooms to house homeless people.

Because it was an "emergency shelter," explained a spokeswoman for the Department of Homeless Services, the city technically didn't have to give the community notice.

But McGinn said that the agency was committed to keeping communities in the loop as they opened new shel-

"Communities will be the

first to know as new locations are identified for use as shelter," he said.

Rolnick said a first step for the committee would be to demand from the city the locations of all the shelters in the district and the total number of beds, and start contacting the shelters directly about how best to integrate the shelters into the community.

"It's so opaque to even try to find out where the shelters are," she said. "In the short term, we should start contacting these shelters immediately, two of us going to these places as part of the community board and getting information and talking to them to see if they're willing also to come to our meeting and talk with us also."

Laufer added that the committee should also form working groups composed of locals, board members, and representatives from the local shelters to act as a liaison between the shelters and the general pub-

"I really think a short-term goal should be to have a single community advisory committee for all of [the shelters], or a community advisory committee for each of them, perhaps depending on how large they are," he said.

GAME OF LIFE

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bad of moving here."

Players start by drawing an "identification card," which lists their profession and salary in their country of origin and their new circumstances upon arrival in the U.S. Garbani pulled certain details - including substantial pay cuts and professional changes forced by lack of U.S.-specific qualifications — from the interviews she conducted, she said. In one instance, a Pakistani surgeon goes from making \$22,000 a year to making \$11,000 working as a health aide in Texas. In another, a Yemeni math teacher earning \$16,000 annually back home loses half of their salary when they become a school janitor in Minnesota.

Then players progress through "life," earning and losing thousands along the way as they encounter both quotidian and lifealtering challenges. "Co-workers mock your culture every day. Pay \$5,000 for therapy," reads one tile, which Garbani said was inspired by her experience working in the corporate video game industry. Others detail pricier difficulties: "Scammed by immigration lawyer! Pay \$25,000," reads one. "Need to identify body of relatives dead in Arizona desert border crossing. Pay \$10,000 for DNA test," reads another, inspired by a true story detailed in "The Death of Josseline," one of the non-fiction books Garbani consulted in her research.

But Garbani said that even though President Trump's policies limiting immigration and separating children from their families have thrust immigrants' stories into the news recently, she created the game to focus on the



GAME PLAN: Garbani's creation is based on the classic "Life" board game from Milton Bradley.

Photo by Trey Pentecost

age-old commonalities of the immigrant experience, adding that she expects the game will make players feel differently than they do when playing a normal board game.

"It's not about changes in immigration laws that have happened recently, but instead it's about what it's like to be in a foreign land, and not know the language, and not know the cultural references, having your entire family away from you, not having a safe community for you to be in," she said.

"I want people to understand what that's like, so I do want them to feel a little bit unsettled.'

Garbani is currently working on creating a smaller version of the game to sell online, and aims to spread the full-size version of the game to other game cafes on the distant isle of Manhattan and eventually in cities across the country, she said. But for now, she hopes the game helps Ridgites remember the important role that immigrants play in the country they all call home.

"America is really a country of immigrants, and I'd like people to remember that,"

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Neighborhood policing program rolls out in 68th Pct.

BY JULIANNE MCSHANE

These cops are back on the beat.

Ridgites and Dyker Heights residents packed the auditorium at Xaverian High School in Bay Ridge on July 31 to learn more about the new neighborhood policing program that debuted in the 68th Precinct on July 16. The police chief who gave attendees an overview of the initiative said it was meant to shift policing priorities from racking up high arrest counts - a cornerstone of the zero-tolerance "broken-windows policing" popularized by former commissioner Bill Bratton in the mid-1990s — towards solving problems within the community.

"We're not going out and just issuing summons and making arrests — we want these neighborhood coordination officers to mediate the problems that are going on in the neighborhood," said Chief of Patrol Rodney Harrison.

The program assigns two so-called "neighborhood coordination officers" to each of the precinct's four sectors, where these officers will focus on solving problems, addressing quality-oflife concerns, and developing relationships with locals by attending community meetings, visiting schools, and following up on past incidents,



NEW BEATS: The new neighborhood policing program divides Bay Ridge and Dyker Heights' 68th Precinct into four sectors, assigning a rotating cast of 12 consistent patrol officers and two permanent neighborhood coordination officers to each area.

according to the program website. And in addition to the precinct's monthly community council meetings, the neighborhood coordination officers will host quarterly "Build the Block" meetings in their sectors, where locals can raise concerns mands — as part of the pro-

about crime and quality-oflife issues.

The 68th Precinct will also receive an additional 24 police officers — including new graduates from the police academy and others who are re-deployed from other com-

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gram, bringing its total number of officers in the precinct to 97, Harrison said. And in addition to the two neighborhood coordination officers assigned to each precinct, half of the precinct's total number of officers will also be assigned to four-person patrols of each sector, split between morning, afternoon, and night shifts.

Harrison said that neighborhood coordination officers attend a four-day neighborhood policing training course, a four-day mediation course at the New York Peace Institute, one-day public speaking class, and a two-week criminal investigation course as part of their training. The officers also attend biannual training sessions in de-escalating situations and dealing with emotionally disturbed individuals with all officers citywide, Harrison added.

Councilman Justin Brannan (D-Bay Ridge) told attendees at the July 31 event that he believes the program will help strengthen bonds between police officers and community members.

"I think the neighborhood policing program is really tailor made for neighborhoods like ours, where it's a tightknit community and everybody looks out for each other," Brannan said. "I think it's going to make a real difference, especially when it comes to quality of life crimes and things like that."

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Premier Ford opens second dealership in Bay Ridge

BY CAMILLE SPERRAZZA

Start those engines, and head on down to the new Premier Ford that just opened on 86th Street in Bay Ridge.

The July 19 grand opening festivities were enjoyed by curious customers as well as top management from Ford. All marveled at the shiny, new vehicles while enjoying pizza, soft drinks, and catered Italian food.

Owner Charlie Chalom already owns the oldest Ford and Lincoln dealership in the five boroughs, located on Glenwood Road. He is excited to add this second dealership, to better reach and serve the entire Brooklyn community.

Some exciting deals at the Bay Ridge location include 2017 Escape and Fusion cars available for under \$20,000, says Chalom. They're fabulous for families. If you prefer to lease, take advantage of specials like the \$99-a-month 2018 Focus. There are used cars, too, all certified by the Ford Motor Company.

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The service department for the Bay Ridge showroom is located on 58th Street and Second Avenue. There are 22 mechanics on staff, and Chalom says he plans to hire more.

"It is the largest service department in Brooklyn; and in all of New York City," he says.

Chalom was born in Egypt, and came to Brooklyn in 1970, when he was 22 years old. He likes to share his story because he is the first to admit that when he came here, he knew little about cars.

"In Egypt, I had never seen the type of cars that were offered here," he says.

His successful career started when he answered an ad for a job in the sales service department at Kotler Ford, a small dealership in Downtown. Because of his devotion, hard work, and fair treatment of all customers, he was promoted to manager, live in the borough. He also

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Clockwise from top) Joe and Charlie Chalom cut the ribbon at the grand opening ceremony of Premier Ford in Bay Ridge. State Sen. Marty Golden said a few words. Fran Vella-Marrone, of Rep. Dan Donovan's office, and Michael Sheldon, of Justin Brannan's office, congratulated, center, Charlie Chalom on the grand opening of his 86th Street Premier Ford dealership. Photos by Trey Pentecost

and then general manager of that shop. In 1981, he was presented with an opportunity to own his own dealership. He remains grateful to this country for his success, and is proud that his children help him run the family business, along with a dependable staff of loyal employees.

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Insurgent fights to get on Dem ballot

claimed Democratic socialist looking to unseat a longtime democratic state senator claims the long-time pol is trying to kick her off the hallot.

Political newcomer Julia Salazar wants to oust state Sen. Martin Malavé Dilan — who has represented parts of Bushwick, Williamsburg, Greenpoint, Bedford-Stuyvesant, East New York, and Brownsville up in Albany since 2003 - but she is embroiled in a court case that started Wednesday after Dilan challenged her petitions with the city's Board of Elections in an attempt to boot her from the ballot on primary day.

"He doesn't want voters in our district to have a choice," said Salazar, whose campaign picked up steam after fellow democratic socialist Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez famously bested an entrenched Queens congressman in June's federal primary.

Dilan — a one-time ally of disgraced Democratic party boss Vito Lopez — claims Salazar hasn't lived in the five



boroughs long enough to run for office in Kings County.

Salazar, who grew up in Florida and now lives in Bushwick, says his accusations are ridiculous and merely an attempt by another machine politician to prevent constituents from having a voice.

"That's absurd, of course. We can prove that I've lived in New York City for my entire adult life," she said. "Incumbents like Dilan don't fight fair. They're not content to make their case openly and honestly and let the voters decide. Instead, they use every trick in the book to try to destroy their opponents with falsehoods, voter suppression, personal attacks, backroom deals and frivolous lawsuits — anything to distract from the issues and intimidate the people who challenge

But Salazar, who has \$118,415 in her war chest, according to state records, and whose campaign says she has collected 4,000 signatures to get on the ballot for the Sept. 13 Democratic primary -3,000 more than needed — is confident that after the court case, voters will still have the opportunity to cast their ballots for her next month.

"I'm not intimidated by Sen. Dilan's tactics, and I won't be distracted, because I know I'm not out here alone," said Salazar, who has picked up the endorsements of gubernatorial candidate Cynthia Nixon, Rep. Nydia Velazquez, and Councilman Antonio Reynoso (D-Bushwick). "And I know that together we're stronger than any incumbent, stronger than



FRESH FACES: Actress turned gubernatorial hopeful Cynthia Nixon, at mic, endorsed Salazar, right, last month. Photo by Caroline Ourso

A spokesman for Dilan, who has \$71,265 in his campaign coffers, according to state records, didn't respond to specific questions about the court," his spokesman said.

court battle but said a judge will decide his challenger's fate on the ballot.

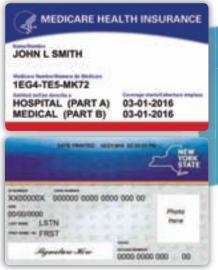
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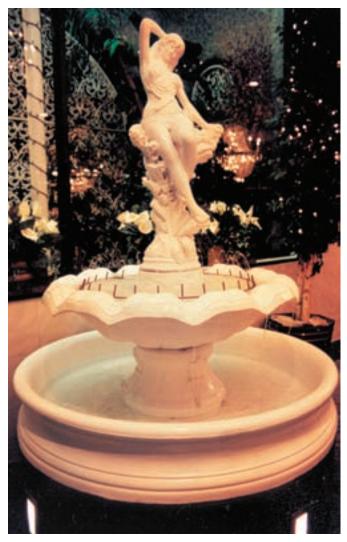


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There's a new president at BRIC

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Kristina is an accomplished artist and visionary arts administrator who was, up until this appointment, director of culture for the State of Connecticut. She will assume the mantle at BRIC from Leslie Griesbach Schultz, who has pioneered BRIC for the past 13 years — in September — amidst BRIC's 40th anniversary. Well, happy anniversary to ya!



Kristina became an acclaimed painter while still a Bachelor of Fine Arts student at the Edna Manley College of the Visual and Performing Arts in her hometown of Kingston, Jamaica. When she moved to Connecticut in 2005, she took her first job as a curator and arts administrator — as director of Visual Arts at Real Art Ways in Hartford.

From 2012 through 2015, Kristina applied her experience as an artist, and as an organizer of artists and arts and culture programs to her first job in government, as director of Marketing, Events, and Cultural Affairs for the city of Hartford.

She is also the first immigrant and first woman of color to serve as director of Culture and State Historic Preservation Officer for the State of Con-

Hilary Ackermann, chairperson of the BRIC Board of Directors, said, "We are thrilled and honored to welcome Kristina to Brooklyn, and consider her arrival one of the foremost triumphs of BRIC's 40th anniversary."

Kristina added, "I am honored be a part of the BRIC team, and to continue this important and rewarding work."

Standing O wishes good luck to Kristina as president, and to Leslie Griesbach Schultz in her future en-

BRIC [647 Fulton St. at Rockwell Place in Fort Greene, (718) 855-7882].

CLINTON HILL

Winning essayist

Kudos to Wirdah Khan, a graduating senior at Benjamin Banneker



THANKS!: From left, Sarah Batchu, volunteer leader of Troop 6000 and advisor and project manager of the Mayor's Fund; Heidi Schmidt, director of Troop 6000; Fernando Velasquez, general manager at Luna Park; Alessandro Zamperla, president of Luna Park; Darren Bloch, executive director of the Mayors Fund; Meredith Maskara, chief executive officer of Girl Scouts of Greater New York; and Giselle Burgess, program manager of Troop 6000, at City Hall during the presentation of the donation check.

Luna Park is advancing Girl Scouts

CONEY ISLAND

Many thanks to Luna Park for donating \$51,233 to Girl Scout **Troop 6000** in coordination with The Mayor's Fund to Advance New York on July 23.

Alex Zamperla, president of Luna Park, presented Sylvia Acevedo, chief executive officer of Girl Scouts of the USA, with a donation check at City Hall.

"We are extremely grateful to have the opportunity to support Troop 6000," said Zamperla. "Our city benefits from the remarkable programs, scholarships, and activities provided by Troop 6000."

Troop 6000 is a troop specially designed to serve the thousands of girls living in the New York City shelter system.

The Troop was launched in 2017 at a single family shelter, and now the Girl Scouts, in partnership with the city, the Mayor's Fund, and private-sector partners, is aiming to significantly expand the work to several new sites around the city.

The funds were raised during the 2018 Opening Day at Luna Park.

All donations received by the Mayor's Fund will support a new position in Troop 6000 and the expansion of the Troop to 15 sites across the city.

Luna Park (1000 Surf Ave. in Coney Island, www.LunaParkNYC. com).



vear's winner of the **Joseph E**. Mohbat Prize Writing, for which recognizes a talented and motivated Brooklyn public high school senior who has demonstrated

a gift of self-expression through the written word. Congrats are also in order for this year's runner-up, Zariah Harrell, from the same school.

Wirdah will be attending Brooklyn College in the fall and plans on majoring in biology.

Wirdah's foray into writing was

teacher, when she saw the topic of #MeToo movement, she knew she had much to add.

In her submission, she vividly and painfully chronicled hers and her sister's experiences dealing with sexual harassment in their daily lives.

"This year's Mohbat Award essays showed us how perceptive and committed the young people of Brooklyn are today," said Nancy Schuh, who established the award in honor of her husband Joe Mohbat.

The award, established in 2011, is valued at \$2,500 and consists of a \$1,500 cash award and a writing mentorship valued roughly at \$1,000. Wirdah will receive the cash award of \$1,500, while runner-up Zariah will have the oppor-Academy High School, who is this not planned, but at the urging of her tunity to benefit from the Mohbat writ-



DOWNTOWN

Hail to the new chief

Welcome and congrats to Mary Fu on her promotion to Chief Development officer of Helen Keller Services.

Mary is a resident of Plainview, New York, who joined Helen Keller Services in 2015, and most recently served as development operations officer for the Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults, a division of Helen Keller Services.

Joseph Bruno, president and chief executive officer, let the O know of her appointment and said, "Mary is ideally qualified to serve as Chief Development Officer. She brings considerable development, fund-raising, and grant development expertise to the new role. It's an honor to welcome Mary in her new position."

According to Bruno, Mary will supervise and manage the entire development team and be responsible for all day-to-day development operations. She has more than 17 years of experience in development and prior experience in the financial sector, having previously served as both assistant director of Development and Database Operations Manager at Long Island University in Brookville, N.Y. She earned her Bachelor of Science Degree from Hofstra University and her Master of Business Administration in Finance from LIU.

Helen Keller Services [57 Willoughby St. at Lawrence Street in Downtown, (718) 522-2122].

ing mentorship worth \$1,000.

She will attend Kean University in the fall and major in psychology.

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ur House of the Week might be better described as a Property of the Week, because its a detached duplex that sits on an L-shaped lot, bringing its total square footage to more than 5,000. It's located in the heart of Gerritsen Beach, a quaint peninsula wedged between Sheepshead Bay and Marine Park along Brooklyn's southern edge. One of the borough's oldest and friendliest districts, Gerritsen Beach is a community far from the busy city that's reminiscent of a New England fishing village for its neighborliness, cozy charm and wafting ocean air. Listing for \$839,000, this week's offering is loaded with features, including:

- Three-bedrooms
- ·Two-baths
- · Hardwood floors
- Formal dining room
- ·Large eat-in kitchen



There's a lot of lot — and a lot to like — in our featured House of the Week, a detached duplex on a quiet street in Gerritsen Beach.

- ·Large living room
- Lots of closets
- •Full basement with high ceilings
- ·Large read and side yard
- ·Private driveway, two-car garage

The neighborhood is named for 17th Century French Walloon settler Wolfert Gerritsen, who built a house and a mill on what is now known as Ger-

ritsen Creek. It remained mostly barren for the next 300 vears, except for temporary fishing shacks and squatters' bungalows, until the arrival of a middle class resort community of single-story bungalows and other warm-weather dwellings. Many of them still remain, giving the area an Old World atmosphere.

Our featured property is 4994

ideal for families looking to settle down and expand their lifestyle in a charming and friendly locale where neighbors are like family and multiple generations of family live in neighboring homes, sometimes on the same block. And it's an enclave populated by workingclass folks, including cops, firefighters, teachers, nurses, and other blue collar workers, some of whom belong to the 96-year-old local Gerritsen Beach Fire Department. When the peninsula was battered by Superstorm Sandy in 2012, the local volunteer fire unit helped evacuate and rescue residents trapped by flood waters, and set up a relief center in the aftermath of the storm that provided food, shelter and medical resources to those in need. Such caring neighbors could be your neighbors, if you make the call.

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MEET YOUR OFFICERS: Ridgites met their new neighborhood coordination officers at the community policing rollout event at Xaverian High School in Bay Ridge on July 31.

Photo by Trey Pentecost

POLICING

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State Sen. Marty Golden (R–Bay Ridge) — a retired police officer — told attendees that he anticipated the program would be a success because locals already prioritize keeping the community safe and registering their complaints with the precinct.

"I will tell you right now these neighborhood coordination officers will be busy, only because you know how to pick up the phone," Golden said. "This is something that is real, this is something that is going to work."

Statistics show that there is little crime overall in the 68th Precinct, and that crime in the precinct has dropped by 18 percent over the past two years.

The city first launched the neighborhood policing program in May 2015, and aims to bring it to all precincts citywide by the end of this year. The program rolled out in the nearby 62nd Precinct — encompassing Bath Beach and Bensonhurst — in May.



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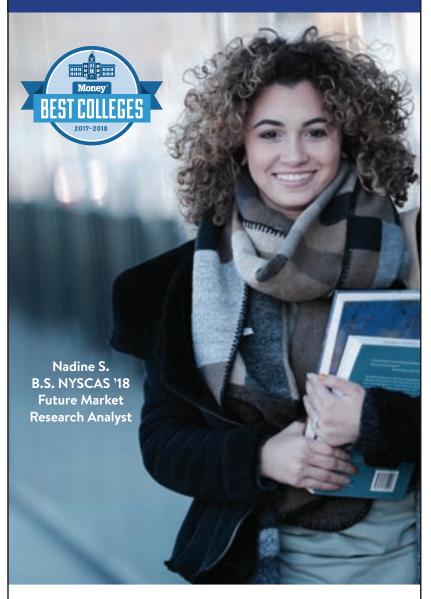
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Reading Tomorrow, remembering yesterday

To the editor

This letter is about two articles in the 2018 Brooklyn Tomorrow magazine.

The first article is about the Brooklyn Navy Yard. About 30 years ago, my husband's company sold industrial metal (and some wood) working equipment, and we did industrial auction sales. We did the sale of the contents of Admirals Row, and the contents of the largest company in the Yard.

The first sale was the homes on Admirals Row. It was sad to see how they fell into such disrepair. We sold the contents of these once-grand houses — double parlors, marble mantles, butlers' pantries, etc.

The later sale was a company that refurbished battleships. The ships were brought into dry dock, the water released, and then the ships were worked on. We sold that company machinery, some of which could cut and bend the steel that went onto the ship's hull. I won't go into the way that machine was brought into the yard, but it was interesting. To set those machines on the concrete floor they had to be jackhammered up, the machine place, and a new concrete poured. I also won't go into why the company was sold.

At the time the Yard was a rough place, nothing like now. People don't know, but there was a one-story building in the yard, that was an indoor ice skating rink for the military personnel. That building was later used for the storage of knocked-down bunk beds, there was no longer any electricity in there.

There is also a rather grand-looking building, looks like a very large house, set up on a hill. That was a hospital. Tucked away, in the yard, is a small cemetery. Hopefully nothing was built on top of it, or that [if so] the bodies were exhumed.

The new Navy Yard COO, Mr. Michael Kelly, was a former manager of NYCHA. If I were Mr. Kelly, I would soft-pedal that information, given the condition of the NYCHA housing. He is very proud of the fact that Wegmans is coming in there and they expect people from all over to come there. I hope they have a big parking

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LETTERS AND COMMENTS FROM OUR READERS

lot. I wonder if the people from the city housing project across the street will be able to afford to shop there.

The other article is about Kings Highway. The second paragraph states that Kings Highway is named for the county it crosses. Wrong. The county didn't exist. Kings Highway is so named because King George's troops marched up it, they were Hessian soldiers. They camped at the Ryder House, which is at Kings Highway and Avenue P and E. 21st St. That house has a sign, on the front yard, stating it was built before 1776. It was built by the Ryder family. They owned the property from Ocean Avenue to Nostrand Avenue, and from Kings Highway to Avenue U.

The house was originally built facing Avenue U so as to catch the ocean breezes. It was subsequently lifted and turned around to face 21st. I was in that house about 47 years ago. Ms. Ryder, who was the last of the Ryder family, in later life married a retired minister, they had no children. Ms. Ryder wrote a book, "A Hessian Soldier Slept Here." One of them engraved his initials, and a message, on a windowpane. Ms. Ryder had that pane removed from the window (it isn't a very large one) and she had it framed.

I hope this was of some interest.

Rowena Lachant Homecrest

All 140 of the city's school-zone speed cameras stopped doling out tickets on July 25, after state senators failed to vote on a new authorization in time, and a Park Slope mother whose son was killed by a speeding driver knows exactly who she blames: state Sen. Marty Golden (R-Bay Ridge), who she said backtracked on a personal promise he made to her to get the bill passed. ("Out of the picture: Time runs out on city's schoolzone speed cameras," online July 26). "I hold Marty Golden personally responsible," said Amy Cohen, co-founder of Families for Safe Streets. Some readers had similarly passionate reactions:

First of all, I'd like to say as a parent, my heart goes out to the parents who lost a child by a reckless driver. Having said that, as a longtime motorist in this city, I feel pretty confident when I say that these speed cameras would've done very little to dissuade an dysfunctional driver from behaving the way he did.

I think speed cameras are a bad idea because our mayor is creating an atmosphere in the city of overpopulation and congestion that creates frustration and anger that induces drivers to behave badly. I have done extensive driving outside this city and I have witnessed none of the recklessness and speeding that I see in this city. Our mayor knows this and he just uses these cameras as a ploy to soak even more revenue out of the good citizens of this city. If you remember when he took office the speed limit was 30 miles an hour in the city and he reduced it by 5 mph and then installed speed cameras. If Brooklynites remember the strategically placed camera on the Belt Parkway service road near Ocean Parkway generated more than one million dollars. It was finally removed when concerned citizens sued the city because the camera did not meet the criteria intended to end the law. Did this city voluntarily reimburse the motorists who would unfairly ticketed? No.

Bob from Gerritsen Beach

I have to agree with Bob. The speed cameras take a picture of the license plate of the car and then a \$50 ticket is mailed to the owner of the car. The driver of the car is not penalized for speeding or charged with points on their driving license. It's a cash cow. Install speed bumps on all the streets surrounding the school, make them high enough so that cars MUST slow down to avoid losing control or damaging their cars. Prohibit all trucks from using any street that has a school.

Jeff from Bensonhurst

Thank you, Sen. Marty Golden, for letting those speed cameras expire. Speed cameras have nothing to do with safety and everything to do with squeezing more money out of the tax-paying citizens who drive. It is impossible to get from one end of this city to the other at 25 miles per hour. We may as well walk. The motorist has been abused for way too long. Transit riders don't care how much the motorist is abused. They have been leeching off the motorist Joe Pascarella for way too long. from Mill Basin

Ferry good idea

To the editor,

There is additional money available to support even more large ferry boats ("Making a splash, Ferry launches first jumbo boat", July 27).

New York City can also apply for

capital grants from the New York State Department of Transportation and the United States Department of Transportation Federal Transit Administration to assist in funding.

Albany also provides State Transportation Operating Assistance [funds] for transportation systems. Ridership on any transit service generates yearly federal transportation formula capital assistance. Numerous past private ferry operators have come and gone.

They could not financially survive based upon farebox revenue alone without government subsidy. MTA bus, subway and commuter rail along with New York City Department of Transportation Staten Island Ferry is subsidized by a combination of city, state and federal assistance for both capital and operating costs. All of these proposed new ferry services will require similar subsidies if they are to survive.

Riders could purchase weekly or monthly passes for discounted fares. This will further reduce the cost per ride. Mayor Bill DeBlasio still needs to convince the MTA Board to support his fare structure of \$2.75 per ride to also include cross-honoring a free transfer to a bus or subway using the current MTA MetroCard. Last October, the MTA awarded a \$573 million contract to Cubic Transportation Systems to replace the MetroCard. Between 2019 and 2021, new fare collection technology will be coming on line for bus, subway and commuter rail riders.

Why not include ferry riders as well? City Hall has significant influence with both Albany and the MTA. Mayor DeBlasio appoints four of the 15-member MTA Board. His four appointees to the MTA Board would have to lobby the majority of other fellow members for support. One of his members, New York City Department of Transportation Commissioner Polly Trottenberg previously worked for the U.S. Department of Transportation, has an excellent background in transit. This includes how the MTA, New York City, New York State and Washington partner together in improving and funding public transportation.

More and more commuters around New York City enjoy the fresh air and breeze at a reasonable price that only waterborne transportation can provide. Riding a ferry can be less stressful than being packed in a subway car.

Larry Penner

Great Neck

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There's help for navigating difficult steps of bankruptcy



Rachel Kaylie is a bankruptcy and personal injury attorney.

BY CAMILLE SPERRAZZA

Bankruptcy can offer a fresh start.

That's the way attorney Rachel Kaylie sees

"Bankruptcy everyone because no one is immune from life's unexpected and unfortunate circumstances," she says.

Kaylie is a bankruptcy and personal injury attorney who believes in treating all of her clients with respect and dignity.

"I know that many who see me are going through a difficult time," she says. Some have already tried to navigate the endless red tape that 23 years of experience brings them to her in the and advice to the table. first place, and the last thing they want to hear is dles all aspects of per-

offers personal service, picking up the telephone herself so that clients reach her directly.

laws to do with the economy. were enacted to protect Instead, people experience economic hardship for a variety of reasons. It can because they or their loved ones have medical issues. It can also be because they have been laid off from work, or are getting a divorce. Whatever the situation may be, Kaylie handles each client's bankruptcy filing with compassion, discussing whether a Chapter 7 liquidation or a Chapter 13 repayment plan is best. She brings

Likewise, Kaylie hanthat someone will take a sonal injury matters,

cases that total millions of dollars. She deals with motor vehicle accidents; accidents that are the Bankruptcy has little results of falls; construction and labor accidents; wrongful death matters; and liability issues that occur on premises. Although the majority of these cases are settled before they go to court, clients can take comfort in knowing that Kaylie is an experienced trial attorney. She takes into consideration that personal injury clients suffer from pain, but they must also deal with many other problems that arise because they can't work — their income may be compromised; their mobility may be limited; and they can become socially isolated because they do not have the ac-

message. It's why Kaylie resolving hundreds of tive lifestyles they once enjoyed. The loss of independence is a big burden to handle. The Law Offices of Rachel Kaylie P.C. is here to help navigate every difficult step.

Kaylie obtained her J.D. law degree in 1994 from the New England School of Law in Boston, and is admitted to practice law in the state and federal courts of New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, and Washington D.C. She earned her bachelor's degree in 1990 from Brandeis University, with a major in political science and a minor in Spanish. She is a member of the Long Island Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, and a member of the Brandeis University Alumni Association, an organization that promotes network-

ing opportunities among its members.

Kavlie serves as a mentor to law school students and younger attorneys.

Her background includes working at a private practice in Manhattan, and also as a law guardian for children in Brooklyn's Family Court. She opened this new Sheepshead Bay practice in October.

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Ross is Barkan up the wrong tree

oday, campaigns for office are sometimes more about political games and attacks rather than the actual positions of the candidates.

If you are a Republican, you are lumped in with every position of President Trump and a racist. If you are a Democrat, you are a card-carrying member of the socialist party. And if a party or individual supports your candidacy, you are accountable for every single one of their words. How sad.

We got an example of this unfortunate new normal in political campaigns here in Brooklyn last week, where this columnist was cast as the star of the show.

One of the Democratic candidates in Brooklyn's 22nd Senate District, Ross Barkan, attacked me as "anti-immigrant" to score some political points.

Some background is needed to understand Barkan's script. The Brooklyn Reform Party, of which I am chairman, voted to give a Wilson-Pakula authorization to both Republican state Sen. Marty Golden and Barkan's Democratic primary op-



THE RIGHT VIEW

Bob Capano

ponent, Andrew Gounardes. If both would have accepted this authorization it would have resulted in a Reform Party primary between the two in September. However, Golden declined this authorization, while Gounardes accepted.

While all other parties only allow their members to vote in their primaries, the Reform party also permits "blank" voters to participate. These are individuals who decide not to enroll with any political party. Significantly, there are more blank voters in the 22nd Senate District (37,736) than Republicans (32,853). These blank voters, who never participated in a primary, would have had a voice in selecting a party nominee for the first time.

One has to assume Golden did not like his chances with this huge swath of independent voters in a primary against Gounardes. This is ominous for the incumbent because this second largest group of voters in the district will play a critical role in determining the next state senator.

Now, the details of Barkan's play. Because I was a Republican and a strong supporter of legal immigration, he accused me of being "anti-immigrant." Therefore Mr. Gounardes, according to Barkan, should distance himself from my party, and alienate the more than 37,000 blank voters in the senate district, as Golden did. However, by accepting the support of a party, it should be understood to mean the candidate agrees with its core platform,

not all of the purported personal positions of its leaders.

The Reform Party platform is committed to ending political corruption and special interest control of government. The party supports Republicans, Democrats, Independents, and anyone from any party based on their commitment to these core positions.

Barkan's gambit was an attempt to create sensational stories to swing some members of his party to his side for the primary.

We should all embrace and support legal immigration. To promote illegal immigration is an insult to all of these great new Americans and Brookynites.

In the late 1990s, I began managing baseball teams with the 68th Precinct Youth Council, and many of my players were the sons of recent immigrants. In addition, I served in leadership positions with many other local civic groups over the past two decades.

Come to think of it, I never saw or heard of Barkan being engaged in any civic organization in our community. He just seems to make up for his lack of recognition by slinging mud to make waves.

If we played along with Barkan's game, one could say that since he accepted the endorsement of Democratic District leader Ari Kagan, he assumes all of his positions as well. This includes Kagan leading protests against markings to remember homosexual victims of the Holocaust at Sheepshead Bay's Holocaust Memorial Park.

Should Barkan repudiate and distance himself from Kagan? Holding a candidate accountable for every word and action of others just because they endorsed them or share the same party affiliation is a slippery slope.

The Democratic primary race between Ross Barkan and Andrew Gounardes, and any election, should be based on the issues and the policy platforms of the actual candidates.

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How to help socially isolated seniors

The elderly population is on the to their communities may want to challenging to come by, volunteers rise in many countries. Advancements in healthcare and a growing emphasis on healthy lifestyles means people are living longer than ever before.

Age is often accompanied by wisdom, but men and women may also find that feelings of isolation, loneliness, and depression may also settle in as they grow older. The Journal of Primary Prevention published "A Review of Social Isolation," which observed how social isolation has been linked to numerous detrimental health effects in older adults. Some of these ailments may include increased risk for mortality, rehospitalization, falls, and dementia.

Individuals looking to give back lic transportation is unavailable or addition, seniors who enroll in ex-

consider helping seniors in their area. Although it can be difficult to see seniors with diminished physical or mental capabilities, the rewards of interacting and helping seniors can be immeasurable. There are plenty of ways to help seniors avoid isolation and continue to live fulfilling lives:

Provide transportation. A Place for Mom, a senior housing placement resource, notes that lack of adequate transportation is a main cause of social isolation among seniors. Voluntary or necessary cessation of driving makes getting to and from appointments or even recreational outings more difficult. Where pub-

can help shuttle seniors to and from grocery stores, doctor's offices, and any other places they need to go. Getting out regularly and seeing new faces can help seniors overcome feelings of loneliness.

Participate in hobbies together. Give seniors a sense of purpose by encouraging them to participate in hobbies or activities. Book clubs are one activity that can interest people of different age groups.

Encourage exercise. Physical exercise keeps the body fit and improves mental health. Seniors can benefit from physical activity because it promotes strong bones and a healthy cardiovascular system. In

ercise classes at gyms or local senior centers can meet like-minded adults, helping them overcome their feelings of isolation even further.

Provide meals and companionship. Older adults may not be getting all they need to maintain healthy weights and bodily functions. Cooking and shopping for healthy foods may be difficult. Provide seniors with healthy meals when possible, and take the time to share those meals. This can foster conversations that keep seniors' minds sharp and also may help prevent social isola-

Seniors can benefit from many different forms of support, and helping older adults is a worthy volunteer initiative.

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Tips for seniors looking to date

The first baby boomers are already turning 70, and this generation remains one of the most influential in the country and around the world. Scores of products and services are now marketed to seniors, many of whom remain as active and socially aware as they were in their youth.

One aspect of senior marketing that is booming is dating and relationship products. Singles age 50 and older are increasingly relying on online dating sites and other methods to find love and companionship. Dating is no longer kids' play, and those who have been away from dating for some time may have to get reacquainted with the process in the modern age.

Consider online dating

Data from Pew Research found one in two divorced or widowed seniors had remarried in 2013, and that trend figures to continue. Many seniors are using online dating sites to find their new matches. While websites geared to dating make it easier to get in touch with fellow singles, the relative anonymity of the process can make it challenging to separate the truth from some self-promoting hype on dating profiles.

Begin by relying on dating sites



Taking another stab at dating later in life can be both exciting and nerve-wracking

that have been tested and recommended. One to try is the AARP dating site partnered with How About We. In addition to its simplicity and small financial commitment, the site caters to the over-50 crowd and is backed by the AARP name. It's good for those looking for an activity partner as well as casual dating. Popular

sites Match.com and eHarmony.com also boast high percentages of users age 50 and up.

Even after thorough consideration and conversation, online daters should exercise caution when meeting someone online and then in person. Profiles aren't always what they seem, and it's easier to fudge the facts

when initiating contact over the internet.

Keep an open mind

It's easy to be preoccupied with the rigors of being an older adult and the responsibilities that still may rest on your shoulders. Part of the fun of dating when you were young likely had to do with throwing caution to the wind.

But some of those same carefree aspects remain true whether you're dating at 17 or at 57. Laughter, fun, spontaneity, and the chance for some adventure are still the keys to making memorable dates.

Sometimes it's who you know

The old adage of it's "who you know" and not "what you know" is applicable to dating. If you are ready to jump into the dating world again, ask your close friends or family members if they know anyone who might be in a similar situation.

Taking another stab at dating later in life can be both exciting and nervewracking, but no matter how long it's been since your last first date, some aspects of dating are the same as ever. Just remember to have fun and don't be afraid to try new things.

When weight loss may become worrisome

pieting is a way of life for many people. The Boston Medical Center says an estimated 45 million Americans go on a diet each year, spending \$33 billion annually on weight loss products. The figures are close to \$7 billion in Canada. However, for one segment of the population — the elderly — weight loss can be a sign of something wrong.

The Mayo Clinic says that malnutrition is a serious health concern among seniors. Inadequate nutrition can result in weight loss that has far-reaching health effects. These include a compromised immune system, which increases the risk of infections, poor wound healing, and muscle weakness that can result in falls and fractures.

Malnutrition also can lead to further disinterest in eating, which only compounds a weight loss problem. Weight loss and loss of appetite are common among seniors, particularly those with dementia. Learning to

recognize weight loss signs in the elderly can help others act promptly to correct the problem.

According to senior care advocate and placement center A Place for Mom, the senior population is at risk of malnourishment for several reasons, including:

- · Lack of energy to cook
- Specific health conditions that impact ability to prepare or acquire meals
- •Lack of appetite attributed to decreased taste bud function or depression
- •Inability to afford quality foods
- Side effects of certain medications

Unfortunately, malnutrition is a very common, yet widely undiagnosed, problem among seniors. If a friend or loved one has visible bones under the skin, loose dentures, loose rings on fingers, has dropped clothing sizes, or is leaving food on his plate, he may be suffering from malnourishment. Concerned loved ones can take



Seniors may need some help with meals to ensure they do not suffer the effects of malnutrition.

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from malnourishment. Concerned loved ones can take ing habits. Routinely check several steps to determine if the refrigerator and panmealtimes are going.

try to see which foods your loved one is eating. In a nursing home setting, check with an administrator to see how mealtimes are going. Speak with doctors. This will help you see if the weight loss is a side effect of medications or another health concern. Bring up any concerns you have about malnutrition.

Provide finger food for the senior. Easy-to-manage foods will help seniors who have lost dexterity still be able to feed themselves.

Encourage foods that are fortified with nutrients. Supplementation with nutritional shakes can help fill the void.

Make meals social events. Making the concept of gathering around the table for food fun can encourage your loved one to eat.

Mild or moderate exercise can stir up one's appetite. Walking or chair-based exercises can help make people more interested in food.

Introduce new foods that can whet the appetite.

Weight loss can benefit some people. But among the elderly, weight loss may be a by-product of malnutrition.

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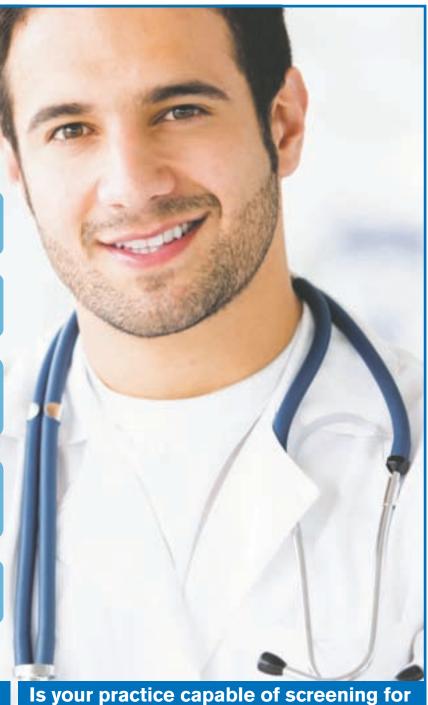
Heart disease and stroke are the #1 cause of death in the United States

In 50% of those deaths. the patients are non-symptomatic

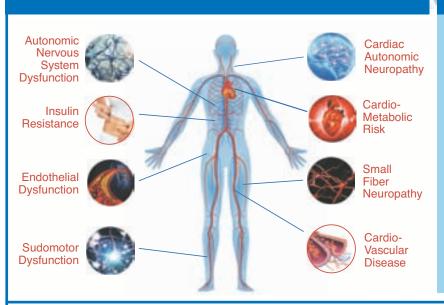
Adults with diabetes are 2-4 times more likely to have heart disease or suffer a stroke

Diabetes and heart disease run markedly higher in overweight and obese people

1/3 of the US population is considered to be obese



Testing for 8 Essential Risk Factors



these hidden causes of disease?

Early detection allows doctors to more effectively identify symptoms and disease complications in support of preventative treatment plans and managing risks for:

- Blood clots
- Heart attack
- Stroke
- Irregular heartbeats
- Angina
- Shortness of breath
- Swelling of the ankles
- Numbness or tingling of hands or feet
- Sweating abnormalities
- Headaches

- Elevated blood sugar
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Grandparents called upon to raise grandchildren

lder adults whose children have grown up often look forward to the next stages in life, which may involve retirement, downsizing, and enjoying visits with their grandchildren. A growing number of aging adults may find themselves playing a key role in their grandchildren's lives.

According to data from the U.S. Census Bureau, 2.7 million grandparents across the country are stepping into parental roles for their grandkids. Some assist their adult children while others have become the primary caregivers. Factors like military deployment, illness, incarceration, and substance abuse are forcing grandparents to take on responsibilities they may have thought were over. PBS reports that, between 2009 and 2016, the number of grandparents raising grandchildren in the United States rose by even percent.

Although raising the next generation can bring about many rewards, including security, sense of purpose, a deeper



More and more grandparents are stepping into parental roles for their grandkids.

relationship with family, and social interaction, there are many obstacles as well. That includes the financial strain that raising children can place on individuals unprepared for the cost of child-rearing. Census figures also show that about one-fifth of grandparents caring for children have incomes that fall below poverty level. Grandparents may be rusty concerning safety requirements and equipment now needed to care for grandchildren as well.

As grandparents navigate

the unexplored waters of raising grandchildren, there are certain factors they need to consider:

Legal advice or advocacy

circumstances Certain require grandparents to seek legal help so they can raise their grandchildren in lawful ways. If there is neglect, divorce, arrest, or other factors, it may be a smart idea for grandparents to seek the help of an attorney or advocacy group to clarify their legal rights and ensure access to hausted or overwhelmed may grandchildren.

In addition, grandparents may need certain legal documents, such as a power of attorney, citizenship papers, adoption records, or consent forms.

Get educated

The rules have changed since grandparents raised their own children. It is important they learn as much as possible on child safety guidelines. Consumer advocacy groups or pediatricians can help explain how guidelines have changed. New furniture and toys that meet current safety guidelines may have to replace older, unsafe items.

Take care of vourself

Raising grandchildren can be emotionally taxing, especially if poor circumstances led to the grandchildren being placed with family. It is crucial to recognize feelings and one's own health when caring for others.

A grandparent who is ex-

not offer the appropriate care. Emphasizing one's own mental and physical health is essential, as is getting help and advice when it's most needed. The organization AARP recommends compiling a list of support services, such as respite care providers, counselors, and support groups.

Grandchildren will have feelings, too

Children, whether they are old enough to understand or not, may react to change differently. Some children may act out while others may grow detached. Grandparents can focus on providing stable environments and offer support and consistency even if grandchildren are withdrawing or pushing their loved ones away with words or actions.

Raising grandchildren can be complicated, but it has become more prevalent. It can take time for these new family units to find their grooves. More information is available at www.aarp.org in their GrandFamilies Guide.

Hidden Right In Front of Your Eyes: Glaucoma and You

ore than three million and even full blindness. Americans have glaucoma, but fewer than half of them realize it Glaucoma is an umbrella term that describes a number of conditions with a pattern of optic nerve damage, usually caused by increased pressure in the eye.

The most common variety of the condition is openangle glaucoma. The "openangle" of the name refers to the juncture of the iris and be allowed to drain out. Although the angle of this juncture is open, the fluid is not able to drain efficiently, allowing the pressure to build up gradually and damage the optic nerve. There are often no noticeable symptoms early on, but left untreated, it can cause permanent vision

"The real danger with glaucoma is that it can sneak up on you," said Robert L. Feig, M.D., chief of the Diof Ophthalmology NewYork-Presbyterian Brooklyn Methodist Hospital. "The effects of the disease usually accumulate slowly, so it can progress for years before you notice any symptoms or change in vi-

Rather than wait for warncornea where fluid should ing signs, Dr. Feig suggests getting ahead of the disease.

"High-risk candidates should have their eyes checked every one to two years," said Dr. Feig. "The earlier we catch it, the more we can do to prevent any long-term vision loss."

A comprehensive glaucoma exam is easy and pain-



thalmologist will test for five key indicators: inner eye pressure, optic nerve damloss, including tunnel vision less. In one visit, your ophage, field of vision, angle ist," said Dr. Feig. "Here at

where the iris meets the cornea and corneal thickness. Abnormalities in any one of these areas may signify glau-

Those considered to be at a "high-risk" for developing glaucoma include people who are over the age of 60, have a family history of glaucoma or have already been diagnosed with diabetes or hypertension. Studies also show that Americans of African descent and of Hispanic descent over the age of 60 are at particularly high risk for developing open-angle glaucoma.

"Because glaucoma is often paired with other conditions like diabetes and high blood pressure, it's helpful to seek treatment at a facility with a wide range of services, like NYP Brooklyn MethodNYP Brooklyn Methodist, we can provide an integrated plan of care, treating not only your glaucoma, but the associated conditions as well."

There is no cure for glaucoma, but there are a number of interventions that can slow the disease's advance. Eye drops and minimallyinvasive surgery can reduce excess fluid and relieve pres-

Regular exams are critical for maintaining eye health. Even for those not considered at a high-risk for glaucoma, it is recommended to have any eye exam every two to four years.

To schedule an appointment with a physician affiliated with NYP Brooklyn Methodist Hospital, please call 718-499-2273 or visit www.nyp.org/brooklyn.

—New York-Presbyterian Brooklyn Methodist Hospital

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Drinking plenty of water during the hot summer months is important for everyone, but seniors should also consider consuming salt to replace electrolytes lost during sweating.

Salt essential for seniors in summer

BY JOANNA R. LEEFER

August is one of the hottest months of the year, with extended periods of extremely high temperatures. The heat often poses a health risk for everyone, and particularly older adults. The media publishes numerous articles directed at seniors offering suggestions on how they can prevent heat-related problems. They offer tips such as staying in air-conditioned buildings, wearing light clothes, and drinking plenty of water. One suggestion that is often omitted is the need to consume more

Salt consumption in summer sounds contradictory to many people, particularly to those who are on lowsodium diets. Older people with high blood pressure, heart disease, and potential stroke victims are instructed to reduce salt consumption. The federal government's "2015 Dietary Guidelines for Americans" recommends that individuals should consume no more than 2,300 mg of sodium (about 1 teaspoon of table salt) per day.

This rule does not hold true during seasons of high heat and humidity. In hot summer months, people tend to sweat more in order to regulate the body's temperature. They are instructed to drink more water to stay hydrated, however, water by itself is not enough. Drinking water does not replace vital electrolytes. Electrolytes are natural chemicals that regulate nerve and muscle function in the body. They hydrate the body, balance blood acidity and pressure, and help rebuild damaged tissue. A key element in electrolytes is sodium, a major ingredient in salt.

As the body sweats, it loses necessary electrolytes. This, in turn, can cause an imbalance in the body chemistry. A loss of electrolytes makes a person vulnerable to hyponatremia, a

condition in which the body temperature rises to dangerous levels. In some instances, this imbalance can induce nausea, muscle cramps, disorientation, confusion, seizures, coma, and, in extreme, conditions death. Older adults are particularly at risk of electrolyte imbalance.

Another summer concern is how the body functions during heat waves. As we age, our kidneys become less efficient at conserving salt. Some common medications, such as diuretics, greatly increase that risk. This is one of the reasons we often hear news of elderly casualties during severely high tem-

One way seniors can counter the loss of sodium during the heat of summer is by snacking on foods that restore them to normal level. This can include consuming small amounts of salted pretzels or nuts. Other good sources of sodium are eggs, salmon, beets, celery, chard, and spinach. Drinks that include electrolytes, such as Gatorade, help in maintaining normal levels of salt.

Of course, every senior has different dietary needs depending on his or her lifestyle. Some people who rarely leave their air-conditioned home might not need much of a change in diet during summer months. In contrast, active individuals who are out in the sun and high temperatures will need to ingest more sodium. The best way to determine your personal needs is by consulting your doctor. Before the summer becomes extremely hot, seniors should discuss their dietary needs with their doctor to determine how much extra salt to consume to keep them safe and healthy.

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Heart conditions can be 'silent'

he image many people get when they think of heart conditions is a grown man cluthing his chest. But not all heart conditions are as obvious or pronounced as a heart attack.

Ischemia is a term used to describe the restriction of oxygen-rich blood to an area of the body. Cardiac ischemia occurs when the blood cannot reach the heart.

Generally, cardiac ischemia causes pain in the chest, known as angina. However, in some cases, there is no warning pain and the condition is called silent ischemia.

Facts and figures

Silent ischemia affects roughly three to four million Americans every year. Individuals who have had a previous heart attack are at higher risk for silent ischemia than

he image many people get others. But there are many when they think of heart other risk factors:

- Diabetes
- ·Coronary artery disease
- Hypertension
- •Coronary artery anomaes
- Smoking
- Obesity
- · Alcohol and drug abuse
- · Cardiomyopathy

If ischemia lasts too long or is especially severe, it may cause a heart attack. It can also affect the natural rhythm of the heart and its pumping ability, which can cause fainting, and even sudden cardiac arrest

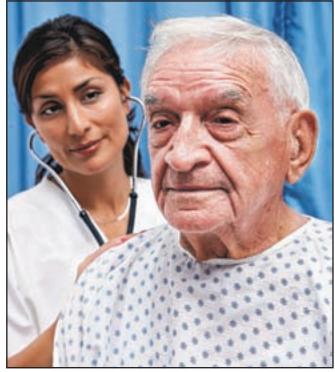
Symptoms and diagnosis

Silent ischemia has no symptoms. However, if a person has had previous episodes of chest pain, there's a liklihood that he or she could also be experiencing silent ischemia and not know it. Doctors may use an exercise stress test to determine silent ischemia. Also, a special monitor called a Holter monitor will record the heart rate and rhythm over the course of a day and determine if ischemia occurred.

Treatment

The main way to treat silent ischemia is to reduce certain behaviors that increase risk. This includes quitting smoking, avoiding alcohol, and maintaining a healthy weight and diet.

For those who are diagnosed with silent ischemia, there are some treatment options available. Most of these involve improving blood flow to the heart, which often requires prescription medications. Oxygen also may be given to increase the oxygen



Silent ischemia is a potentially dangerous heart condition that's difficult to detect and can result in cardiac arrest.

Greg Vote

content of the blood that is reaching the heart. Other people may take medicines that relax blood vessels, enabling more blood to flow. In most cases, this is all that is needed to fix the situation. For those

not responding to treatment, they may need a percutaneous coronary intervention, such as balloon angioplasty, coronary artery bypass surgery, or a similar procedure.

BRIGHTON EYE NUTRITION AND YOUR EYES



Clinical Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology NYU

In the last twenty years eye health research has linked diet and nutrition with a decreased incidence of AMD. AMD is a leading cause of blindness in the US and around the world. Now, there is hope and help for this condition. Knowing the symptoms and risks of this disease can help patients to get timely help and prevent vision loss. It is also the only condition that research has proven that taking vitamins and antioxidants can prevent progression of the disease. Adding certain nutrients to your diet helps decrease the progression of macular degeneration. Lutein and Zeaxanthin are important nutrients found in green leafy vegetables. Other important nutrients to eye health are Vitamin C, E, zinc and omega-3 fatty acids.

Eating a healthy diet helps your eyes, your brain and your general health.

It is said that "you are what you eat". Many of my patients, in an attempt to control their health, come into the office with a bag full of vitamins and nutrients. Where to begin? Do vitamins and other nutrients help stave off eye disease? Is there something to the adage, "too much of a good thing"?

What vitamins and nutrients delivered through food and supplements aid in the health of your eyes?

The only two major studies supported by the National Eye Institute (NEI) are the AREDS1 and AREDS2 studies. These studies essentially identified nutrients that are helpful in slowing down the

progression of macular degeneration, a retinal disease usually found in older individuals that destroys a person's ability to read or see small print. In order to stay healthy the retina needs carotinoids such as Lutein and Zeaxanthine. These are found in green leafy vegetables such as kale and spinach. The AREDS studies found that supplements which contain 500 mg Vitamin C, 400IU Vitamin E, and 80 mg Zinc, 1000 mg of omega3 fatty acids and 12 mg of the carotenoids reduced the progression of moderate and advanced macular degeneration by 25%. Although the results of the addition of omega 3s and carotenoids were inconclusive, many researchers believe that these are helpful in reducing advanced changes in macular degeneration.

Other supplements found helpful in maintaining good health are Vitamins A, E, B complex and omega 6 fatty acids. Ginkgo biloba has also been found effective for glaucoma. The omega3 and 6 fatty acids were found useful in treating dry eye syndrome. To date no vitamins have been found to prevent cataracts.

But, yes, do be careful. Too much of a good thing can be detrimental. Check your vitamins carefully as there may be some overlap between multivitamins.

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Fainting spells for elderly linked to blood clots

alls are one of the greatest risk factors for injury among the aging population. When falls are attributed to fainting spells, people may be very eager to get to the source of the fall. Doctors have found that blood clots may be attributed to fainting in the elderly.

Information published in the journal Clinical Geriatric Medicine found that the elderly are at a higher risk of blood clots because of their reduced mobility. Blood clots may result in deep vein thrombosis, and could lead to a pulmonary embolism if left untreated.

Deep vein thrombosis is a common problem involving the veins of the legs. Blood pooling in the legs may cause a blood clot to form in the deep veins of the lower leg, impairing blood flow back to the heart. A pulmonary embolism occurs when a clot dislodges from the leg veins and travels through the bloodstream to reach the heart and lungs. According to the health site Aging Care, as many as one million Americans suffer from blood clots every year, often resulting in hospitalization.

While swelling in the legs, cramping in the lower legs, skin color changes, and warmth of the skin where the clot is located can signal a problem, symptoms of a pulmonary embolism may vary greatly. Shortness of breath, chest pain, cough, and rapid

or irregular heartbeat can all occur, says The Mayo Clinic. Researchers are finding that, in some cases, fainting episodes also may be indicative of a pulmonary embolism. Italian researchers revealed that, among 560 patients hospitalized for a first-time fainting spell, one in six had a pulmonary embolism.

People who are experiencing fainting spells should be on the radar for other symptoms of pulmonary embolism, advises the American College of Chest Physicians. However, it's important to note that fainting can be attributed to dehydration, a drop in blood pressure, and heart-rhythm disturbances.

Certain risk factors put people at a higher chance for deep vein thrombosis and pulmonary embolism. These include:

- prior surgery
- ·certain cancers
- ·cardiovascular disease
- bed rest that causes blood to pool
- sitting for long periods of time
- •smoking
- being overweight

Use of compression stockings to move blood more efficiently, physical activity, leg elevation, anticoagulants, and pneumatic compression can help prevent the formation of clots. Because pulmonary embolism can be life-threatening, people experiencing fainting or other symptoms are urged to speak with their doctors.

New York Harbor Watch



FAMILY TIES: Lt. Cmdr. Eric Alexander, and his daughter, Intelligence Specialist 3rd Class Erica Alexander-Quow, serve together on the aircraft carrier USS Nimitz.

Petty Officer 3rd Class Christopher R. Jahnke

Father-daughter team in the Navy

HARBOR WATCH

A Navy father and daughter at Naval Base Kitsap-Bremerton, in Washington State, say they enjoy their service together aboard the aircraft carrier USS Nimitz.

Navy Lt. Cmdr. Eric Alexander, a native of Stuttgart, Ark., enlisted in the Navy in 1996 as an aviation boatswain's mate. He served at various commands and eventually reached the rank of chief petty officer before being commissioned through the limited duty officer program in 2007. Since February, he has been serving as the aircraft handling officer on the Nimitz.

Alexander's daughter, Petty Officer 3rd Class Erica Alexander-Quow, enlisted in the Navy in June 2017 as an intelligence specialist. She has been serving on the Nimitz since January.

"We commute together and I get to mentor her a lot," Alexander said of his daughter.

"I train her on shipboard safety and being a better sailor. Her safety is my biggest concern."

Serving alongside her father on the Nimitz is "pretty cool," Alexander-Quow said.

"We have a great relationship, and it's interesting to be able to work in the same place, even though we are in completely separate departments with different chains of command," she said.

"It's nice to have a watchful eye in the sky, someone who is always looking out for me, even though I try not to involve him much because I don't want to be seen as having an advantage."

Alexander-Quow said she joined the military due to the lessons learned from her father's successful career in the Navy.

"Seeing his experience and the benefits from it, and also moving around to so many places, was a big inspiration to follow in his footsteps and serve," she said.

Alexander-Quow said she would like to earn a commission, but for now she's taking it day by day.

Both said they try to remain professional at the workplace.

"At work, it's all business," Alexander said. "She sees me and she says, 'Sir."

"We're good at maintaining that father-daughter relationship at home away from work,"Alexander-Quow said.

Cybersecurity ace

He left the Marines to join the Army's team

HARBOR WATCH

You'd think that making the jump from serving as an enlisted Marine Corps signals intelligence specialist to an Army cyber warrant officer would be a pretty complicated process that involves more than a few flaming hoops, but Army Chief Warrant Officer 4 Raul Negron Jr. makes it sound almost routine.

In fact Negron not only made that leap, he ultimately jumped into the role of proponent, and helps to recruit Army cyber warrant officers and guide their careers.

Negron, a native of Tampa, Fla., says he became interested in being an Army warrant officer during his second assignment as a Marine. That tour was his first exposure to warrant officers, and he was intrigued by the fact that they served as the leading technical experts in their fields. But though he was an ambitious young Marine, he says he recognized that he wasn't quite ready for that move at that time.

"I recognized that I was still too junior, and I had a lot more to learn before I was ready for that," he said.

But Negron stayed focused on his goal, and when he felt he was ready he applied for a service transfer to join the Army's ranks as a warrant officer.

He was returning from deployment in 2005, he said, a Marine staff sergeant with seven and a half years in the Corps, when he learned that his request had been approved.

The next jump was from signals intelligence to cyber. Negron said it really wasn't that much of a stretch, since cyber grew from signal and military intelligence. And it had been his first interest.

He had earned a bachelor's degree in computer science and was pursuing his master's



HE KNOWS TECH: Chief Warrant Officer 4 Raul Negron Jr. serves as the proponent for all cyber warrant officers in the Army.

William Roche

degree. So when he was offered the opportunity to help build the brand-new Army Cyber Command in 2010, it "lined up perfectly" with his goals and he jumped at the chance.

"It just happened to be that I had the right degree, the opportunity presented itself, and I was in my [permanent change of station] window. And I guess timing is everything," he said.

At the time Negron was still a signals intelligence warrant officer. He said the occupational code for cyber warrant officers — 170A, cyber operations technician — didn't even exist. But building Army Cyber Command required people with technical expertise.

"It was something new that no one really knew, [and when] I got to Army Cyber Command in 2010, it was mostly about organizing the command, [developing] authorities and things of that nature," he said.

A few years later, he says, when the first call went out for interested Army warrant officers to transfer into the cyber field via the Voluntary Transfer Incentive Program, he again jumped at the chance.

Eventually his experience and drive earned him his job as the Army's career field proponent, a role that keeps him busy making recruiting trips, talking with noncommissioned officers in all services about being an Army cyber warrant officer, and developing and facilitating training, career paths and retention programs for cyber warrants.

Negron clearly likes what he does, and clearly believes in the opportunities and satisfaction the cyber warrant officer profession has in store for anyone who wants to pursue – and remain in–a technical career path.

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Right thing to do

Enlisting in Air Force saved her from a life on the streets

HARBOR WATCH

Growing up in Gilroy, Calif., Jacqueline Jauregui had everything a girl could wish for: money, designer clothes and so much more. Shortly after her high school graduation, her father took everything from her and kicked her to the streets.

Now an Air Force staff sergeant and the enlisted aide to the Air Force Space Command deputy commander, Jauregui was determined to make her life right, but struggled to get there. She talked about her past to fellow airmen during a "Storytellers at The Club" event at Peterson Air Force Base, in Colorado.

"Growing up in Gilroy was a place where everybody knew each other," Jauregui said. "The way I was raised my dad gave me everything I wanted. I was the girl who spent up to \$3,000 on myself every month."

Although it seemed that everything was perfect on the outside, her home life was not

"My dad was diagnosed with bipolar disorder, for which he didn't take his medication, and he was an alcoholic," Jauregui said. "When he came home we wouldn't know what kind of mood he would be in and he would just trash the house. The next day he would leave a \$1,000 check on the table to replace what he broke."

She became tired of depending on her father and his money. When Jauregui was close to graduating high school he told her he wasn't going to pay for her college.

"I decided that since I wasn't going to college I would join the Air Force," she said.

Two weeks before her high school graduation, Jauregui was in a car accident and injured her back. The injury was serious enough that she wasn't able to enlist in the Air Force right away because she was on pain medications.

A week after she graduated high school, Jauregui's father kicked her out of the house and completely cut her off.

"I could only take with me what I paid for with my own money," she said.

Jauregui bounced around living with various friends until she settled in with her cousin and his wife. For a while things went well. Her cousin gave her a car and she had a job. The problem was her cousins were



SURVIVOR: Air Force Staff Sgt. Jacqueline Jauregui overcame a troubled past and is making a successful career for herself in the military.

Crips gang members.

For Jauregui, their gang affiliation didn't matter because for the first time in years she felt like she was a part of a family. She was close with her cousins and their friends and having fun. Because of this she actually wanted to be more involved with the gang.

Two of Jauregui's cousins sat her down and explained to her that if she joined the gang there would be only two ways out: death or prison.

"My cousins wouldn't let me become a gang member," she said. "They told me I was young, had a clean slate, and they didn't want that life for me because I had so much poten-

Jauregui's cousins gave her money and kicked her out of the house. She ended up moving in with her boyfriend. After a while, he guit his job and they were living off her \$12.99an-hour salary. To help make ends meet they sold all of their furniture, leaving them with just a mattress.

"All we could afford to buy was ramen [noodles] and frozen burritos," Jauregui said. "We couldn't even afford toiletries. My boyfriend and I had to share a bar of soap, which was disgusting.'

Her low point came when she couldn't afford to buy soap to bathe with. She took a bottle of laundry detergent from the laundry room of her apartment and she and her boyfriend used that to wash themselves.

They weren't be able to buy necessities, but Jauregui's boyfriend bought and sold drugs. She told him she wanted to join the military and couldn't be around drugs.

The following summer Jau-

regui went to stay with her best friend after she returned from college. Her friend's parents, seeing how desperate she looked, bought her necessities. Before her friend left on vacation, she drove Jauregui back home to the apartment she shared with her boyfriend. Jauregui discovered her boyfriend was throwing a party.

She said she got mad and took a walk around the neighborhood.

"I was walking when I saw a mother with her young son and daughter," Jauregui said. "All of a sudden I heard a car screech up and then gunshots. I remember ducking behind a pillar and watched the mother chuck her kids in her apartment as she hid behind a pillar as well."

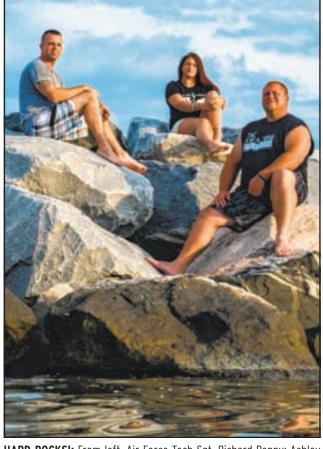
In that moment, while gunshots were going off, she said she thought to herself. "What am I doing here? This isn't the life that I wanted."

After, Jauregui went to a pay phone and called her grandmother in Del Rio, Tex., for help. Her grandmother immediately flew her out to Texas in July, 2008. Two months later. she was finally able to join the Air Force.

"What I learned is that life is hard," Jauregui said. "It literally takes one second to wreck your entire life. I almost joined a gang and did drugs, and that would have ruined my entire life."

She said she remembers when her cousins prevented her from joining the gang, and told her not to make a bad decision that would negatively impact her life just because she was having a bad day.

She made the right deci-



HARD ROCKS!: From left, Air Force Tech Sgt. Richard Penny; Ashley Staley and Adam Bradshaw relax on the banks of Fort Monroe Beach Va., after rescuing a swimmer who was in danger of being impaled on jagged rocks. Airman 1st Class Anthony Nin Leclerec

A trio of heroes to the rescue

HARBOR WATCH

An airman and two of his friends helped to save a young girl from drowning at Fort Monroe Beach, Va. on May 13.

When medical services arrived, they found a young girl that had been rescued from the water and was in her mother's arms. The 9-yearold had gone swimming; the current took her into deeper waters where she could no longer stand and was getting closer to the rocks.

"My friend got up and said, 'That little girl is in the water," said Air Force Tech Sgt. Richard Penny, a toolset administrator with the 633rd Air Base Wing Inspector General's office here.

It was at that moment that Penny, along with his friends Ashley Staley and Adam Bradshaw, sprang into action.

At first, Penny and his friends couldn't locate the girl. He remembers getting to the top of the rocks and seeing her in the water.

"Then we heard her mom come sprinting and shouting,

'Help my daughter! She can't swim and I can't, either," Penny said.

Penny and Staley started climbing down the sharpslippery rocks until they reached what they thought was shallow water.

"We weren't expecting the water to be so deep that close to the rocks, but it was over our heads," Penny said.

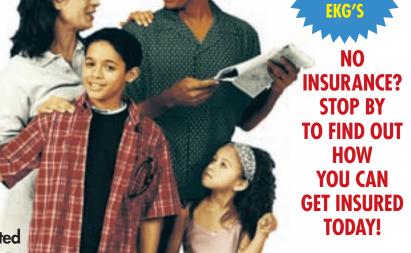
Soon after. Bradshaw arrived after swimming around the rocks in search for the girl, and helped to bring her back to the edge of the rocks.

"At this point, the water was just beating us against the rocks," Penny said. "The water was just crazy. It was really, really rough that

After getting the little girl and Staley out of the water, Penny and Bradshaw were met by friends that helped to get them out of the water.

Penny, Staley and Bradshaw each earned a citizen lifesaving certificate, and a medal from the Hampton, Va., Division of Fire and ResMEDICAID, MEDICARE

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Theater buff

Naked Restoration comedy bounces into P'Park

By Julianne Cuba

alk about a bare stage! A co-ed group of actors will strip down to their birthday suits to present a 17th-century play about sexy shenanigans among masked strangers. The director of "The Rover," opening in Prospect Park on Aug. 16, has previously led nude, all-female and then allmale Shakespeare shows, but says that the mixed-gender cast creates a much more diverse experience for both the actors and audience.

"The storytelling has been very different. As soon as you start putting people of different genders on stage, all of a sudden you get people with different body types, gender expressions, different backgrounds and perspectives — and different fears

director of Torn Out Theater, who lives in Park Slope.

"The Rover" - written by one of the first female playwrights, Aphra Behn takes place during the festive Carnival season in Italy and follows the adventures of a group of Englishmen on holiday. Some of the characters don traditional Carnival masks, which adds another dimension to the play — their faces are covered but their bodies are exposed, said Strait.

"It's all about escaping from the world you live in, all about hiding one part of yourself and revealing another part," he said. "What the play at its heart is about is finding the freedom to be yourself."

One uncovered actress, who plays the male character Blunt, says that it has been

and anxieties," said Pitr Strait, the artistic interesting to notice the difference in how she is treated because of her true and fictional bodies.

> "I get treated different from everyone else," said Hannah Benjamin, who lives in Williamsburg.

> "The Rover" is a perfect play to put on in the buff, said Benjamin, because of the message its writer was trying to send about power dynamics between men and women, said Benjamin.

> "I think that it's so appropriate to this piece in particular, especially because Aphra Behn is true feminist literature, one of the first female playwrights making a point about power dynamics, about being hidden and being seen" she said. "It really enhances the piece well, it's not just novelty."

Strait also brought on an "intimacy choreographer" to help the cast feel comfortable performing in their skin, said Benjamin.

"We make it a point to make it a safe space, a lot of talk of consent, making sure we're feeling comfortable," she said.

The members of Torn Out Theater have only improved in their third year,

"Every year we get better at navigating the comfort and safety and vulnerability,"

"The Rover" at Prospect Park's Music Pagoda (at the north end of the Nethermead, enter at Ocean Avenue and Lincoln Road in Prospect Lefferts Gardens, www.tornouttheater.org). Aug. 16-17, 23-24 at 5:30 pm, Aug. 18-19, 25-26 at 2 pm. Free.

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FABLE GENIUS

Fairy tale show raises cash for immigrant kids

By Julianne McShane

They are hoping for a happily-

A pair of comediennes will host a night of funny, fractured fairy tales to raise cash for kids who have been lost in the woods of government bureaucracy. "Pretty Grimm," at Littlefield in Gowanus on Aug. 8, will raise awareness and funds for the Florence Project, a group that helps detained immigrants in Arizona. The show's creators hope that the fairy tale characters will make audience members think about their own childhoods, and about the plight of immigrant kids torn from their parents.

"I was thinking about the detained kids, and how to keep them at the forefront of people's minds when they're donating," said Carroll Gardens resident Alexandria Iona, who created the show with fellow comedian Kate Villa, of Manhattan. "We thought we could do that by giving people a fun, boundless show that was generally untapped in comedy."

During the show, more than 30 performers will each deliver a two-minute monologue as their favorite fairy tale character, with appearances from the Little Mermaid, Captain Hook, the Big Bad Wolf, and Cinderella's evil stepsisters, among others. Several performers will also sing original, fairy tale-inspired songs.

Iona hopes the format will allow the funny people to tap into their more creative sides.



Crown and out: Comediennes Alexandria Iona, left, and Kate Villa, right, will host a night of fairy tale-themed music and comedy at Littlefield on Aug. 8, in order to raise funds for an immigration legal defense group.

"This is very much about the whole character and using their voice and the body and costume — it gives them a little bit more freedom than just telling jokes," she said.

Iona will take the stage as the title character from "The Princess and the Pea," searching for a comfortable bed in a mattress store. And Villa will perform as a "hipper-than-Cinderella's" fairy godmother who gambles away her savings at a casino, she said.

"Basically I'm taking this character who I know so well and putting her in the situation of that friend fieldnyc.com). Aug. 8 at 8 pm. \$10.

who's always like, 'I left my wallet at home," she said.

Villa hopes that when the audience finishes laughing, they feel spurred to help children who are still in immigration custody.

"I think it's really important that they don't fall out of the news - when they do fall out of the news, they fall out of the public consciousness," she said. "We shouldn't be moving on until something is fixed."

"Pretty Grimm" at Littlefield (635 Sackett St. between Third and Fourth avenues in Gowanus, www.little-

Line up, punks!: Brooklyn band Future Punx (Heather Strange, synth and vocals; Nick Martin, drums; Chris Pickering, bass and lead vocalist; and Jake Pepper, guitarist and vocalist) will perform at the Coney Island Music festival on Aug. 4.

Devin Bristol Shaw

Beach party

Future Punx play second Coney Island Music Fest

By Alexandra Simon

The Future of music is in Coney!

The Coney Island Music Festival will return to rock the seaside neighborhood this weekend, with a free, day-long event on Aug. 4. The second edition of the music event, created by the Alliance for Coney Island, will feature a dozen bands performing at two stages, setting the festival on its path towards becoming an iconic day of up-and-coming rock and rollers, said the group's executive director.

"Our goal is to grow this event to be an unmissable music experience that can be enjoyed in the center of the Amusement District with spectacular views, an ocean breeze, and iconic landmarks and rides surrounding the audience and musicians," said Alexandra Silversmith. "With two co-headliners and several musicians growing in the music scene, this festival is providing fans a chance to experience a spectacular free event in our iconic neighborhood."

The line-up this year includes Philly rocker Alex G, and the California twin brothers who form The Garden as co-headliners.

Also taking the stage at the Coney Art Walls Stage at 4 pm — will be Future Punx, a new wave Brooklyn four-piece performing in the People's Playground for the first time. The band members are thrilled to introduce their tunes to new listeners, said the lead singer.

"We are totally excited," said Chris Pickering. "We

are always excited to play for new crowds and folks who haven't heard or seen us before."

The band has been playing for five years, mostly at shows in Bushwick and Williamsburg, where most of the band members live. But Pickering said that performing in new territory is one of their goals.

"It's probably not going to be a crowd we are used to, but our music appeals to a broad audience, and we like to get our music in as many ears as possible," he said. "It's going to be cool, and the fact it's free is very appealing?

He describes the group's music as based in rock, but with elements of other genres and electronic sounds

"It's a very funky, danceable, electronic punk music," said Pickering, "We are very much a rock band, we have bass, drums, synth, and we bridge rock and electronic'

Other local artists on the bill include Brooklyn bands the Muckers and Navy Gangs, Bedford-Stuyvesant rapper Whoisskitzo, and musical collective the Pow Pow Family Band, among others. The day will also feature games, food trucks,

Coney Island Music Festival, Stillwell Stage [Stillwell Avenue Surf Avenue in Coney Island, cimusicfestival. com]. Coney Art Walls Stage [3050 Stillwell Ave. between Bowery Street and the Boardwalk in Conev Island]. Aug. 4; noon-8 pm. Free.

Crossroads of reggae

By Alexandra Simon

hese musicians are putting down roots. roots musicians will take the stage at Flatbush Junction this weekend for the second of two celebrations of local talent. "Roots at the Junction," happening on Aug. 4, is a badly needed showcase for the many talented artists in the neighborhood, said one of the performers at its kick-off event on July 28.

"It was awesome, and whoever came up with this idea is great because there are so many artists in Flatbush," said Flatbush dancehall singer Eddy Snypha. "There's so much talent here and some of the artists are just looking for a breakthrough and someone to recognize that."

The two-weekend, outdoor event was created by the Flatbush Junction business improvement district to highlight local artists, and to bring attention to local businesses in the area

known as Little Caribbean, said the group's executive director.

"We are basically highlighting the A group of Caribbean Caribbean influence in the Flatbush Junction area because we have a strong list of businesses that are owned by people of Caribbean descent, and it is a corridor that is well-traveled and supported by Caribbean populations," said Kenneth Mbonu. "It is a great event to come and listen to different genres of music and reggae, and where people can support restaurants that serve authentic Caribbean food, and a great way to spend a Saturday afternoon."

> Crown Heights reggae musician Ras Droppa, who performed at the July 28 show and at a previous iteration of the festival in 2017, said that the event is a welcome addition to the

"The sound and music was good, and everybody was having a good time," he said. "I think it's a great thing for the community because it



Root to roots: Roots reggae musician Jerry Reuben performed at last week's "Roots at the Junction" block party.

Photo by Stefano Giovannini

brings everyone together. This is a good opportunity for upcoming artists to showcase their talents, and roots reggae is very positive music."

On Aug. 4, five more artists will take the Flatbush Junction stage, including City, Della\$ie, Big Skipp, Siphus Steele, and Quindell Davis.

"Roots at the Junction" [Glenwood Road between Flatbush and Nostrand avenues in Flatbush, (718) 951-1449, www.exploreflatbusuh.com]. Aug. 4, 4-8 pm. Free.



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Exhibit makes open call for kitty pics

By Kevin Duggan

s your kitty ready for its close-up?
A Dumbo photo exhibition will showcase artsy feline photos this September — and your cat could be among the stars of the show!
"Humble Cats: Photoville Edition," part of the seventh annual Photoville festival returning to Brooklyn Bridge Park on Sept. 13–23, is looking for cat pictures that go beyond Lolcat memes and Facebook photos, said the show's curator.

"Everybody makes jokes about cat photos and how they're just memes," said Jon Feinstein — but the exhibition looks to elevate people's idea of how good a cat photo can be. Feinstein published an online exhibit of cat photos in 2014, later collected as the book "Humble Cat: New Cats in Art Photography," and he says that his favorite photographers inspired him to see cat pictures as more than just an Internet phenomenon, he said.

"So many of the most inspiring photographers for me have some amazing cat photos just lying around in their collection, or they've actually done a project about cats that is way more legitimate than a meme," said Feinstein.

The exhibition in Brooklyn's Front Yard will feature about 30 pictures displayed in a shipping container. Half of the photos will be highlights from Feinstein's book and the other half will be submissions from the public, according the organizer of the festival.



Swatch this: Take inspiration from this photo, where the color palette contrasts with the stark snowy coat of the kitty.

Scott Klinger

"I think it's going to be a really interesting mix of everyday people who really love their cats and want their cat to shine and then also professional photographers," said Sam Barzilay, co-founder of Dumbo's United Photo Industries, which runs the fest.

The organizers have already received a whopping 100 submissions in the first week, so competition to get your kitty on display is fierce.

Barzilay's advice is to have fun taking the picture, while also making it stand out for people who might not care about your fuzzy friend the way that you do. "You know and love your cat, but for me as an audience member, this is the first time I'm seeing this cat, so it has to transcend that personal connection," said Barzilay. "You have to take yourself out of the equation and think, 'If I didn't know this cat, would it make me laugh or think?'"

You can submit your cat photos at snapcat.submittable.com/submit through Aug. 7.

The "Humble Cats" exhibit will be part of Photoville at Brooklyn Bridge Plaza (enter at Water Street and New Dock Street in Dumbo, www.photoville.com). Sept. 13–23. Free.

Rave and wave: The West Indian Rave Tour, which makes its Brooklyn debut in Prospect Heights on Aug. 11, is a traveling party that combines Caribbean carnival and rave traditions. WI Rave

Party combines rave with reggae music

By Alexandra Simon
his party gets a rave review!
A travelling
Caribbean dance party will make its Brooklyn debut this weekend. The "West

this weekend. The "West Indian Rave Tour," in Prospect Heights on Aug. 11, combines elements of island Carnival culture with the thumpa-thumpa glow stick style of rave parties. The event's founder said he created the party when he realized that the endless parties of his college years needed some of the soul of his Caribbean heritage.

"We wanted to take the positives of raving and combine that with Caribbean carnival culture, which is about freedom, being carefree, and enjoyment," said Jeron Smart. "People go to raves to go and feel release, and we want people to feel that and come to vibe and rave with that energy and excitement"

Smart, a Washington, D.C. native, was also inspired by a visit to Brooklyn's West Indian Labor Day parade, where his concept of Caribbean music expanded beyond the reggae and soca music he was used to.

"After I came from the Labor Day parade, I saw how much bigger and different Caribbean culture here was," he said. "I had been in New York many times but I never really paid attention to the different types of music played there, and then I discovered Kompa."

Smart was compelled to spread the word about the Haitian music style, he said. He rebranded his rave parties, adding music styles from across the entire Caribbean, he said.

"When you go to New York, there's parties that play zouk, kompa, salsa, and merengue," he said. "There's a lot of different islands that have their own music and own cultures. We wanted the event to showcase the beauty of every island's music, especially the ones in French, Dutch, or Spanish."

At the party on Aug. 11, guests will receive glow sticks and glowing necklaces, and can choose to have glowing makeup applied by artists. The event will also serve food from various islands, with a focus on offerings from Grenada, Haiti, Cuba, and Barbados. The mixture of cultures and the food should be a major draw for people, he said.

"People should attend not only to see the perfect marriage of Caribbean carnival and rave, but the food is going to be amazing and it's going to make you come back," he said.

"WI Rave Tour" at PacificBK [1065 Pacific St. between Classon and Franklin avenues in Prospect Heights, (347) 632–7578, www.wiravetour.com]. Aug. 11 at 10 pm. \$30–\$40 (\$100 VIP).

Sounds of summer drift through the Ridge

By Julianne McShane

he summer wind blows music through the Ridge this weekend!

Start your weekend on Friday with a walk down Third Avenue, from 68th to 80th streets, for the season's penultimate **Summer Stroll**. The carfree thoroughfare will feature live music in the avenue, dining deals, and games and activities from 6 pm to 10:30 pm.

On Saturday, skip down to McKinley Park (Bay Ridge Parkway at Ft. Hamilton Parkway), where you can belt out some karaoke for a good cause at Bay Ridge Sings for Autism. Singers can take the mic for \$5 per song, with proceeds going to the Doug Flutie Foundation for Autism. Locals with stage fright can have free fun with raffles and face painting, and food trucks will offer snacks and drinks for purchase. You can sign up for your turn at the microphone start-



ing at 2 pm

That night, you can hear tunes from more professional musicians at the **Brooklyn Firefly** (7003 Third Ave. between Ovington Avenue and 72nd Street), where the Ken Simon

Quartet will pay tribute to jazz legends with covers of classics by Miles Davis, John Coltrane, Charlie Parker, and Thelonius Monk, among others. The free, two-hour show kicks off at 8 pm

Those who prefer the music of the spheres can gaze at the heavens above at Astronomy Night at **Owl's Head Park** (68th Street and Colonial Road). Urban Park Rangers from the Parks Department will explain the science and history behind star-gazing while you look at planets and other celestial bodies through provided telescopes and binoculars. The free, 90-minute event starts at 8 pm.

And if you crave a mid-week dose of music, dance down to the **Greenhouse Café** (7717 Third Ave. between 77th and 78th streets) on Wednesday night, where DJ Dave will host his free karaoke night — with more than 25,000 classic pop hits on offer — starting at 8 pm.

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Get the party going with Schnitzel Haus's private room

BY CAMILLE SPERRAZZA

Whether vou call it a "feast," "fest," or an "Octoberfest," Schnitzel Haus is the place for a party, no matter what the season.

Its newly renovated private room, located above the restaurant, with its own set of restrooms on the same floor, accommodates 55 guests for a full sit-down dinner or buffet.

Rent it for kids' parties, christenings, bridal showers, birthday bashes, retirements, and even small weddings. The room's upgraded technology allows photos of the honorees to be highlighted on a 10-foot screen. That's one huge introduction.

Businesses, law offices, and community groups can utilize the space for meetings. The sound system and large screen makes presentations easy and effective. The space can be rented alone; food doesn't necessarily have to be ordered. as owners Fred and Amber Urban work to meet everyone's needs. One company that held a meeting recently chose to provide its attendees with dessert and coffee. Another may just wish to serve appetizers.

Schnitzel Haus is known for its authentic German food, so you can start the catered merry-making by bringing on the bratwurst and maybe some scrumptious potato salad that's dressed with vinegar, bacon, pepper, and seasonings. But if guests prefer another type of cuisine, "Our talented chef is eclectic, and can cater to any requests," says Fred.

French food? Italian? Spanish? It's all no problem. In fact, Schnitzel Haus often has "specials" on its restaurant menu for patrons who wish to have something other than German fare. Therefore, everybody in this family-friendly environment stays happy.

The food here is the real deal, so when the staff does serve catered entrees like weinerschnitzel, shepherd's pie, beef goulash, spaetzle, homemade butter noodles. red cabbage, smoked pork chops over sauerkraut, and salmon with a lemon and







(From top clockwise) Schnitzel Haus owners Fred and Amber Urban show off their signature dish, a sampler of five wursts, served with mashed potatoes, red cabbage, sauerkraurt, and three mustards. The new party room accommodates 55 quests for a full sit-down dinner or buffet. The restaurant is known for its authentic German food. Photos by Georgine Benvenuto

dill sauce, know that it's all culled from authentic family recipes.

For dessert, there's delicious German chocolate cake, cheesecake, black forest cake, and apple strudel.

A full bar is available for those who want to party while eating hearty.

Try counting the variety of beer on the menu there's a lot, and many are unique.

some beers that won't be available elsewhere in Brooklyn for at least another month," says Fred.

The restaurant takes pride in offering dishes that can accommodate just about every dietary need, including vegans and those looking to eat gluten-free. Amber says that sausage is a gluten-free product. For vegetarians, there are pan-

"We are the first to get cakes, spaetzle, steamed broccoli, carrots, cabbage, and more.

When you're not planning your own party, join some of the ongoing fun that's always happening at Schnitzel Haus. The restaurant hosts Paint Nite parties where attendees can sip wine while painting pictures. On another night, you can create your own planters. Come for karaoke on Thursdays, and enjoy live music on the weekends.

It's always a barrel of fun.

Schnitzel Haus [7319 Fifth Ave. between 73rd and 74th streets in Bay Ridge, (718) 836-5600, www.SchnitzelHausny.com]. Open Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, 4-9:30 pm; Thursdays through Sundays, noon-10



Brock smash!: World Wrestling Entertainment champion Brock Lesnar will smash his opponents into the mat during the Smackdown Live! event on Aug. 21. Associated Press / Don Feria

COMING SOON TO BARCLAYS CENTER

FRI, AUG 3

RELIGION, HILLSONG CONFERENCE: \$200. tba.

SAT, AUG 18

SPORTS, WWE NXT TAKEOVER: \$51–\$156. 7:15 pm.

SUN, AUG 19

SPORTS, WWE SUMMER- SLAM: \$550-\$600. 6:30 pm.

MON, AUG 20

SPORTS, WWE MONDAY NIGHT RAW: \$26-\$156. 7:30 pm.

TUE, AUG 21

SPORTS, WWE SMACK-DOWN LIVE: \$26-\$156. 7:30 pm.

FRI, AUG 24

SPORTS, POWER 105 PRESENTS BIG3: Three-on-three bas-

ketball tournament. \$24–\$750. 7 pm.

SUN, AUG 26

COMEDY, NICK CANNON PRESENTS WILD 'N OUT LIVE: \$35-\$150. 8 pm.

THU, AUG 30

MUSIC, DRAKE: With the Three Migos. \$60–\$250. 7:30 pm.

FRI, AUG 31

MUSIC, DRAKE: With the Three Migos. \$60–\$250. 7:30 pm.

SAT, SEPT 1

MUSIC, DRAKE: With the Three Migos. \$60–\$250. 7 pm.

SAT, SEPT 8

SPORTS, PREMIER BOX-ING CHAMPIONS: Danny Garcia v Shawn Porter. \$57–\$750. tba.

TUE, SEPT 18

SPORTS, NEW YORK IS-LANDERS V PHILA-DELPHIA FLYERS: \$15-\$174. 7 pm.

TUE, SEPT 20

SPORTS, NEW YORK IS-LANDERS V PHILA-DELPHIA FLYERS: \$15-\$174. 7 pm.

SAT, SEPT 29

ESPORTS, ESL ONE NEW YORK: \$45-\$169. 9 am.

SUN, SEPT 30

ESPORTS, ESL ONE NEW YORK: \$45-\$169. 9 am.

THU, OCT 4

MUSIC, BRUNO MARS: \$81-\$236. 8 pm.

FRI, OCT 5

MUSIC, BRUNO MARS: \$81–\$236. 8 pm.

SAT, OCT 6

SPORTS, NEW YORK IS-LANDERS V NASH-VILLE PREDATORS: \$41–\$230. 7 pm.

SUN, OCT 7

MUSIC, ROMEO SANTOS: \$79-\$450. 8 pm.

MON, OCT 8

SPORTS, NEW YORK IS-LANDERS V SAN JOSE SHARKS: \$21–\$252. 1 pm.

TUE, OCT 9

MUSIC, FLORENCE AND THE MACHINE: \$49– \$129. 7 pm.

THU, OCT 11

MUSIC, NIKKI MINAJ, FUTURE: \$36-\$182. 7:30 pm.

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

FRI, AUG. 3

ART, "ESCHER" THE EXHIBITION AND EXPERIENCE:
The exhibition portrays the life and work of the famous 1960s graphic artist MC Escher. \$20. 9 am-9 pm. Industry City (220 36th Street between Second and Third Avenues in Sunset Park)

FRIDAY NIGHT BINGO:

The senior center hosts a monthly bingo night with pizza, soda, coffee, cake, and plenty of bingo cards. \$12. 4:30 pm. Bay Ridge Center [6935 Fourth Ave. between Bay Ridge and Ovington avenue in Bay Ridge, (718) 748–0650], bayridgecenter.com.

ART, "PRACTICE IN PROG-RESS" OPENING RECEP-TION: An exhibit of 22 artists working at the foundation's gallery. Free. 6–8 pm. NARS Foundation [201 46th St. at Second Avenue, fourth floor in Sunset Park, (718) 768–2765].

MUSIC, JAZZY JAZZ FES-TIVAL 2018: A nine-week series of outdoor Friday night performances paying tribute to master pianist Cecil Taylor. Free. 7 pm. Medgar Evers College [Bedford Avenue and Crown Street in Crown Heights, (718) 270–5140], ares.mec.cuny.edu/faculty.

MUSIC, LOST '80S LIVE: A concert featuring 1980s starts A Flock of Seagulls, Wang Chung, Naked Eyes, The Romantics, and more. \$20–\$99. 7 pm. Ford Ampitheater (3052 W 21st St. at the Boardwalk in Coney Island), fordamphitheaterconeyisland.com.

DANCE, LOCK STEP: A
dance performance and
panel discussion about
traveling along the Erie
Canal and through its lock
system. \$2.7 pm. Waterfront Museum Barge [290
Conover St. near Reed
Street in Red Hook, (718)
624–4719], www.waterfrontmuseum.org.

MUSIC, NONAME: With Topaz Jones and Jazze Belle. Free. 7:30 pm. Prospect Park Band Shell [Prospect Park West and Ninth Street in Park Slope, (718) 965–8900], www.bricartsmedia.org/cb.

THEATER, "THE WINTER'S TALE": Shakespeare's tragicomedy about a jealous king, a shipwreck, and a lost child. Free. 8 pm. The Old Stone House [336 Third St. between Fourth and Fifth avenues in Park Slope, (718) 768–3195], theoldstonehouse.org.

THEATER, HUNTER JOHN
AND JANE: A ghost story
that re-imagines what a
musical love story can be.
\$18. 8 pm. Jack (505 Waverly Ave. between Fulton
Street and Atlantic Avenue in Clinton Hill), www.
jackny.org.

OUTDOORS, FRIDAY NIGHT FIREWORKS: The boardwalk ignites every Friday night at dusk! Free. 9:30 pm. Coney Island Boardwalk (Boardwalk between between W. Eighth Street and Stillwell Avenue in Coney Island), www.coneyislandfunguide.com.

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EVENTS



Horsing around: Howdy, cowpokes! Settle in for the buckwild comedy show "Buffalo Bailey's Ranch for Gay Horses, Troubled Teen Girls, and Other: a 90 Minute Timeshare Presentation," playing at the Brick Theater in Williamsburg on Aug. 10 and Aug. 12.

SAT, AUG. 4

FAMILY, AARTI HINDU LAMP CEREMONY: Deco-

LAMP CEREMONY: Decorate a palm leaf lamp and release it along the East River, as part of this ceremony to remember loved ones. With a traditional drumming ceremony. Free. 4–8 pm. Brooklyn Bridge Park (Main Street and Pebble Beach in Brooklyn Heights), www.brooklynbridgepark.org.

MARKET, METRO FLEA
PARK SLOPE: Sidewalk
artisan market every Saturday and Sunday on Fifth
Avenue. Free. 10 am-6
pm. Middle School 51 [350
Fifth Ave. between Fourth
and Fifth streets in Park
Slope, (718) 598-6604],
www.metroflea.nyc.

MARKET, FARMER'S MAR-KET: Grab your veggies, fruits, herbs, seeds and local crafts at affordable prices. Free. 11 am-3 pm. Wyckoff House Museum [5816 Clarendon Rd. at Ralph Avenue in East Flatbush, (718) 629–5400], www.wyckoffmuseum.org.

READING, "A STORYTELL-ING OF RAVENS": Brooklyn author Kyle Lukoff reads from his witty picture book about collective nouns for animals. Free. 11 am. Books Are Magic (225 Smith St. at Butler Street in Carroll Gardens).

ART, SUMMER SHOW: The Brooklyn Waterfront Artists Coalition hosts five different show for its summer session, including an exhibit of summer-inspired work and a collection by Park Slope artists. Free. 1–6 pm. Brooklyn Waterfront Artists Coalition [499 Van Brunt St., near Reed Street in Red Hook, (718) 596–2506], www.bwac.org.

MUSIC, CONEY ISLAND MUSIC FESTIVAL: Two stages, vendors, and more. Free. 1:30 pm. Coney Island USA [1208 Surf Ave. at W. 12th Street in Coney Island, (718) 372–5159], www.cimusicfestival.com.

MUSIC, DEGRAW FEST: The Gowanus recording studio Degraw Sound hosts a daylong music festival featuring the many local bands that have recorded there. \$10. 2–10 pm. Littlefield (635 Sackett St. between Third and Fourth avenues in Gowanus), www. littlefieldnyc.com.

DINING, CONEY ISLAND BREWERY 3RD ANNI-VERSARY BASH!: Celebrate the brewery's third birthday with tarot card readings, the Strong Man Hammer Game, and sideshow entertainment from Adam Realman, plus a new brew! Free. 2–10 pm. Coney Island Brewing Company (1904 Surf Ave. at W. 17th Street in Coney Island), www.coneyislandbeer.com.

SPORTS, BROOKLYN CY-CLONES VS. ABERDEEN IRONBIRDS: Seinfeld Night. \$12–\$19 (\$10–\$17 in advance). 6 pm. MCU Park [1904 Surf Ave. at W. 17th St. in Coney Island, (718) 449–8497], www.brooklyncyclones.com.

MUSIC, TARRUS RILEY WITH DEAN FRASER AND THE BLAK SOIL BAND: Mwenso and the Shakes opens. Part of the Bric Celebrate Brooklyn! Festival. Free. 7:30 pm. Prospect Park Band Shell [Prospect Park West and Ninth Street in Park Slope, (718) 965–8900], www.bricartsmedia. org/cb.

THEATER, "THE WINTER'S TALE": 8 pm. See Friday, Aug. 3.

THEATER, HUNTER JOHN AND JANE: 8 pm. See Friday, Aug. 3.

FILM, "BLACK PANTHER": The best of the Marvel superhero movies, about a secret African kingdom, gets a free outdoor screening from Rooftop Films. Wakanda forever! Free. 8:30 pm. Brooklyn Army Terminal Pier 4 (140 58th Street, between First Avenue and the water in Sunset Park), www.rooftopfilms.com.

FILM, "PROSPECT": A sci-fi film about a girl and her father, who travel to an alien moon in hopes of striking it rich. \$16. 8:30 pm. Green-Wood Cemetery [Fifth Avenue and 25th Street in Greenwood Heights, (718) 210–3080], www.rooftopfilms.com.

NIGHTLIFE, BURLESQUE AT THE BEACH: Love Letters from Coney. \$15. 10 pm. Sideshows by the Seashore (1208 Surf Ave. at W 12th St. in Coney Island).

SUN, AUG. 5

ART, "ESCHER" THE EXHIBITION AND EXPERIENCE: 9 am-9 pm. See Friday, Aug. 3.

MARKET, METRO FLEA PARK SLOPE: 10 am-6 pm. See Saturday, Aug. 4. FAMILY, MAGIC AT CONEY:

A Sunday matinee of illusionists, escape artists, mentalists and close-up magicians from around the world. \$10 (\$5 for children under 12). Noon. Coney Island Museum (1208 Surf Avenue in Coney Island), www.coneyisland.com.

ART, SUMMER SHOW: 1–6 pm. See Saturday, Aug. 4.

MUSIC, "OH! THAT LOW BRIDGE!": Singer, composer, and folklorist George Ward brings the Erie Canal's heyday to life through story and song. \$2.7 pm. Waterfront Museum Barge [290 Conover St. near Reed Street in Red Hook, (718) 624–4719], waterfrontmuseum.org.

MON, AUG. 6

MUSIC, "THE SACRED AND THE PROFANE": Bridget Kibbey and her chamber orchestra perform in the Catacomb beneath the boneyard. \$80. 7 pm. Green-Wood Cemetery [Fifth Avenue and 25th Street in Greenwood Heights, (718) 210–3080], www.green-wood.com.

COMEDY, SIDE PONYTAIL
COMEDY: The Monday
night comedy show welcomes Kate Willett, Patrick
Hastie, Gabe Stoddard,
and more. Free. 8 pm.
Friends and Lovers (641
Classon Ave. between
Dean and Pacific streets
in Crown Heights), www.
fnlbk.com.

FILM, "ANCHORMAN": A free outdoor screening of the classy cult comedy starring Will Ferrell. Free. 8:30 pm. Parklife (636 Degraw St. between Third and Fourth avenues in Gowanus), www.parklifebk. com.

COMEDY, ED SULLIVAN ON ACID: A long-running, free stand-up comedy show hosted by Calvin S. Cato. Free. 9 pm. Freddy's Bar [627 Fifth Ave. between 17th and 18th streets in Greenwood Heights, (718) 768–0131], www.freddysbar.com.

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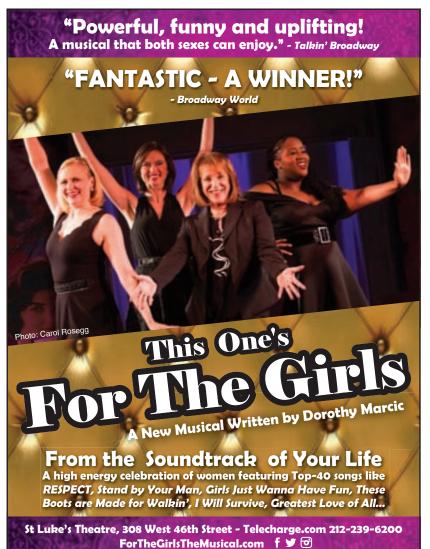
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TUES, AUG. 7

THEATER, "KING LEAR":

The psychedelic story of a king going mad, presented through the lens of a 1970s cult. \$20. 7 pm. The Brick [575 Metropolitan Ave. between Union Avenue and Lorimer Street in Williamsburg, (718) 907-6189], www.bricktheater.com.

FILM, "SINGIN' IN THE

RAIN": An outdoor screening of the classic musical about the transition from silent films to talkies. Free. 7 pm. The Plaza at 300 Ashland (Ashland Place at Lafayette Avenue in Fort Greene), www.downtownbrooklyn.com.

MUSIC, THE SACRED AND THE PROFANE: 7 pm. See Monday, Aug. 6.

MUSIC, JASON MRAZ AND BRETT DENNEN: A benefit concert for the Bric Celebrate Brooklyn! Festival. \$60 (\$55 advance). 7:30 pm. Prospect Park Band Shell [Prospect Park West and Ninth Street in Park Slope, (718) 965-8900], www.bricartsmedia.org/

WED, AUG. 8

TALK, ALZHEIMER'S PLAN-NING: A seminar on legal and financial concerns for those caring for individuals living with Alzheimer's disease. Please RSVP. Free. 5:30 pm. New York Memory Center [199 14th St between Fourth and Fifth avenues in Park Slope, (718) 499–7701 x3211. nymemorycenter.org.

OUTDOORS, YOGA AT OWL'S HEAD PARK:

Erica Ginger leads a yoga session on Wednesday nights. Bring your own mat. \$5 suggested donation. 6:30pm to 8pm. Owl's Head Park (68th Street at Colonial Road in Bay Ridge), yogaginger.nyc

TALK, "CHARLOTTESVILLE ONE YEAR LATER": A panel discussion about the year since a far-right rally surrounding the removal of a statue of Robert E. Lee in Charlottesville . \$5. 6:30 pm. Brooklyn Historical Society [128 Pierrepont St. at Clinton Street in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 222-4111], www.brooklynhistory.org.

SPORTS, BROOKLYN CY-CLONES VS. CONNECTI-CUT TIGERS: \$12-\$19

(\$10-\$17 in advance). 7 pm. MCU Park [1904 Surf Ave. at W. 17th St. in Coney Island, (718) 449-8497], www.brooklyncyclones.com.

FILM, "SPACE JAM": The Looney Tunes seek out Mi-

THURS, AUG. 9

READING, "THE BLACK AND THE BLUE": A black former cop reads from his book about the crimes, racism, and injustice in America's law enforcement. \$5 (Free for members). 6:30 pm. Brooklyn Historical Society [128 Pierrepont St. at Clinton Street in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 222-4111], www.brooklyn-

history.org.

THEATER, "A MIDSUMMER
NIGHT'S STEAM": A night of Shakespeare and music inside a spa, with drinks, tarot readings, and soaking in the pool. \$45. 6:30 pm. CityWell Brooklyn (496 President St. between Third Avenue and Nevins Street in Gowanus), www. citywellbrooklyn.com.

SPORTS, BROOKLYN CY-CLONES VS. CONNECTI-CUT TIGERS: \$12-\$19 (\$10-\$17 in advance). 7 pm. MCU Park [1904 Surf Ave. at W. 17th St. in Coney Island, (718) 449-8497], www.brooklyncyclones.com.

MUSIC, MARTIN MCQUADE: The crooner serves up

tunes from Bing Crosby, Frank Sinatra, Perry Como, Dean Martin, and Nat King Cole. 7 pm and 8:30 pm. Lombardo's Artisan Pizza Shoppe [279 71st Street in Bay Ridge, (718) 238-7100].

MUSIC, GARY CLARK JR.:

The blues guitarist plays as part of the Bric Celebrate Brooklyn! Festival. Fiona Silver opens. Free. 7:30 pm. Prospect Park Band Shell [Prospect Park West and Ninth Street in Park Slope, (718) 965-8900], bricartsmedia.org/cb.

FILM, "COCO": Free. 8:30 pm. Flicks on the Beach (West 12th Street and Riegelmann Boardwalk in Coney Island), www.coneyislandfunguide.com.

FILM, "OUR NEW PRESI-

DENT": A disturbing and funny documentary about the 2016 election, as it was portrayed by statecontrolled Russian news

media. \$16. 8:30 pm. Old American Can Factory (232 Third St. at Third Avenue in Gowanus), www.rooftopfilms.com.

FRI, AUG. 10

SPORTS, BROOKLYN CY-CLONES VS. CONNECTI-**CUT TIGERS:** \$12-\$19 (\$10-\$17 in advance). 6:40 pm. MCU Park [1904 Surf Ave. at W. 17th St. in Coney Island, (718) 449-8497], www.brooklyncyclones.com.

THEATER, "BUFFALO BAILEY'S RANCH FOR GAY HORSES, TROU-**BLED TEEN GIRLS, AND** OTHER": A comedy in the form of a 90-minute timeshare presentation about the wonders of vacationing at Bailey's ranch. \$20. 7 pm. The Brick [575 Metropolitan Ave. between Union Avenue and Lorimer Street in Williamsburg, (718) 907-6189], www. bricktheater.com

MUSIC, GODSPEED YOU! **BLACK EMPEROR:** Part of the Bric Celebrate Brooklyn! Festival. Emel Mathlouthi opens. Free. 7 pm. Prospect Park Band . Shell [Prospect Park West and Ninth Street in Park Slope, (718) 965–8900], bricartsmedia.org/cb.

SAT, AUG. 11

CONEY ISLAND HISTORY

DAY: A day celebrating Coney Island's immigrant heritage, featuring the Brighton Ballet Theater School of Russian Ballet, a mariachi band, a Chinese dance troupe, and a live radio broadcast from Father Eugene Pappas, pastor of Three Hierarchs Greek Orthodox Church. Free. 2-6 pm. Coney Island History Project [3059 West 12th St. between Surf Avenue and the Boardwalk in Coney Island, (347) 702-8553], www.coneyisland-

history.org. MUSIC, THE BREEDERS:

The alternative band, best known for its '90s hit "Cannonball," tours with a new album of hot tunes. Speedy Ortiz opens. Part of the Bric Celelbrate Brooklyn! Festival. Free. 7:30 pm. Prospect Park Band Shell [Prospect Park West and Ninth Street in Park Slope, (718) 965-8900], www.bricartsmedia. org/cb.





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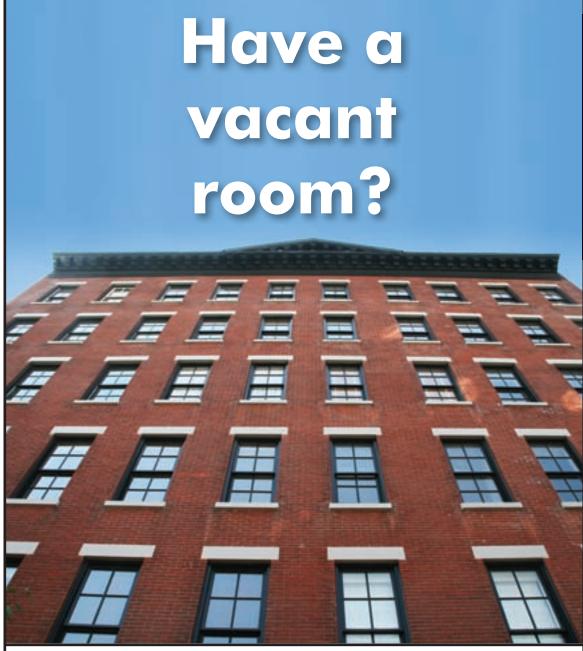
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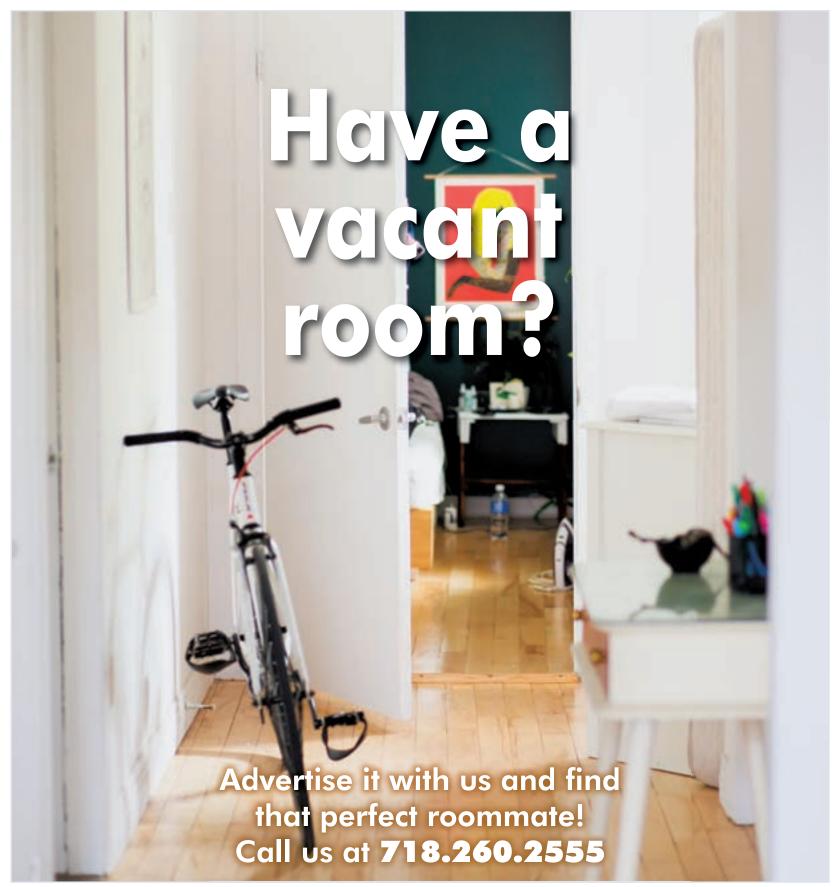
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