

The power of PINK

Are you impressed with our beautiful pink cover recognizing Breast Cancer Awareness month? I hope so, and I do hope you stop and read the pages that give you — both men and women — information that can save your life.

As a breast-cancer survivor myself I know the critical need for timely mammograms. I was getting my annual gynecology checkup when the doctor said: “I don’t like what I feel here; let’s go upstairs and get you a mammogram right away!” I did, and within a week, I was at the office of renowned breast surgeon Dr. Karen Kostroff, being tested for breast cancer. I was lucky; after surgery they told me I did have Stage One breast cancer, but that only radiation, and a daily pill, were necessary.

I tremble to think about what could have happened if I had not had that annual check up. No doubt my story would be very different. I urge *everyone* to be checked annually — yes, even men can have breast cancer.

Our writers have valuable information for you, so read it and take action right away!

I am proud and privileged to offer the critically important information you will find in the Pink issue — our first to be published under the Schneps Community News Group ownership. Read it, save it, and pass it along to a friend.

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, a time for us all to redouble our efforts to eradicate the second-leading killer of women in America.

Schneps Community News Group’s annual “Pink Paper” is dedicated to our local resources, researchers, support teams, and survivors — because we share the struggle, and are mindful of the sobering

statistics and excruciating toll of this deadly disease. The American Cancer Society’s estimates for breast cancer in the United States for 2018 are:

- About 266,120 new cases of invasive breast cancer will be diagnosed in women in the United States, including 17,890 in New York.
- Approximately 40,920 women will die from breast cancer before the year’s end, including 2,390 in New York.
- One in eight American women will be diagnosed with the disease in her lifetime.
- Every two minutes, a woman in the U.S. is diagnosed with breast cancer.
- Every 13 minutes in the U.S., a woman dies of breast cancer in our country.
- About 85 percent of cases occur in women with no family history of breast cancer.
- At this time, there are more than 3.1 million people in the U.S. with a history of breast cancer, including women still being treated and those who have completed treatment.

Like most people, we have had friends and family battle cancer. Anyone who has watched the impact of this terrible disease on sufferers and their loved ones understands the urgency for a cure.

Some good news:

- There are more than 2.8-million breast-cancer survivors in the United States today.
- The five-year relative survival rate for female invasive-breast-cancer patients has jumped from 75 percent in the mid-1970s to 90 percent today.

These strides can be attributed to ordinary peo-

ple who rise to the extraordinary occasion, demonstrating time and again the incredible strength and power of unity when affliction strikes.

Breast Cancer Awareness Month is an opportunity for our newspapers to share the stories of how local communities come together to battle breast cancer, and herald those suffering for the spirit needed to fight this disease during their difficult journey to good health.

We hope you enjoy our “Pink Paper” edition and its inspirational stories. If you are looking for additional details about breast cancer, opportunities to volunteer, or resources for someone fighting the disease, please reach out to the American Cancer Society at cancer.org/about-us/local/new-york.html.

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A GOOD 'SCOUT'

Bellevue Hospital Center's new high-tech probe helps surgeons

BY JAMES HARNEY

These days, to find a potentially cancerous breast tumor, surgeons at Bellevue Hospital Center simply "Scout" it out.

New high-tech equipment is in place in the breast surgery operating room at Bellevue that uses infrared rays to probe breasts for lesions that need to be surgically removed.

Dr. Kathie-Ann Joseph, Chief of Breast Surgery at Bellevue, explained that the new technology is called Savi Scout, and insisted it's the wave of the future in breast cancer surgery.

"When the patient has a lesion, you can't always feel it," said Dr. Joseph. "The surgeon needs to find out where that lesion is; this new technology can do that."

She said that previously, breast cancer patients needing surgery would have to arrive at the hospital early in the morning on the day of the operation to undergo needle location, a procedure in which a radiologist inserts a needle attached to a guide wire into a breast to find the lesions.

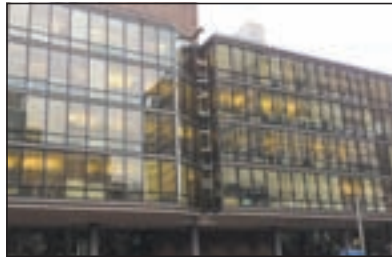
"The issue with needle location is if the lesion is in a difficult location, the procedure can take a lot longer than expected, and the patient could spend more time in the operating room than they need to," Joseph said. "That's inefficient, and leads to delays in surgery for the doctors."

With Savi Scout, she said, a radiologist inserts a small chip, called a reflector, into the breast of a surgical patient. This can be done under local anesthesia at any time — a week before, or even a day before — an operation.

"We have a device that we use in the operating room that picks up a signal from the reflector to show the surgeon where [in the breast] the lesion is," Dr. Joseph said. "I like to say it tracks where lesions are much like a GPS system in your car tracks your destination."

"It's a procedure that's much more comfortable for the patient — they don't have that guide wire sticking out of their breast — and they don't have to come in hours earlier before surgery," she said. It also improves operating room efficiency, because surgeons can begin operating more quickly, and see more patients on any given day.

"The main thing we [surgeons] look at is what we call our 'first start' case, the first [surgical] case of the day," Dr. Joseph said. "if that [sur-



LATEST TECH: Dr. Kathie-Ann Joseph, Chief of Breast Surgery at Bellevue Medical Center, displays Savi Scout, the latest breast mammography technology in use at the hospital (left).

board, "65 percent of the cases that were previously handled with guide wires are now done with Savi Scout, and we expect that number to grow. It's state-of-the-art were excited about it."

She said that so far, Bellevue is the only city Health + Hospitals facility to use Savi Scout, but she expressed hope that others would follow suit.

"It's going to become the standard of care," said Dr. Joseph, who is also an Associate Professor of Surgery and Population Health at NYU Langone Health. "The major

[breast cancer] academic centers are moving toward this type of system.

"Cancer patients are going through a stressful experience as it is," she said. "Anything we can do to make that experience less stressful is a good thing."

Bellevue Hospital Center, 462 First Avenue at 27th Street, Manhattan, is observing Breast Cancer Awareness Month by offering free mammograms at a health fair in the hospital lobby from 9 am to 2 pm Tuesday Oct. 30.



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The final curtain falls

Shore Theater will re-open as hotel and spa – not show venue

BY JULIANNE MCSHANE

They're bringing down the curtain on the Shore Theater.

The developers who purchased Coney Island's landmarked Shore Theater for \$14 million in 2016 will abandon their original promise to restore the 90-year-old building to its former glory as a playhouse, instead converting it into a hotel and spa, with ground-floor retail, according to plans filed with the Department of Buildings.

The unofficial "Mayor of Coney Island" — who led the successful charge to landmark the building's exterior in 2010 — said that he wished the restored property would include a theater space, but he is nonetheless glad the long-derelect building will be revived.

"My attitude is, the building was falling apart, and I'm thrilled that they are there restoring a landmark building," said Dick Zigun, who is also the founder of the Coney Island Circus Sideshow. "I wish that they were restoring the theater as a theater, but there is no legal way to require them to do that."

The plans filed by Pye Properties show that the estimated \$60-million renovation to the seven-story property at Surf and Stillwell avenues will culminate in a hotel, spa, bathhouse, and retail space. The developers' director of operations, Eduard Yadgarov, told New York 1 that they plan to turn the space a 50-room boutique hotel, adding that they also envision adding a banquet space, rooftop restaurant and lounge, and ground-floor café — though none of those elements were listed in the plans filed with the city.

This paper previously reported that the developers were also floating the ideas of adding a rooftop pool; wooing the local Community Board 13 to move their offices there from the next block, where they currently sit above a strip club and next to the elevated train; and targeting national-level tenants, including Starbucks Coffee and clothing retailer TJ Maxx. But reps for the developer did not respond to repeated inquiries about current plans for the property by press time.

The developers expect the hotel will open in 2021, according to the New York 1 report.

The theater has a storied history. It was built in 1925 as the Loew's Coney Island, and hosted Vaudeville acts in its heyday. The Brandt Company took



SHORE THEATER NO MORE: The developers revitalizing Coney Island's iconic Shore Theater at the corner of Surf and Stillwell avenues will abandon their previous plans to restore the playhouse and instead add a hotel, spa, and retail space to the site, according to plans filed earlier this summer with the Department of Buildings.

Photo by Steve Solomonson

it over in 1964, and the theater started showing X-rated movies in 1972 in a last-ditch attempt to lure audiences. Kansas Fried Chicken mogul Horace Bullard purchased the property in 1978 hoping to convert it into a hotel and casino, but the state decided against allowing gambling in the People's Playground. The land baron then put the building up for sale and let it sit derelict for the next several decades, drawing criticism from Coney Island advocates as the structure deteriorated and became an encampment of homeless people. Bullard died in 2013, and a 2015 announcement that the city would scoop up other derelict Coney Island properties that passed to his family reignited calls to seize the property through eminent domain before it was

eventually sold to developers in 2016.

But Zigun said the revamped property bodes well for the amusement area's future, insisting that the hotel and retail space will help drive more tourism and business to the area — which could create enough foot traffic to justify eventually adding another theater to another part of the neighborhood, he said.

"Even though I'm a theater person and I wish the theater was put back as a theater, it doesn't matter — a prosperous Coney Island will build another theater," Zigun said. "In order to fill a theater year-round, you need tourists year-round, and we don't have that yet."

Reps from the city Landmarks Preservation Commission did not respond to an inquiry by press time.



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SHATTERED QUIET: The home of the victims of Monday's brutal home invasion is on a quiet, tree-lined street near Marine Park.

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Two in custody after brutal Marine Park home invasion

BY KEVIN DUGGAN

Police have arrested two people in connection to a violent home invasion that happened on Monday morning in Marine Park.

The man and the woman, both in their twenties, were charged with attempted murder, assault, burglary, grand larceny, and criminal possession of a weapon, according to police.

Police say those two individuals, plus an accomplice, broke into the Madison Place home of a retired police lieutenant at 5:30 am on Oct. 8, attacking the 72-year-old former cop and sexually assaulting his 71-year-old wife.

The brutes allegedly slashed the retired cop's face with a boxcutter and hit him in the head with a gun, according to the authorities.

They then allegedly stole the couple's Honda Civic and fled the scene, police said.

Later on Monday night, a man and woman were stopped in the stolen car at the Battery Tunnel and brought in for questioning, authorities said.

The retired couple were previously victims of a burglary last July, when the former cop's firearm was taken and has since not been recovered since, according to police.

The police department reps couldn't confirm the condition of the victims, but the New York Times reported that they were treated at a nearby hospital and the woman was recovering there at on Monday night.

TIME'S UP

Locals call on Golden to support Child Victims Act

BY JULIANNE MCSHANE

They want their voices heard.

State Sen. Marty Golden (R-Bay Ridge) and his fellow Senate Republicans must pass the more-than-decade-old Child Victims Act extending the statute of limitations to allow survivors of child sex abuse to come forward with their claims as adults, demanded protesters and sex-assault survivors at a press conference organized by Golden's Democratic opponent, Andrew Gounardes, outside the incumbent's Fifth Avenue district office on Oct. 9.

Gounardes said that adult survivors of childhood sexual assault have a right to seek justice — especially now, with the #MeToo movement and following Dr. Christine Blasey Ford's allegations of sexual assault against newly named Supreme Court Associate Justice Brett Kavanaugh.

"It is more important than ever that we believe survivors, we hear their stories, and that we give them every opportunity under the law to seek justice," Gounardes said.

The state Assembly has passed the bill every year since 2006, while the Republican-controlled Senate has refused even to bring the bill to a vote.

Current law prevents sex-abuse survivors from pursuing civil cases after they turn 23, and accusers in cases against public institutions have just 90 days to file a lawsuit. The Child Victims Act would extend the statute of limitations to age 50 in civil cases, and age 28 in criminal cases. New York is one of only four states — along with Alabama, Georgia, and Mississippi — with statutes of limitation that restrict child-sex-abuse survivors from pursuing legal action.

At least one in five girls and one in twenty boys is a victim of childhood sexual abuse, according to the National Center for Victims of Crime, and less than 40 percent of children reveal sexual abuse to someone else — with nearly 40 percent of those disclosures revealed only to the children's friends, meaning that most assaults go unreported to the authorities, according to Darkness



TIME TO ACT: Longtime supporter of state Sen. Marty Golden — and abuse survivor — Toni Franco, at podium, said she would vote for challenger Andrew Gounardes, at right, because of Golden's failure to support the Child Victims Act extending the statute of limitations to allow survivors of child sex abuse to come forward with their claims as adults.

Photo by Julianne McShane

to Light, an organization that works to prevent child sexual abuse.

A Quinnipiac poll from earlier this year shows that New York state voters overwhelmingly support passing the Child Victims Act by 90 percent, with only 6 percent opposed.

But Golden said that he didn't see an "impetus" to pass the bill in 2016, and recently threw his support behind a bill introduced by state Sen. Catharine Young (R-Upstate) that would create a Child Victims Fund using public funds to compensate victims seeking financial settlements.

But a Bensonhurst resident who spoke out at the press conference for the first time in public about a sexual assault she said she experienced 37 years ago said that publicly funded payouts would not give survivors the justice they deserve.

"[Golden] believes the Child Victims Fund is enough, and it's not. They want justice," said Toni Franco. "I wouldn't have wanted any [money]. The kids need to be heard. Their assaulters need justice."

Franco, a registered Republican, added that she has consistently voted for Golden for 31 years, but said she would be voting for Gounardes in the Nov. 6 general election, in part due to Golden's lack of support for the Child Victims Act.

"I was a registered Republican for many years, and I always supported Marty Golden. I cannot support him anymore in good conscience," Franco said. "He is putting the assaulters' interests in front of the children's interests."

Another local at the press conference, Karen Tadross, has ties to both candidates: she lives across the street from Golden, and founded Bay Ridge Cares with Gounardes in 2012. Tadross said that her connections to both candidates made her feel uncomfortable protesting Golden, but she said she felt she had to be there on behalf of a family member who experienced childhood sexual assault, adding that she wanted the pol to do more than stroll the neighborhood and shake hands at events he sponsors.

"Marty Golden lives across the street from me. We're neighbors. And standing here outside of his office is extremely difficult. But I am past the point of keeping quiet for the sake of getting along," she said. "I am past the point of being impressed with summer concerts and parades. Any senator can do any of those things. There's been twelve years of inaction from our state Senate, and guess who has been there for all twelve years? Marty Golden."

Golden declined to comment through a spokesman.

Five developers indicted for asbestos-risk fraud

BY COLIN MIXSON

Five developers callously exposed workers to the carcinogenic fibers of asbestos at four buildings in Greenwood Heights in a bid to line their pockets, Kings County's top prosecutor said during an indictment on Wednesday.

The developers are accused of forging documents in 2015, including asbestos assessment reports, that were sent to the city's Department of Buildings in order to obtain permits needed to renovate four Fifth Avenue properties located between 33rd and 34th streets — without having to pay for a federally licensed asbestos abatement contractor.

"These defendants are accused of greedily taking dangerous shortcuts — bypassing safety measures that are put in place to protect the public from serious and unnecessary health risks — to maximize profits at any cost, including the well-being of employees and prospective tenants," said District Attorney Eric Gonzalez.

As a result of the alleged lies, workers tasked with demolition work inside the four properties unknowingly filled the air with the cancer-causing material, exposing themselves to a laundry list of harmful side effects, according to Department of Investigations Commissioner Mark Peters.

Asbestos was commonly used for indoors fireproofing and insulation work prior to the Environmental Protection Agency banning it under the Clean Air Act of 1973.

Boardwalk walk against breast cancer

BY JAMES HARNEY

For a second year, they'll walk the Boardwalk toward a world without breast cancer.

Participants in the American Cancer Society's annual Making Strides Against Breast Cancer, Brooklyn Walk edition, will take to the iconic Riegelmann Boardwalk on Oct. 21, continuing a 16-year tradition of uniting supporters and survivors.

The event's return to the seaside venue is a testament to the community's care for the cause, according to an ACS spokeswoman.

"Making Strides Against Breast Cancer is an opportunity for thousands of people from all over Brooklyn to not only fight back against breast cancer, but also form a massive community of support with one another," said Ashley Engelman. "Women who are newly diagnosed with breast cancer meet longtime survivors. Caregivers connect with other caregivers. Doctors walk alongside their patients. Everyone is uniting for a single, important cause: eradicating breast cancer."

The non-competitive event aims to raise awareness as well as funds for breast-cancer prevention, research, and patient services. Some

25,000 Brooklyn walkers raised nearly \$750,000 at last year's event, all of which went towards putting services in place for breast-cancer patients, Engelman said.

"The money raised from Making Strides Against Breast Cancer supports critical breast cancer research so that we can continue to find better treatments," she said.

That mission was endorsed by two breast-cancer survivors who walked the walk on the Boardwalk last year, one of whom said 2017 marked her dozenth appearance at the event.

"I have been walking with Making Strides Against Breast Cancer for 12 years. I started participating in the walk because I felt they needed to find a cure," said Doris Taylor, a Brooklyn resident for 35 years. "The feeling of walking along with other survivors lets me know that I am blessed, and gives me a feeling of gratitude. I am a two-time survivor with double mastectomy and reconstruction."

Another two-time breast cancer survivor, Cynthia Jean, has been walking Making Strides walks for four years, and said she continues to do participate because she has personally benefitted from research advancements.



PROUD PARTICIPANTS: Enthusiastic supporters of the fight against breast cancer gathered outside MCU Park near the Coney Island Boardwalk before stepping off on the Brooklyn version of the 2017 Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk. American Cancer Society

"Four years ago, they didn't have an effective medication for my type of cancer, HER2+," Jean said. "But today I'm on Perjeta, which I take once every three weeks and [which] targets those cancer cells. The day of the walk is a day of unity, strength, hope and courage."

Engelman said that everyone is welcome at the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk, but encouraged people to register online in advance, and to make donations and fund-raise. She noted that the American Cancer Society "is the largest funder of cancer research outside of the federal government, and we've

played a role in nearly every major breast cancer research breakthrough in modern history."

This year's walk will start on the Boardwalk under the Parachute Jump, and travel up to Coney Island Avenue and back down to the finish line at Stillwell Avenue. Bicycles, carts, scooters and other vehicles will not be allowed on the walk route; strollers and wheelchairs are welcome.

Walk the walk at Making Strides Brooklyn at MCU Park (1904 Surf Avenue between W. 17th and W. 19th streets). Oct. 21, on-site registration starts at 8 am; walk starts at 10 am. Register in advance online at www.makingstrideswalk.org.



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According to the non-partisan New York Public Interest Research Group, Marty is one of the most productive members of the entire State Legislature, having sponsored the most amount of bills that passed both the Senate and Assembly and were signed into law by the governor. Source: NYPIRG, Session Analysis

Education

Marty brought billions of dollars back to NYC schools in the largest increase in education funding in the history of New York. The bills he has passed into law support teachers, students, learners with special needs and after school programs.

Public Safety

Marty has always stood up for law enforcement, but public safety is more than that. He has brought millions of dollars back to drug treatment programs and education efforts to prevent early addiction. He also supports recovery programs throughout Brooklyn and funds outreach specifically for expectant mothers in distress. He has funded community patrol cars, supported graffiti removal and school-based security programs. Safe and healthy communities depend on everyone working together.

Health Care

Standing up to insurance companies for your family, supporting local medical offices, fighting to keep prescriptions affordable, and ensuring that Brooklyn hospitals maintain excellent standards of care – Marty has always been our side.

Economic Development & Job Creation

Since 2011, Marty has led the charge to cut taxes 88 times, saving taxpayers \$12 billion. He created a successful tax credit program to dramatically increase hiring for movie and TV production in Brooklyn, and drove the rehabilitation of Industry City into a hot spot for jobs and start-ups. Marty is now leading the effort to make Brooklyn a center of gaming technology and development.

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Breast cancer survival rates soar

Improved screenings, innovative treatments mean more patients are beating once-deadly diagnoses

A breast cancer diagnosis can be a devastating blow. Upon receiving such a diagnosis, people may begin to ask questions about treatment and the impact cancer may have on their personal lives. Many people who are diagnosed with cancer also begin to wonder about their mortality.

An estimated 266,120 new cases of invasive breast cancer and 63,960 new cases of non-invasive, or in situ, breast cancer are expected to be diagnosed among women in the United States this year, according to Breastcancer.org. According to the latest statistics presented by the Canadian Breast Cancer foundation, 26,300 women and 230 men had been diagnosed with breast cancer in Canada in 2017.

The good news is that breast cancer incidence rates began decreasing in 2000 af-

ter increasing for the previous two decades. In addition, death rates from breast cancer have been decreasing steadily since 1989.

The National Cancer Institute says that the change in age-adjusted mortality rates are an indicator of the progress being made in the fight against breast cancer. The most recent SEER Cancer Statistics Review released in April 2018 indicates cancer death rates among women decreased by 1.4 percent per year between the years of 2006 and 2015. The American Cancer Society says that decreasing death rates among major cancer types, including prostate, colorectal, lung, and breast cancers, are driving the overall shift in survival. The Society says breast cancer death rates among women declined by 39 percent from 1989 to 2015. That

progress is attributed to improvements in early detection and treatment protocols. For anyone doing the math, over the last 25 years or so, 322,000 lives have been saved from breast cancer.

A similar scenario has unfolded in Canada. Breast cancer mortality rates in Canada recently decreased to 21.4 percent, down from 21.8 percent in 2011, states data from the Canadian Cancer Society. Currently, the five-year survival rate for breast cancer among Canadians is 87 percent, and the five-year net survival in the United States is 85 percent.

Increased knowledge about breast cancer, early detection through examinations and mammography, and improved treatments are helping to drive up the survival rates of breast cancer. Although this does not make diagnosis any less scary, it does offer hope to those recently diagnosed.



MAKING HEADWAY: Early detection and better treatment options are improving the chances of surviving breast cancer.

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Freewheeling thieves

Some nogoodnik swiped the tires from a woman's car parked on E. 37th Street sometime overnight on Oct. 5.

The victim told police she parked the vehicle between Avenue L and Kings Highway at 9:45 pm, and when she returned at 1:30 am, someone had taken her four tires and rims from the car.

Men at work

Thieves stole clothing and accessories from a woman's Avenue O home between Sept. 26 and 28.

The victim told police that a fur coat, handbag, Ralph Lauren outfit, a cotton dress, and an evening gown vanished from her home sometime between noon on Sept. 26 and noon on Sept. 28.

She told cops she saw men doing work on a neighboring house leave her house with big bags, but she didn't see what was in them, according to the police report.

Bricked

A goon threw a brick through the window of a woman's car parked on E. 51st Street on Oct. 6 and stole her valuables.

The victim parked her car near Avenue K at 10 pm and went to a friend's house. When she came back to the car at 2:30 am to leave for work, she noticed that a nogoodnik had thrown a brick through her rear passenger-side window and bagged her bank cards and her Samsung Galaxy S8, according to cops.

Delinquent duet

Two women stole more than a \$1,000 worth of clothes from a department store at an Avenue U shopping center on Oct. 7.

The looters stole Adidas pants and shirts, Tommy Hilfiger shirts, and various other items of clothing, from the store near Flatbush Avenue sometime between 5:30 and 6:30 pm, according to police.

— Kevin Duggan

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Teen robbery

Cops cuffed two teenagers for allegedly robbing another teen on Neptune Avenue on Sept. 21.

The 15-year-old victim was buying breakfast at a fast food restau-



rant near W. Sixth Street at 9:30 am when five teens allegedly threatened him with a knife and took the wallet, according to police.

The victim also told police he believes the suspects attend his school.

Stun and run

A group of rascals attacked and robbed another boy on Ocean Parkway on Oct. 3.

The victim told police he was outside his school near Mitchell Wesson Place at 2:35 pm when five to six kids hit his chest with a possible stun gun, kicked him in the face, and stole his iPhone and ID card, police reported.

Elderly assault

Police arrested a man who they say assaulted an elderly man on Brightwater Court on Oct. 3.

The suspect allegedly punched the victim in the back of the neck, kicked him in the back, and pushed him onto a nightstand, causing scratches and pain, near Brighton First Road at 10 pm.

According to police, the victim has a restraining order against the suspect, and the suspect also has an active warrant.

Bodega bandit

A sneak swiped man's wallet on Brighton Beach Avenue on Sept. 25.

He was shopping at a grocery store near Brighton 11th Street at 4 pm when he noticed someone had stolen his black wallet from his back pocket, according to authorities.

Boardwalk crook

A thief took a sleeping man's belongings on the Riegelmann Boardwalk on Oct. 2.

His wallet and iPhone were stolen while he was sleeping on a bench near Coney Island Avenue at 7:30 pm, according to police.

Liquor store looter

Some lout stole a man's phone on Brighton Beach Avenue on Oct. 3.

The victim told police he was helping a customer in a liquor store near Brighton Second Street at 10:50 am when he noticed his iPhone X was gone, police reported.

Backpack brigand

A nogoodnik swiped two teenagers' backpacks from the Riegelmann Boardwalk on Oct. 5.

The victims left their backpacks near W. 16th Street at 5:40 pm to go for a walk on the pier, and when they returned, they found their unattended book bags, which contained their iPhones and wallets, were gone, according to police.

Honda thief

A baddie drove off with a man's car parked on Brighton Fourth Street on Oct. 1.

He told police his son parked his Honda Odyssey near Brighton Third Lane at 9:30 pm and when the son returned, the car was missing, according to the police report.

Ford filcher

A thief took off with a man's car from its Oceanview Avenue spot on Sept. 30.

The victim told police he parked his black Ford near Brighton Sixth Street at 4 pm and went to a restaurant. When he returned, his vehicle was missing, cops said.

— Brianna Kudisch

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Designer thief

Freebooters stole designer accessories worth more than an estimated \$19,000 from an apartment on E. 24th Street on Oct. 3.

The raiders stole a watch, a leather tote bag, two handbags, and a pair of suede boots, all by the designer brand Valentino, from the apartment near Voorhies Avenue between 8:30 am and 8:30 pm, according to cops.

Commercial burglary

Police arrested a suspect for allegedly breaking into a commercial building on Exeter Street on Oct. 1.

The suspect broke through the front door window, busted a panel to an office door, and ransacked other rooms in the building near Oriental Boulevard between 12:40 and 1:15 am, according to cops.

The suspect was arrested later that morning at 9:38 am, cops said.

Depressing robbery

A burglar entered a woman's on E. 24th Street apartment on Oct. 1 and stole cash and medication.

The victim told police that the filcher got in through an unlocked open window and stole cash, a laptop, bank cards, and anti-depressants, from the apartment near Kings Highway between 6:45 and 7:30 pm.

Severance package

A former employee burgled his a commercial building on Sheepshead Bay Road on Oct. 1, cops said.

The owner of the business near Emmons Avenue said told police that the disgruntled employee broke the lock of the door and slid through the front window to steal the keys for a business van and some cash from the register at 9:30 pm.

The owner also has an active order of protection against the former worker, according to cops.

Vacation raid

A looter broke into an apartment on E. 26th Street between Oct. 3 and 5.

The prowler broke the front door lock and stole a gold chain from the apartment near Kings Highway, at some point between when the victim left for vacation at 9:30 pm on Oct. 3, and when the victim returned at 8:30 pm on Oct. 5, according to cops.

Cash withdrawer

A purloiner broke into a clothing store on Avenue U sometime overnight on Oct. 5 and stole cash.

Police said that the bandit broke the glass side door of the store near Nostrand Avenue sometime between 10:40 pm on Oct. 5 and 8 am the next day. The thief broke into three cash registers, stealing some \$700, along with the cash register drawer, police reported.

Cashing in

A rustler broke into an office on E. 13th Street between Oct. 5 and 7.

The brigand got into the building near Kings Highway through an unlocked gate and back door sometime between 1:30 pm on Oct. 5 and 5:15 pm two days later. The snake broke the door lock to the office, stealing some \$200, according to police.

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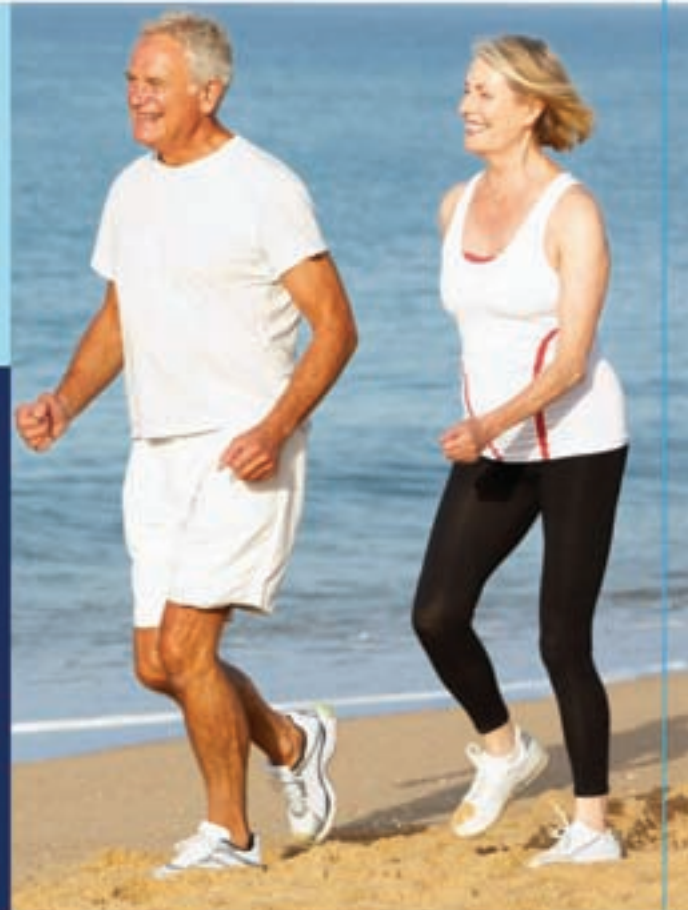
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Locals turn out to take in annual Bensonhurst Columbus Parade

BY JULIANNE MCSHANE

They took to the streets with pride.

Locals marched along 18th Avenue in Bensonhurst on Oct. 6 for the Federation of Italian-American Organizations' 37th-annual Columbus Parade. The mother of one youngster who walked in the parade with his school said her son enjoyed taking in the sights along the 1.5-mile route stretching from 61st Street to Benson Avenue.

"It was a good experience for him to be a part of the parade," said Lorena Wasser of her 8-year-old son, Bryan.

The festivities started with a mass at St. Athanasius Roman Catholic Church on Bay Parkway and 61st Street, then the parade kicked off a few hours later with three grand marshals leading the way: former commissioner of the Fire Department and city's Office of Emergency Management Joseph Bruno, PS 748 principal Ursula Annio, and the police department's Det. Stephen Agosta.

The grand marshals led students from Fort Hamilton High School's marching band, who created the soundtrack to the streets with their drums and instruments, along with cheerleaders from local schools, who dazzled onlookers by dancing to the beat. And automobile aficionados also enjoyed the fleet of antique cars that rolled down the street.

ITALIAN PRIDE: (Above) Police detective Stephen Agosta was one of the Grand Marshals of the parade on Oct. 6. (Center) A 1927 Bugatti was one of the fleet of classic cars that made an appearance. (Left) Local cheerleaders marched in the parade.

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IMAGE MAKERS: On the front lines in the Women's Health Imaging Center at Coney Island Hospital are, from left, Dr. Ami Shah, MD, Director of Breast Imaging; Irina Yadovina, mammography technician; Dr. Daniel Contractor, Chairman of Radiology; and Peter Montanino, Associate Executive Director of Imaging.

NYC Health+Hospitals / Coney Island

Imaging re-imagined at Coney Island Hospital

BY JAMES HARNEY

At Coney Island Hospital, ground zero in the battle against breast cancer is on the fifth floor, in the new Women's Health Imaging Center.

In this, Breast Cancer Awareness Month, doctors and administrators at the largest city Health + Hospitals facility in southern Brooklyn want local women to know that they are more ready than ever to provide state-of-the-art breast health diagnostic and treatment services.

"As per the New York State Cancer Registry data regarding the number of new breast cancer cases detected in the different zip codes of Brooklyn, it was noted that the zip code 11235 — which is where Coney Island Hospital is located — had the highest number of breast cancer cases detected for period 2005–09," said Dr. Daniel Contractor, chairman of the hospital's Department of Radiology. "Patient survival outcomes are much improved if the breast cancer is detected in its early stage. It is therefore imperative that we provide the latest cutting edge technology to our patients to help in early breast cancer detection."

Contractor said the new imaging center is equipped with two units that can perform both two-dimensional and three-dimensional mammography exams. He explained that 3D mammography "will help decrease the recall rates for patients with suspicious findings on 2D mammograms, improving patient satisfaction."

The new facility also has rooms dedicated for breast ultrasounds and ultrasound guided breast biopsies, Contractor said. He added that

all mammography imaging suites have an ambient atmosphere to make for a more-relaxed patient experience.

"Once inside the exam room, our state-of-the art video and surround sound system offers you a choice of soothing environments, such as the beach, a garden, or a rainforest to help you relax during your exam," Contractor said.

And once relaxed, he promised, patients will be treated by skilled medical staff.

"In Dr. Ami Shah and Dr. Inna Nutanson, we have two very experienced top-quality mammographers who are both board certified by the American College of Radiology and have done fellowships in women's imaging from prestigious institutions," Contractor said.

Dr. Tindalo Adaniel, Director of Breast Surgery at the hospital, said that since the Women's Health Imaging Center opened, "we're seeing quite a few more patients."

"The new imaging technology makes diagnosis and treatment a lot easier. On average, we probably are doing about 25 mammograms a day," said Adaniel. "And we could still do more."

And Dr. Toni Stern, chair of obstetrics and gynecology, added that in addition to mammograms, the new center is equipped with DEXA scanners that measure women's bone density to diagnose for osteoporosis.

"I'm enthusiastic about the multifaceted approach we have toward breast-cancer awareness," Stern said. "We truly partner with our patients to ensure that they receive the care they need."

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Brooklyn teacher shares a life-saving lesson

NYU LANGONE HEALTH

This Brooklyn teacher has an important lesson for women.

Keri Gioia began having an annual mammogram 11 years ago when she turned 40. The kindergarten teacher was single with no children, had no family history of breast cancer, and no symptoms.

But in 2012, doctors spotted a suspicious area on her mammogram that was later confirmed to be breast cancer. The tumor was at an early stage, and Gioia decided to have a lumpectomy and follow-up radiation treatment.

After a short period of recovery, she returned to her usual routine with a positive attitude: teaching in a public school in Brooklyn and leading an active social life on Staten Island, where she lives. She remained diligent about her annual mammogram.

Then, in late 2017, during her annual screening before a visit with Dr. Janet Yeh, a breast surgeon at NYU Langone Hospital-Brooklyn, Gioia told the mammography techni-

cian about a lump she recently felt in her other breast. Her mammograms and a subsequent biopsy of the suspicious area confirmed a malignancy. Again, it was at an early stage. She underwent a mastectomy with two-stage breast reconstruction, performed in Brooklyn by plastic surgeon Dr. Alyssa Golas, whom she praised along with Yeh for the care they provided.

"Dr. Yeh and Dr. Golas are an incredible team and I am very pleased with the result," Gioia said. "The care I received from them was simply the best and it's convenient that they work together and can see patients at one site. They are terrific doctors!"

The American Cancer Society currently recommends women without any symptoms or family history of breast cancer start receiving annual screening mammograms at age 45. False-positives and over-diagnosis are two main reasons for waiting until later, according to Yeh.

"Some cancers grow slowly,



TEAMWORK: Breast cancer patient Keri Gioia, left, confers with NYU Langone Health plastic surgeon Alyssa Golas, center, and breast surgeon Janet Yeh, who treated Gioia at NYU Langone-Brooklyn Hospital.

NYU Langone-Brooklyn Hospital

but some can be aggressive and reach an advanced stage more quickly. In Keri's case, her tumors were found and treated early, when the chance for a good outcome or a cure is

much greater," the doctor said. "Self-examination and an annual mammogram can save many lives."

For information about breast health, the diagnosis of

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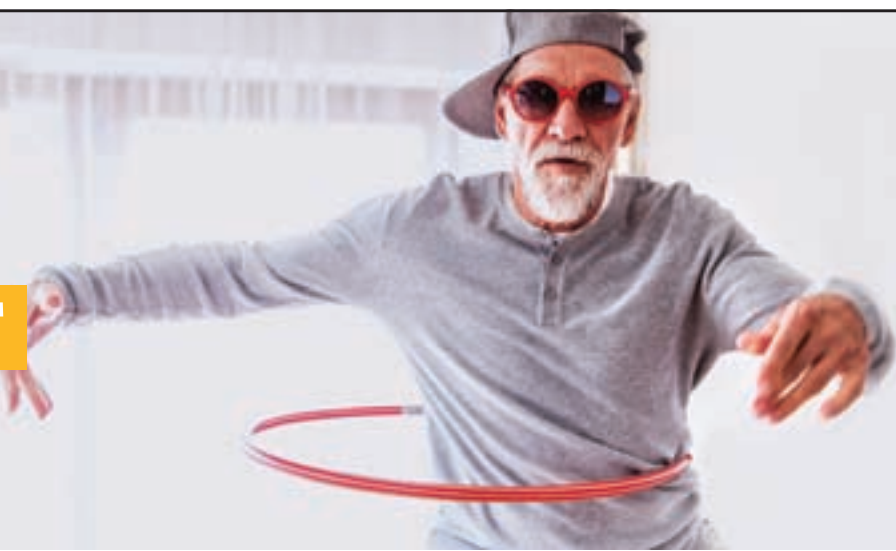
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SAFE AT HOME

Feds drop deportation case against pizza delivery man detained at Fort Hamilton

BY JULIANNE MCSHANE

He's in the clear.

The Feds dropped their case to deport undocumented immigrant and former pizza delivery man Pablo Villavicencio on Oct. 5, a spokesman for the U.S. Attorney's Office in the Southern District of New York confirmed.

A spokesman from the Legal Aid Society said its lawyers cheered the government's decision to drop its case against Villavicencio, whom they took on as a client after Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents detained him when he made a pizza delivery to Fort Hamilton Army Base in June. The spokesman added that the Legal Aid Society would continue to represent Villavicencio — along with lawyers from Deboise and Plimpton LLP — in order to secure his legal right to stay in the U.S.

"We are glad that the federal government fully with-

drew their challenge to Mr. Villavicencio's hard-won release from immigration detention and his opportunity to pursue lawful status," the Legal Aid spokesman said.

The U.S. Attorney's Office originally filed an Oct. 2 appeal challenging U.S. District Judge Paul Crotty's July decision releasing Villavicencio from detention and staying his deportation to his native Ecuador, according to the New York Law Journal. But just three days later, the Feds withdrew the appeal for unknown reasons.

Villavicencio's case received national media attention after Immigration and Customs Enforcement officers detained him while he was delivering food to Fort Hamilton Army Base on June 1, with critics charging that Villavicencio's detention was the result of ethnic profiling.

A spokeswoman for the

base claimed that Villavicencio lacked the proper military identification to enter it, prompting a background check and the subsequent discovery of an active warrant from the federal immigration agency, which it issued after Villavicencio failed to leave the country by July 2010, as ordered by a judge.

After he was detained, Villavicencio — whose wife and two daughters are U.S. citizens — spent 53 days at the Hudson County Correctional Facility in New Jersey until Judge Crotty ordered his release on July 24.

Gov. Cuomo weighed in on Villavicencio's case on Oct. 5, saying that the government's change of heart proved the delivery man did not deserve to be detained, and that he was targeted due to his immigration status.

"By dropping its appeal of a court order freeing Pablo Vil-



FREE AT LAST: Pablo Villavicencio, at left with Councilman Justin Brannan, no longer lives in fear of deportation now the the federal government has dropped its case against him. NYC Council / John McCarten

lavencio, the federal government is admitting what we already knew — that there was absolutely no legitimate reason to lock him up and take him away from his family,"

Cuomo said. "ICE's arrest of Mr. Villavicencio while he was doing his job was an outrageous affront to our New York values and raised serious concerns of ethnic profiling."



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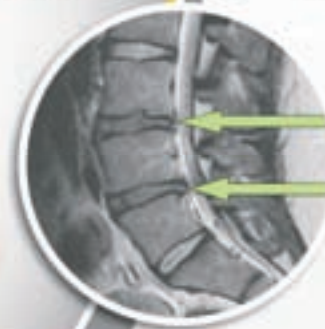
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Candidates spar over term limits at forum

BY JULIANNE CUBA

Brooklyn's lone Republican state senator wants term limits on state pols — but not for him.

State Sen. Marty Golden (R-Bay Ridge), who is running for his ninth term to represent parts of Bay Ridge, Dyker Heights, Marine Park, Gerritsen Beach, and Sheepshead Bay up in Albany, told a roomful of voters during a candidates forum on Oct. 3 that he'd support term limits for a Democratic legislator with more than three decades under his belt, but that he's still got years of public service ahead of him.

"I'd be in favor. We did term limits in the city Council. I'd be in favor of term limits in the state legislature — for offices paid in the state of New York," Golden said during the forum hosted by the Bay Ridge Inter-agency Council on Aging at the Fort Hamilton Senior Center. "One of the supporters is Peter Abbate, he's got 36 years, it's time to move on for him, not me, I'm only here 16."

A rep for Golden didn't respond to exactly how many years in office would suffice before the sitting pol was ready to step down, but said his boss

does support putting a cap on the number of terms an elected official can serve, especially for leadership roles in Albany.

"Sen. Golden has always supported term limits, and still does," said Michael Tobman. "Within the framework of what the law currently is, however, he will not unilaterally limit his public service."

Golden's challenger for a second time, however, Bay Ridgite Andrew Gounardes said he'd only back term limits for executive positions such as mayor and governor, and that giving constituents the opportunity to kick politicians out of office through elections is good enough.

"We have term limits already and they are called elections, and they happen every two years," said Gounardes, who was endorsed by Gov. Andrew Cuomo after besting his competitor Ross Barkan in last month's Democratic primary. "We need to make it easier for people to participate in the voting process so they can hold their elected officials more accountable on a two-year basis."

The three-hour forum — during which candidates for



MAKING HIS PITCH: Democratic candidate Andrew Gounardes tells the crowd why they should vote for him next month to oust state Sen. Marty Golden at a candidate forum on Oct. 3. Photo by Julianne Cuba

the Bay Ridge Congressional race, and Bay Ridge and Coney Island Assembly races were also invited to speak — nearly came to blows when Golden told constituent Malory McMahon, who is a founding member of liberal political group Fight Back Bay Ridge, that he doesn't have time to meet with her because she is a "Democratic operative."

"I'm sorry, I'm too busy for you," Golden said to jeers from

the crowd, after McMahon questioned why his office has given her the run-around as she has tried since February set up a meeting. "She agrees with me on nothing and I have a very busy office."

But Gounardes said he would welcome meetings with all constituents, even if they don't see eye to eye.

"That's just a no-brainer, even if someone doesn't agree with me, we're not all gonna agree on every single thing," said Gounardes to rounds of applause — and he later clarified that McMahon has never volunteered nor worked for his campaign after such accusations following the heated exchange with Golden. "But that's okay, that's the way the system is supposed to work, but what's not supposed to happen, we're not supposed to ignore those who disagree with us, we're not supposed to ignore those who make us feel uncomfortable."

During their closing arguments, Gounardes urged voters to cast their ballots for him on the Nov. 6 if they are unhappy with the status quo, while Golden told the room

that flipping the Senate from red to blue would ruin lives.

"If we get the Democrats to take hold of the Senate it would be the worst thing to happen to us, and would be the worst thing to happen to our community," said Golden, who blasted Cuomo as corrupt on the heels of the governor backing Gounardes. "This is what you want in Albany? This is what you want?"

Meanwhile, incumbent Rep. Dan Donovan (R-Bay Ridge) — facing a stiff challenge from Democrat Max Rose, who was recently endorsed by former Vice President Joe Biden — failed to make an appearance because he was at an "important foreign affairs commitment in Washington," according to his campaign rep Jessica Proud, although social media shows he was on Staten Island for another event.

And the Democratic nominee for the vacant Coney Island Assembly seat, Mathyldé Frontus, also had the floor to herself because her Republican opponent, Steve Saperstein, had just welcomed a baby girl the day before the forum.



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Brooklyn College students protest professor for defending sexual assault, Brett Kavanaugh

BY KEVIN DUGGAN

These students want to teach their professor a lesson.

Hundreds of Brooklyn College students demanded on Oct. 4 that school officials fire a faculty member over a recent blog post defending controversial Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh — or any man accused of sexual assault during his high-school years.

The students gathered on the college's East Quad and insisted that the school's administration fire Mitchell Langbert, an associate professor at the college's business school, who wrote that committing sexual assault in high school is part of being a man.

"If someone did not commit sexual assault in high school, then he is not a member of the male sex," Langbert said in the post on Sept. 27.

In the same post, he said that sexual assault should be a requirement for future political and judicial appointees, and that Kavanaugh's hearings were made a travesty by the Democrats, whom he referred to as the "sissy party."

"In the future, having committed sexual assault in high school ought to be a prerequisite for all appointments, judicial and political. Those who did not play spin-the-bottle when they were 15 should not be in public life," he said.

Several students voiced their disgust at Langbert's online comments, saying that it made them feel unsafe on campus.

"My main concerns are the risk and the danger that the female students in front of him are in," said Sumaya Javaid, a junior at the college, adding that Langbert's beliefs could make him judge his female students unfairly. "It gives an unfair advantage where he doesn't respect women, so I don't think he would be fair to a female student as much as he would be to a male student," she said.

Another student agreed that Langbert should be fired.

"I don't think he should keep his job. He's obviously a danger to the environment, and if you're going to be learning with a professor like that, you're not going to feel safe and feel like you can actually learn anything," said Naimah Munim, also a junior.

The organizer of the protest condemned Langbert's statements as sexist and dangerous.

"We unequivocally condemn Mr. Langbert's sexism, glorification and promotion of sexual assault, and his calls for violence, as well as all legitimate threats of violence from any member of the campus community," said Corrinne Greene of the student group Young Progressives of America.

Greene read out the group's de-



SPEAKING UP: Students demanded that Mitchell Langbert be fired for his recent blog posts defending Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh, and held a protest on the college's East Quad on Oct. 4. He has since apologized, saying that the post was meant as satire. Photo by Kevin Duggan

mands, which, along with him being fired, included an investigation into Langbert's conduct during his tenure. They also demanded that the college should formally condemn the message and introduce mandatory anti-sexual-assault classes for all college faculty and administrators.

College provost Anne Lopes issued a statement on Oct. 3 saying that, while Langbert's statements were offensive, the Constitution protects his right to make them.

"I view the post as offensive, obviously abhorrent, and contravening the fundamental values and practices of our community," she said in the statement. "However, the First Amendment to the United States Constitution protects even speech that many experience as offensive, such as the faculty member's post."

One sophomore agreed that while Langbert's comments were offensive, firing him would be a last resort, and that a dialogue would be more constructive.

"I think terminating him should be the last thing. The staff and students should sit down with the professor and have a conversation first," said Naim Nuvel.

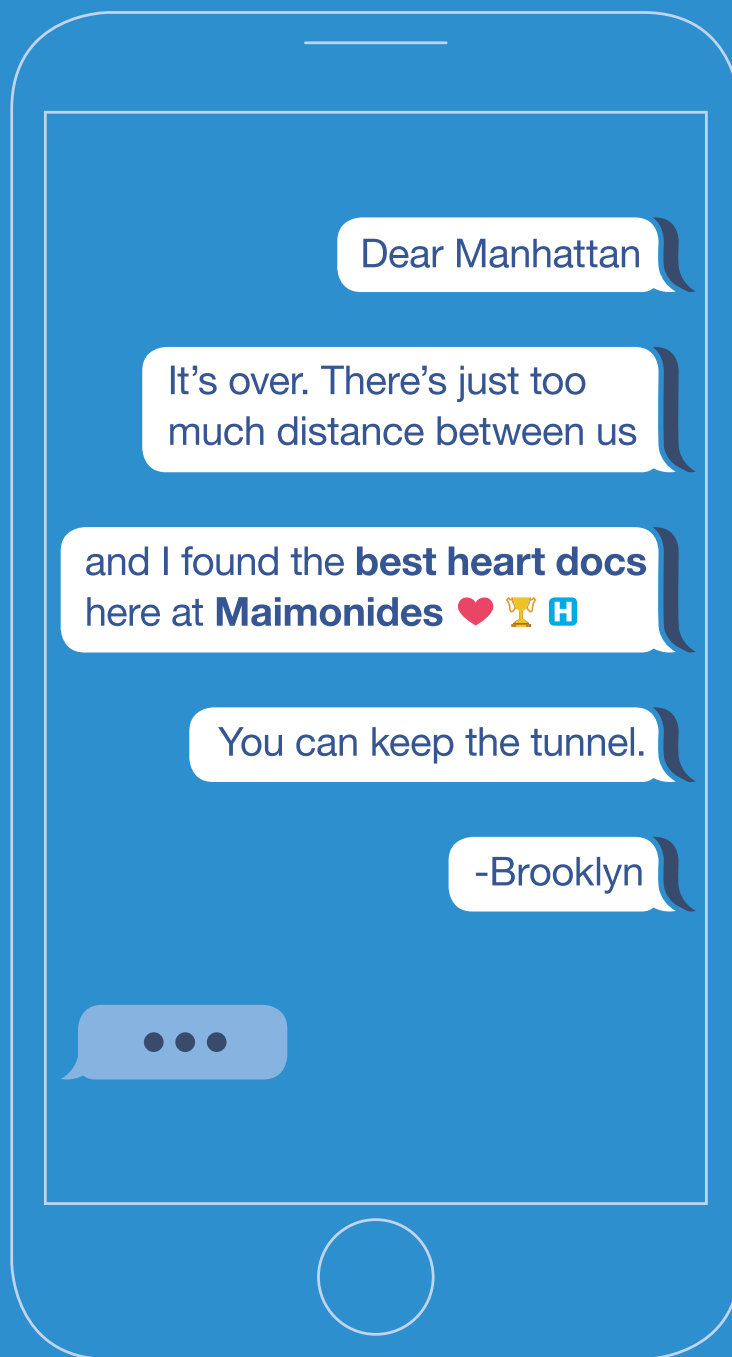
After the protest, college president Michelle Anderson released a statement in support of the protesting students.

"I want to add my personal voice to the chorus of condemnation of the faculty member's blog post," she wrote. "I find his words repugnant to our values as an institution of higher education. His remarks contravene our commitments to diversity, equality, and intellectual respect," Michelle Anderson said in a statement.

Anderson did not say whether Langbert would be let go, but said that she met with student representatives to see what steps the administration would take.

"This morning, I met with leader-

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Beware of 'rocky' raccoons

City warns that Prospect Park critters tested positive for distemper

BY COLIN MIXSON

A virus that caused dozens of raccoons to exhibit zombie-like symptoms in Central Park spread to Brooklyn's Backyard, where as many as four of the woodland critters may have been infected with distemper, a disease that's also lethal to common pets including dogs.

Department of Parks and Recreation officials are warning pup owners to leash their tail-waggers at all times while in Prospect Park, after raccoons found at the Long Meadow and on the eastern side of the park tested positive for the distemper virus on Oct. 3, according to spokeswoman Crystal Howard.

Two other masked bandits that officials suspect may have fallen prey to the deadly illness were collected near the Long Meadow and sent out for testing on Oct. 2 and 4, according to Howard, who said results of those tests are pending.



TEMPER, TEMPER: Raccoons in Prospect Park have been found with the distemper virus, and this little guy looks pretty ill-tempered. File photo by Paul Martinka

The good news is that man's best friend can get a vaccine to prevent distemper and other diseases including adenovirus and parvovirus, an all-in-one shot recommended by borough vets, some of whom claimed to face resistance to such inoculations from a contingent of local anti-vaxxers who fear they'll cause canine autism — a condition not recognized by medical professionals.

The Brooklyn outbreak follows a surge of infections that plagued raccoons in Central Park, leading the city to test a whopping 176 animals, with the most recently infected critter being collected on Sept. 19, according to Parks Department spokeswoman Maeri Ferguson.

Early symptoms of distemper in raccoons include runny eyes and nose, along with vomiting and diarrhea, but brain damage that occurs during

late stages of the illness can cause the animal to wander about aimlessly and even become aggressive.

Humans are thankfully im-

mune to the illness, but dogs are susceptible, and anyone who fears Fido may be sick with the disease should seek immediate treatment.

The Manhattan distemper flare up seems to have abated since then, however, as infection rates took a steep decline in the final weeks of summer, Ferguson said.

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Regrowing and caring for hair after chemotherapy

Chemotherapy and radiation are common treatment options for people who have been diagnosed with cancer. While radiation may be targeted at specific areas, chemotherapy is systemic. This means it affects the entire body. As a result, as chemotherapy kills fast-growing cancer cells, it also kills or slows the growth of healthy cells, including hair cells, that divide and grow quickly, explains the National Cancer Institute.

When chemotherapy treatment is completed, the body is typically capable of regenerating new hair, but that can take some time. Women who consider their hair a large part of their identity may have strong concerns and fears regarding hair loss and what their hair may look like when it begins to regrow. Understanding what to expect and what they can do to



facilitate the regrowth of hair can help women better handle what lies ahead.

New hair typically begins to grow within one to two months of the last chemo treatment. Breastcancer.org says people who have undergone chemotherapy may notice soft fuzz forming on their head roughly two to three weeks after the end of chemo. This will be followed by real hair growing at its normal rate one month afterward. Two months after the last treatment, an inch of hair can be expected. How hair grows back elsewhere on the body, such as the eyelashes, eyebrows and pubic area, varies from person to person. Experts at the Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center's Dermatologic Care Center at Northwestern University in Chicago recommend speaking with a doctor if hair is not regrowing quickly,

which can be the result of low levels of iron or zinc or even thyroid problems.

To help the process along, some doctors suggest the use of supplements like biotin. The National Institutes of Health says biotin is a B vitamin found in many foods that helps turn carbohydrates, fats, and proteins into energy. There is some evidence that taking biotin can help thicken and speed up the growth of hair and nails, but more research is needed. Rogaine, the baldness treatment, also may be advised, as it's been shown to speed hair regrowth in breast cancer patients who have lost their hair, advises Health magazine.

It is not uncommon for hair grown after chemotherapy to look and feel different from hair prior to treatment. Someone who once had straight hair may develop a wavy mane afterwards. While drastic changes are not common, blonde hair may darken.



SIDE EFFECT: Chemotherapy kills fast-growing cancer cells, and kills or slows the growth of healthy cells, including hair cells, that divide and grow quickly.

As hair grows in, certain areas on the head may grow faster than others. Working with an experienced stylist can help a person achieve a look that is evened out and stylish at any length. Rosette la Vedette, a headwear retailer and cancer resource, suggests making a first trip back to the salon a special experience with a glass of champagne.

Cutting hair won't make it grow faster, but it can help a woman return to a sense of normalcy.

It can be nerve-wracking to wait for hair to regrow after chemotherapy. But patience and understanding the road ahead can assuage any fears breast cancer patients may have about regrowing their hair.

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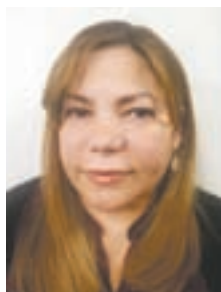
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Explaining metastatic cancer

Cancer survival rates are on the rise, and that rise can be credited to a host of factors. Advancements in cancer research and treatment have played a big role in rising survival rates, as have the efforts of various organizations to promote cancer prevention and raise awareness about the disease.

The World Health Organization notes that between 30 and 50 percent of cancers can currently be prevented by avoiding certain risk factors and implementing evidence-based prevention strategies. However, people can be vulnerable to cancer if they do not pay attention to their bodies or make an effort to protect themselves against certain risk factors for cancer. In such instances, cancer may already have spread to other parts of their bodies, or metas-



Cancer that spreads to different parts of the body is often referred to as “stage IV cancer.”

tasized, before they are even diagnosed, greatly reducing their likelihood of surviving the disease.

Cancer that spreads to distant parts of the body is known as metastatic cancer and is often referred to as “stage IV cancer.” According to the National Cancer Institute, when observed under a microscope, metastatic cancer cells feature traits like that of the primary cancer and do not mimic the cells

in the part of the body where the cancer is found. That is how doctors can tell that the cancer is metastatic cancer and has spread from another part of the body.

When doctors diagnose metastatic cancer, they will refer to it with the same name as the primary cancer regardless of where the metastatic cancer was discovered. For example, the Institute notes that breast cancer that has spread to the lungs will not be referred to as lung cancer, but metastatic breast cancer. In addition, when treating the disease in this example, doctors will treat the cancer as stage IV breast cancer, not as lung cancer.

Understanding metastatic cancer can help recently diagnosed men and women better comprehend their disease and their prognosis.



INVASION: Cancer that spreads to distant parts of the body is known as metastatic cancer and is often referred to as “stage IV cancer.”

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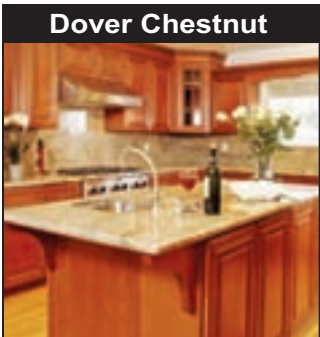
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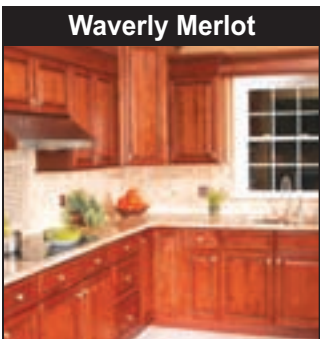
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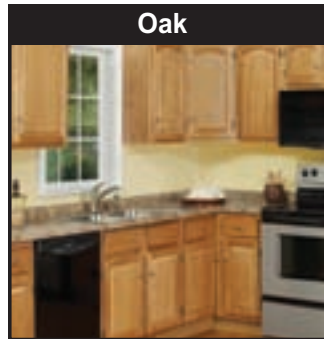
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ship from student government, as well as student protest organizers, to discuss their concerns and to consider constructive responses we could take together," she said.

Langbert amended his post ahead of the protest, saying that it was meant as satire, along the lines of 18th-century Irish writer Jonathan Swift, who argued satirically that the Irish should sell their children as food to the British to get out of poverty.

"I wrote the following short blog in light of the defamation that Judge Kavanaugh has suffered at the hands of his political opponents. It is intended to be taken in the same light as Swift's claim that Irish children should be eaten. I was surprised to learn that some readers took me literally, claiming that I advocate rape," he said in the amended post.

But students and faculty did not buy his explanation, saying that even if he was sincere about it being satire, it was still not appropriate for him to joke about sexual assault, given the current national climate, according to one staff member.

"I don't think as a straight male he gets to make satire about sexual assault. I don't think it is his place," said Hasan Ozcan, an acting director at the college's Preparatory Center.

Ozcan doubted the honesty of Langbert's explanation in light of other



UNDER FIRE: Mitchell Langbert, an associate professor of Brooklyn College's business school, drew the ire of students and fellow staff members for his blog post saying that committing sexual assault was a part of being a man.
Brooklyn College

posts on his blog, which argue a range of conservative ideas and rail against Democrats.

"Clearly much of his blog has similar sentiments so I neither think that he is sincere in his comment that it was satire, nor do I think it's his place to make jokes about someone else's pain, that people endure their entire lives," Ozcan said.

The college president announced that the college will host two public forums next week, which will allow for students and faculty to reflect and learn from each other, according to a spokesman for the college.

Langert did not respond to repeated requests for comment by press time.

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On March 30, 2018, at the age of 55, Sean's brave and strong battle with cancer came to an end. He took each day in stride, rarely complained, and always hoped the treatments would finally end so he could continue his life with his wife Kathy and their 2 children. For reasons we will never know, that wasn't God's plan for him.

Sean was a wonderful person, inside and out. He was the voice of reason, he didn't judge or force his opinions on anyone, but instead offered valuable and truthful advice whenever the situation arose. His sense of humor, warmth and intelligence were incomparable. I know I speak on behalf of the officers the Circle of Hope that he will be extremely missed.

For 20 years Sean has been involved with Circle of Hope. As a member he was always willing to volunteer his time to participate and assist in a fundraising event. It wasn't long before he was voted in as Vice President. He believed in Circle of Hope's motto of "Families

Helping Families" and he became even more motivated to actively network to his business associates and get them on board to sponsor tee shirts for our Walk for Hope, purchase raffle tickets, journal ads and so much more. Sean himself was abundantly generous and we often teased him to leave some raffles for the rest of us!!! This was the type of person he was.

Sean was the quiet guy sitting at the back table keeping us all organized and on our toes. Year after year we relied on him to set up tables utilizing the floor space for the projected capacity of guests, coordinate the rounds of prizes, calculate the money for the split ticket raffle prizes and so much more. We will miss his direction terribly.

We are looking forward to spending the day with you for another year of good times with good friends. If you are unable to attend but wish to send a donation or purchase a raffle in Sean's memory, we will be very grateful.

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A woman told police she was raped. Cops, citing grainy video, disagreed.

BY JULIANNE CUBA

A woman told police that a man raped her on a Williamsburg street in the early morning on Oct. 4, but cops aren't taking her word for it, and instead cited dark and grainy surveillance footage as evidence that she was a victim of attempted rape, according to officers and the public report they circulated following the incident.

The 27-year-old victim told authorities that she was walking on Richardson Street between Humbolt and N. Henry streets when the creep crossed the street, pushed her to the ground, removed her underwear, and entered her vagina with his penis without permission, Police Department spokeswoman Cdt. Taylor Cannon said, repeating language used by the victim in the police report she filed about an hour after cameras captured the act around 2:15 am.

"That's what the actual report says," Cannon said. "It's a rape, not attempted."

But authorities' Oct. 5 public notice about the incident, which included an edited clip of the surveillance video, described it as an attempted rape, al-



EVIDENCE: Stills from the blurry video that police used to classify the attack as an attempted rape. NYPD

leging the perv knocked the victim down and penetrated her with his fingers when she tried to fight him off after he approached her from behind on Richardson Street near Kingsland Avenue, pushed her against the wall of a building, and tore off her underwear.

When asked to explain cops' description of the incident as an attempted rape when the victim told them she was raped, Cannon initially said it was a mistake.

"It's an error," she said.

But when pushed about the discrepancy and why police would publicly describe the incident as an attempted rape despite the victim's own state-

ment to the contrary, Cannon put this reporter on hold, then said the blurry footage officers obtained provided a more accurate account of the incident than the woman did when reporting it an hour after it happened.

"The victim doesn't always have an accurate recollection of what happened. No penis to vagina contact," said Cannon, before transferring the call to her supervisor, Sgt. Lee Jones.

Jones also insisted the full video — which authorities did not publicly share — doesn't actually show the perv's penis enter the victim's vagina, but only him molesting her.

"The video doesn't show that she was raped. Not every criminal sex act is rape," he said. "She made a statement, we saw the video."

And the nature of the crime wasn't the only point of confusion in the reps' accounts of the incident, which occurred roughly two days before 50 United States senators decided multiple women's allegations of sexual assault against Justice Brett Kavanaugh were not substantiated enough to deprive him of a lifetime appointment on the Supreme Court.

Each police rep provided a different timeline in describing the victim's actions following the attack.

Cannon said the victim took an Uber from Kingsland Avenue to the 90th Precinct station house, where paramedics met her and took her to Woodhull Hospital for a rape kit.

But Jones said the victim first went back to her apartment, and then with her roommate came to the station house before paramedics took her to the hospital from there.

Authorities are still hunting for the slimeball, who fled in a dark-colored sedan towards Morgan Avenue following the attack, Jones said.

And should police arrest the man and charge him with attempted rape, prosecutors can always change the charge based on their own investigation, according to a rep for the district attorney's office.

Anyone with information regarding the incident is asked to call Crime Stoppers at (800) 577-8477. The public can also submit tips via the Crime Stoppers website at www.nypdcrimestoppers.com or by texting tips to 274637 (CRIMES) then entering TIP577.

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BY CAMILLE SPERRAZZA

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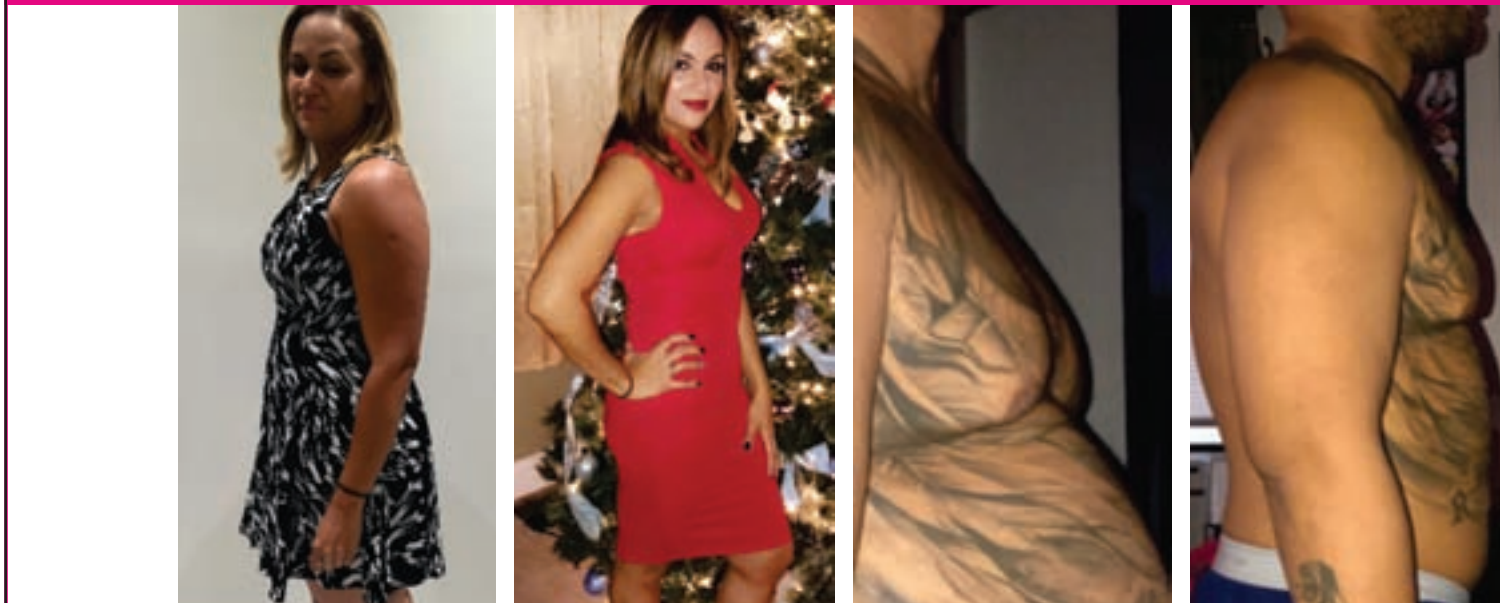
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The first step is becoming educated about the early signs of Alzheimer's disease. Understanding the early signs may help lead to a quicker diagnosis. Much has already been written about Alzheimer's disease, where the discussion tends to focus on early signs of memory loss and confusion. However, there are additional early signs that are not as well known.

- 1) Problems with language:** repetition of questions or trouble finding the right word
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- 4) Withdrawal from social situations:** losing interest or refusing to participate in social situations

Please note: **Early signs may vary with each person and do not appear all at the same time.**

The second step is making an appointment as soon as you can to talk to your doctor about your concerns. Your concerns may turn out to be a treatable condition not related to Alzheimer's. But if there is cause for concern, getting an early diagnosis of Alzheimer's can open doors to treatment options for symptoms and help prepare you for the road ahead.

If you're caring for someone who has, or who you believe has Alzheimer's disease, please don't hesitate to get help. You can start by contacting Sunnyside Community Services' free Care NYC program at **1-877-577-9337**.



BRIDGEWORK: The Marine Parkway-Gil Hodges Memorial bridge will be closed to traffic in both directions during weekday overnight hours for the rest of the month.

File Photo by Steve Solomonson

Bridge suspension

Marine Parkway-Gil Hodges span closing on weeknights for three weeks for repairs

BY KEVIN DUGGAN

The Marine Parkway-Gil Hodges Memorial bridge will be closed to traffic in both directions during weekday overnight hours beginning on the Monday Oct. 8 and running through Saturday morning on Oct. 27, due to necessary upgrade work on the bridge's lift mechanism, according to the Metropolitan Transportation Authority.

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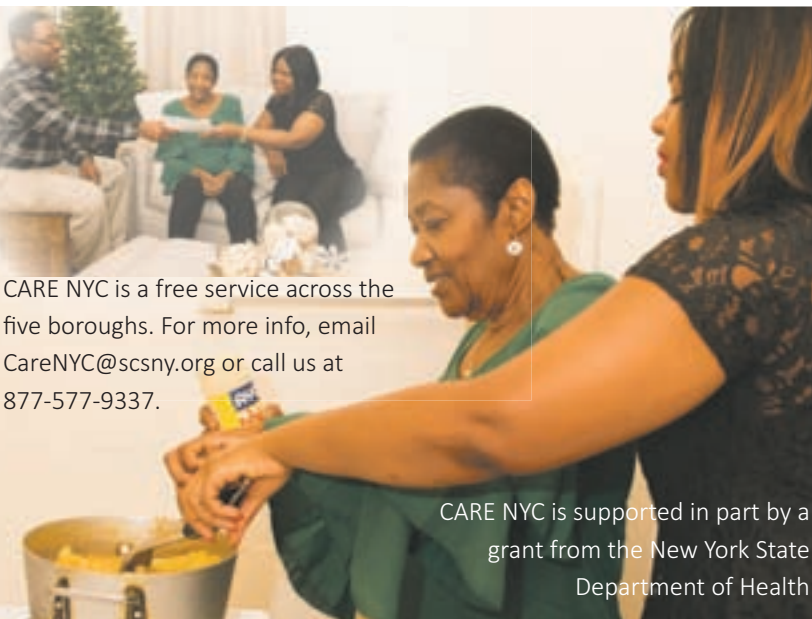
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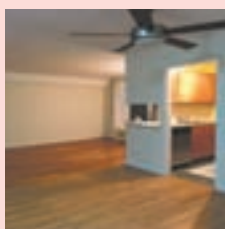
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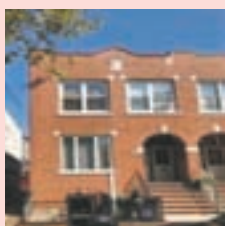
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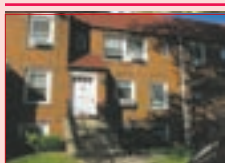
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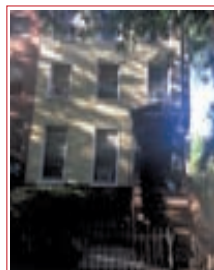
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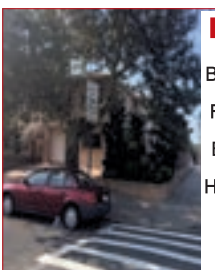
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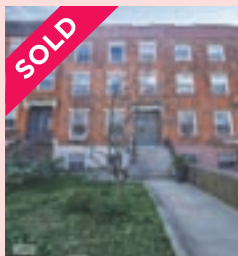


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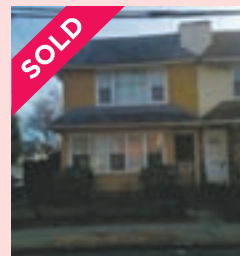
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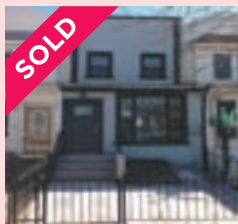
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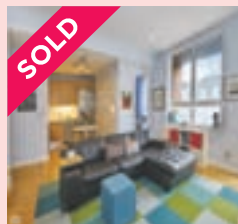
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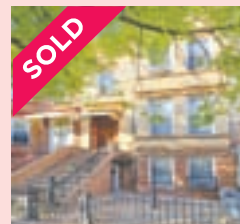
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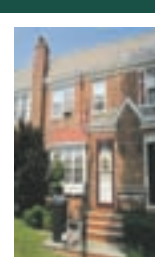


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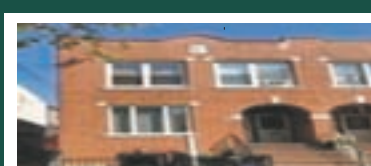


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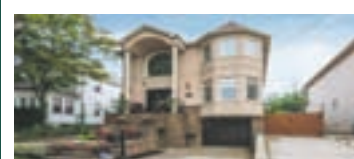
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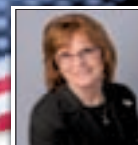


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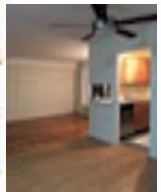
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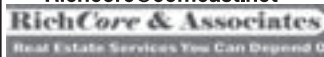
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How to juggle work and breast cancer treatment

Age is a risk factor for breast cancer, as the organization Susan G. Komen notes that the older a woman is, the more likely she is to get breast cancer. However, data from the National Cancer Institute indicates that breast cancer rates in women begin to increase after age 40, meaning many women diagnosed with breast cancer have to juggle both their disease and their careers.

The nonprofit organization Breastcancer.org says that breast cancer treatments can produce some cognitive side effects that affect thinking and memory. Memory loss and difficulty concentrating are two such side effects that can make it difficult for working women to do their jobs while being treated for breast cancer.

Professional women diagnosed with breast cancer may be able to take advantage of short- and long-term disability programs that provide a percentage of their incomes if they are diagnosed with an illness that prevents them from doing their jobs. In addition, Breastcancer.org notes that, in the United States, the Family and Medical Leave Act allows employees to maintain their benefits and keep their jobs while taking up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave to heal from serious health conditions.

Despite those options, many women may want to continue working while receiving treatment for breast cancer. Such women can heed the following tips, courtesy of Breastcancer.org, to overcome any cognitive effects of treatment so they can continue to perform their jobs capably:

Start taking notes. Start taking notes during meetings, important work-related conversations, and even doctor's appointments to counter any issues with memory. Keep such notes on a tablet or smartphone so they can be quickly and easily accessed throughout the day.

Write down deadlines and work schedules. Accomplished professionals may keep lists of deadlines and work schedules in their heads, but that internal list might not be so reliable while women are being treated for breast cancer. Make use of the calendar function on your smartphone or tablet to note deadlines, even setting alerts so you receive routine reminders when important dates are coming up.

Make and routinely update a to-do list. Some professional women diagnosed with breast cancer may be juggling work, treatment, and their families. Keeping a to-do list and checking items off as they're completed can help women effectively manage such juggling acts and save time.

Set realistic goals. Breast cancer treatment can produce a host of side effects, including fatigue. So women who plan to continue working during treatment should be sure to set realistic goals that take into account the effects that treatment

may have on their energy levels. If need be, delegate more tasks and ask for more help.

Many women continue working while being treated for breast cancer. A few simple adjustments can help such women overcome many treatment-related obstacles.



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NOTHING BUT NETS: A player dazzled the crowd with an epic slam dunk during the open practice the Brooklyn Nets hosted at Pier 2 in Brooklyn Bridge Park on Oct. 6.

A swish come true for basketball fans

Nets hype up locals with pre-season practice, fair in Brooklyn Bridge Park

BY BRIANNA KUDISCH

It was hoops hoopla!

Thousands of basketball lovers flocked to Pier 2 in Brooklyn Bridge Park on Oct. 6 to watch Brooklyn Nets stars hit the court during an open practice at the green space.

The second-annual event drew more than 4,000 sports fans who came out to watch the athletes perfect their game before their regular season kicks off with an Oct. 17 away match against the Detroit Pistons, followed by an Oct. 19 Barclays Center face-off against their outer-borough rivals, the New York Knicks, according to a team spokeswoman.

And most of the spectators stuck around to celebrate the upcoming season at a post-practice bash that featured grub hawked at food trucks from vendors including Nathan's Famous, and activities that included a basketball clinic for youngsters, a performance by the team's dance troupe the Brooklynettes, face painting, and giveaways of free t-shirts, basketballs, and towels, the rep said.

"This year's block party on the turf of Brooklyn Bridge Park was almost as popular as the practice itself," said Nets spokeswoman Rachael Lewis.

Bigwigs at the National Basketball



WORTH THE TRIP: Son and father Gavin and Joe Cynsky traveled from Yonkers to see the team practice. Photo by Trey Pentecost

Association encourage all member teams to host public practices in their hometowns, according to Lewis, who said Brooklyn Bridge Park's waterfront facilities are an ideal spot for the Nets to invite local fans to watch them play.

And the athletes enjoyed shooting some hoops in the more casual setting as much as their fans loved watching them on the court, a Nets player said.

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Wishing for a not-so-congested Brooklyn

To the editor,

I wholeheartedly, and sadly, agree with Rocco Vanasco and Barry Brothers, whose letters, "Don't Overbuild" and "New York Squeeze" appeared in the October 5-11 issue of the Bay News. New construction is destroying Brooklyn!

Every time a new high-rise apartment building, office building or giant store is built, the quality of life for Brooklyn residents goes down. Traffic and air pollution increase, traffic accidents and crime rates go up, and beloved, much-needed plants and trees that we all used to enjoy disappear.

I still remember when the tree-lined streets on Ocean Parkway and Kings Highway were relaxing, peaceful and safe. Now I feel as if I am taking my life in my hands every time I try to cross either of these streets. The streets I and many of my fellow senior citizens have to cross to reach our senior center, Council Center on Quentin Road, are a traffic nightmare which keeps getting worse as new construction in the area increases.

Thanks to new construction, the little family restaurants we seniors and others used to enjoy are gone, as is my veterinarian's office and many other small businesses. The giant stores and office buildings that have been built to replace them have increased traffic congestion, made parking in the area almost impossible, and have created more crowding on already crowded public buses and subways.

It is my belief that the changes caused by the huge increase in construction all over Brooklyn have caused extreme hardship to everyone who lives in and tries to get around in Brooklyn. Children and senior citizens who have to navigate the increasing traffic on foot, as well as those who drive, are in increasing danger as they try to drive, or cross streets on foot to get to their schools, senior centers, stores, public buses, subways, or school buses or Access-a-Rides. Need I add that public transportation in New York is horrendous, and more new stores and businesses make the buses and subways, as well as the streets, more crowded. I might also add that some once lovely old apartments in pic-

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turesque older buildings now get no sunlight because newer, taller buildings are blocking out their sunlight. Building in Brooklyn must stop! The safety and comfort of those of us who live here now must come first!

**Elaine Kirsch
Gravesend**

Food for thought

To the editor,

Glad to hear that a pilot program is being set up to feed New York City school students either kosher or halal foods, if they request it. For far too long, the food that has been served in school cafeterias was not fit for human consumption.

Having taught for 33 years, I can attest to the low quality of food that was served. Every three years, along with your regular teaching chores, teachers were assigned to cafeteria duty. The food literally reeked with such a terrible odor. On days that they served franks and beans, I was so nauseous that I made sure to walk away as much as I could from the tables.

Is it any wonder why, after lunch, so many students were requesting permission to leave the room to use the bathroom?

I never stopped laughing when school dietitians spoke about the nutritious lunches being served. Nutritious? That food wasn't fit for a dog, or anyone for that matter.

Until improved food is served in all the schools, students, where inferior food is served, should bring their own lunch to school from home.

**Ed Greenspan
Sheepshead Bay**

Trashing the Dems

To the editor,

Just when I thought the Democrats and their supporters could go no lower, they continue to amaze me by going even lower.

This was the most mean spirited senate hearing I have ever witnessed. A bunch of United States Senators combining together to destroy a decent man's character on national TV. Just to boil it down to the essentials, we had several Senators say *before* the hearing ever started, that they would never vote for *any* Trump nominee. Once the hearing began, Sen. Feinstein trotted out Prof. Ford, who promptly accused Kavanaugh of attempting to rape her, or kill her, depending on which version she told.

Originally Ford wished to remain unidentified, but someone leaked her identity. She told her story to the committee in a very credibly baby-like

tone. What was notable was that she had no details whatsoever, other than Kavanaugh was the perpetrator. She didn't know where it happened, when (even the year) it happened, how she arrived, who brought her, when she left, or who took her home. She named several witnesses who would corroborate her story. The committee Democrats found her credible. There were four witnesses that she named and they all testified that they could not recall any incident which Ford described and two of them said the incident never happened. Brett Kavanaugh then testified. He denied any interaction at all with Ford and never attempted to have sex with her, consensual or otherwise.

The Democrat members accused him of being a heavy drinker and asked questions that implied that he drank so much he blacked out and just doesn't remember assaulting Ford. Kavanaugh became visibly agitated at this character assassination, made without any evidence. Then they asked him if he was present at any location where the incident may have occurred. Kavanaugh said he had diaries made at the time that showed him out of town on all the estimated dates it could've happened. The Democrat Senators got up in turn and harangued Kavanaugh, even to the extent of calling him a liar, which is unconscionable and totally uncalled for. Thankfully Lindsey Graham sprang to his defense and questioned why Ford had never in 35 years made a police report, waited 12 years to see a therapist and the very first person she contacted was a politician. Further, he asked why she alerted *nobody* during the other *six* FBI background checks Kavanaugh went through on his way up the federal judicial ladder.

Meanwhile, the media had him tried, found guilty and executed, as did all the loudmouthed left wing agitators outside the building. I would note that every senator on the Judiciary Committee and probably the whole Senate for that matter, are attorneys. As such they supposedly are familiar with the U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights, particularly the 14th Amendment which requires that 1) Every accused is legally presumed to be innocent until proven guilty, and 2) That every accused person is entitled to due process. As far as I could see, at that hearing, every one of the Democrats assumed he was guilty and treated him as if he was already convicted.

Predictably, the confirmation vote was strictly partisan. All but

one Democrat voted "no", and all but one Republican voted, "yes", so Kavanaugh is our newest Supreme Court Associate Justice. End of story, right? Nope. The left is saying, 'This isn't over.' They plan to do what they do best—throw hissy fits in the streets. They plan to keep investigating until they find "something", and then they will try to impeach Kavanaugh. Come to think of it, that's the same thing they're doing to Trump.

**David F. Podesta
Marine Park**

Weed's not a crime

To the editor,

Legalization of marijuana in New York is long overdue. Consumption of marijuana for both medical and recreational use is part of mainstream America, transcending generations.

Creative entrepreneurs will always provide the citizens' desire, regardless of government approval. Consumers have voted with their dollars, making marijuana consumption a multi billion-dollar enterprise today. Legalize it and add a sales tax. Revenues will more than cover the costs of any abuse. Our tax dollars will be better used if police and judges spend more time prosecuting those who commit real crimes against individuals or property than going after those who consume or distribute marijuana.

Citizens have more to fear from murder, arson, rape, muggings, robberies, auto and identity theft or home break-ins than individuals who get high in the privacy of their own home. Law enforcement authorities should be free to pursue those who commit real crimes against citizens and property. Non-violent first time offenders locked up in prison could be paroled, opening up space for those who commit real crime against society.

At 18, you are old enough to vote, consume alcohol, be a parent, pay taxes, own a car, take out a student loan, serve in the military and die for your country—but not consume marijuana. This makes no sense.

What consenting adults consume, inhale, perform, read or view in the privacy of their own home or private social club isn't the concern of government. Individual economic and civil liberties prosper best when government stays out of both the bedroom and marketplace.

It is time to permit consenting adults to access any so-called illegal products or substances without fear from government harassment.

**Larry Penner
Great Neck**

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It's time to fix New York City's street-vendor problem

Two weeks ago, legislation was introduced that would increase the number of street vendors in our communities. Former Council Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito failed to pass a similar law in the waning days of her term in December 2017. This renewed effort should also be dead on arrival because allowing more vendors on our sidewalks without reforming our city's street vending flaws would be bad for many neighborhood's brick-and-mortar businesses.

The current proposed legislation (Intro 1116-2018), sponsored by Councilwoman Margaret Chin of Manhattan, "would gradually expand the number of permits to vend foods on the streets and sidewalks of New York City." Specifically, 400 new licenses would be issued every year beginning in 2019 until 2028. Currently, there is a cap of about 5,000 street vending licenses, but Sean Basinski, Director of the Street Vendor Project at the Urban Justice Center, estimates there are actually between 10,000 and 12,000 food vendors when accounting for those operating without a license.



THE RIGHT VIEW

Bob Capano

In addition to dealing with the thousands of street vendors operating illegally and the inherent unfair competition that brick-and-mortar businesses face from these vendors, there are also many other problems with our system for regulating this industry that must be addressed before we entertain lifting the current cap.

Ironically, many of the same members of the Council that are pushing to increase the number of vendors are the same

ones that voted to place a moratorium on the number of Uber and Lyft vehicles on our streets until the city can evaluate how the increase of for-hire vehicles is impacting traffic and the taxi industry. The same logic should prevail here.

There are many reasons why street vendors, particularly those that sell food, place brick-and-mortar businesses at a competitive disadvantage. For example, street vendors don't pay rent or insurance premiums and do not face the constant barrage of city, state, and federal regulations with inspectors itching to dole out hefty fines for violations. As a result, street vendors, who are too often just a stone's throw from a business, can sell similar products for much less.

The mom-and-pop shops we all grew up with are also facing extraordinary increases in the minimum wage, with it soon going up to \$15 per hour. They also are dealing with the continued growth of internet home delivery services like Fresh Direct and Amazon. Allowing more street vendors could be a death knell for some.

Mobile food carts' often

unsanitary conditions must also be addressed before expansion. Think about it: When was the last time you saw a sink at your local produce or food cart? Our neighborhood restaurants must follow strict health and safety regulations to protect customers and employees. Street food vendors face no such scrutiny or fines.

Neighborhoods face quality-of-life issues relating to more street vendors on their blocks. Our commercial areas are tight enough, and having street carts also on the sidewalks increases both traffic and litter. Last year, Manhattan Community Board 8's Street Vendor Committee noted the additional litter and sidewalk congestion associated with these unregulated vendors in their opposition to increasing the number of licenses. Additionally, several years ago Brooklyn Community Board 10 and the 86th Street Business Improvement District in Bay Ridge requested including food carts in the street's vendor-free zone because of these same issues.

During last year's debate about expanding the permits, New York City Business Im-

provement District Association President Robert Benfatto summed the core issue up best when he said, "merely lifting the cap to garner more opportunities for street vendors — a worthy goal — without addressing the concerns of public space and the dire economic straits of brick-and-mortar retail helps no one."

In addition to expanding the number of street vendors, the bill also includes creating an office of street vendor enforcement.

This is sorely needed, as no one seems to take responsibility for dealing with street vendors in city government. Creating and enforcing logical rules like ensuring a produce cart doesn't set up shop right outside a supermarket is the first step to real reform. There are plenty of communities where there is a shortage of establishments that sell food where street vendors would make sense and be welcomed with open arms and not jeopardize established businesses.

Bob Capano is the Chairman of the Brooklyn Reform Party and has worked for Republican and Democrat elected officials.

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Smiles for a lifetime thanks to Dr. Lichter

BY JACK RYAN

There was a time not that long ago when it was assumed that missing, broken and yellow teeth were just an unfortunate part of growing old. Brooklyn dentist Joseph Lichter, DDS, insists it no longer has to be that way.

"My motto," says Dr. Lichter, "is smiles for a lifetime." By helping patients make informed decisions about their oral health needs and offering the latest in cosmetic dentistry, Dr. Lichter is committed to maintain or, if necessary, restore a beautiful smile.

"Sadly," says Dr. Lichter, "dental problems can have a real impact on quality of life. Many people hold back from laughing or smiling because they are uncomfortable about their appearance."

His new facility on Avenue P in Midwood is not your grandfather's dental office. Before showing up for a first appointment, new patients are encouraged to go online to fill out a "Smile Analysis." The analysis asks 17 questions that help both the doctor and pa-

tient decide on a course of treatment. The new patient is asked to "tell us what you don't like about your smile."

Among the questions are: Are any of your teeth yellow, stained or somewhat discolored? Do you have any prior dental work that appears unnatural? Are the edges of any teeth worn down, chipped or uneven?

At the office patients will find four dentists, skilled hygienists and the latest equipment to meet all of their dental needs. But more importantly, said Dr. Lichter, he and his staff offer the care that their patients deserve.

"Unfortunately in today's world some of the care part has been lost. Skill and compassion go hand-in-hand when providing exceptional patient care."

Whether they are performing traditional dental procedures or cosmetic dentistry, Dr. Lichter's team takes an overall comprehensive approach that takes into consideration the patient's entire body, not just the teeth.

Dr. Lichter said he is proud to bring state-of-the-art dentistry to Midwood.

"I am always trying to be on the cutting edge of my profession," he said. He appreciates the positive feedback he has been getting. The new office space that has been tripled in size allows the team to accommodate more patients more quickly.

This is a full service traditional dental practice that has been in Midwood for more than 65 years. Dr. Lichter is the third dentist to run the office. Of course Dr. Lichter performs traditional dental procedures such as teeth cleaning, fillings, root canal therapy and the removal of teeth. But in addition the practice offers the latest in restorative and cosmetic dentistry including implants, porcelain veneers and crowns and fixed bridges. These and similar procedures can make a broken smile look like new.

The office offers Invisalign, an alternative to metal braces that uses virtually invisible plastic aligners that gently shift teeth into place over a pe-

riod of time. This alternative, the doctor said, has become increasingly popular with teens and adults. This procedure can have a long-term impact on quality of life.

The good news, Dr. Lichter said, is that people are learning to take better care of their teeth. And as people in today's world expect to live longer they are more open to what cosmetic dentistry has to offer.

He acknowledges that modern dentistry can be expensive, especially for treatments that are not covered by insurance. "Dentists," he explains, "can have extremely high overhead, especially for work done outside the office." However Dr. Lichter said he attempts to keep dentistry affordable so everyone can benefit.

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Three potential side effects of breast cancer treatments

Cancer is a painful, potentially life-threatening disease. Though discomfort might be the first warning sign that compels people to visit their physicians on the road to receiving a cancer diagnosis, cancer treatments can produce a host of side effects, including pain, as well.

According to the Sidney Kimmel Cancer Center, breast cancer treatments can create both long-term side effects and late side effects. Long-term side effects are those that begin during treatment and continue after all treatments have stopped, while late side effects refers to symptoms that can appear weeks, months, or even years after treatments have ended.

The list of potential side effects of breast cancer treatments is lengthy, but may include the following conditions or issues:

1. Fatigue

The nonprofit organization Breastcancer.org notes that fatigue is the most common side

effect of breast cancer treatments, with some estimates suggesting it affects as many as 90 percent of all patients.

Some breast cancer patients may experience fatigue after treatment and find it's worsening because they are eating less and not getting enough nutrients. In such instances, the initial fatigue may make people too tired to cook, ultimately contributing to more fatigue when they are not eating or eating convenient yet potentially unhealthy foods. Cooking healthy foods in bulk when fatigue is not overwhelming and accepting others' offers to cook is a great way for cancer patients to ensure their diets are helping them combat fatigue and not making fatigue worse.

2. Lymphedema

Johns Hopkins School of Medicine notes that, following breast cancer treatment, some patients may suffer from lymphedema, a condition characterized by the accumulation of lymphatic fluid in the tissues. Lymphedema most often occurs in the arms, but can contribute to swelling in other parts of the body as well.



Why some people suffer from lymphedema after treatment and others don't is a mystery, though surgeons at Johns Hopkins Breast Center have noticed a low occurrence of lymphedema in patients who have undergone sentinel node biopsies or axillary node dissection.

Breast cancer patients are at risk of lymphedema for the rest of their lives after treatment, and while there's no way to prevent it, patients should avoid getting needle sticks or blood pressure tests in arms where lymph nodes were removed. In addition, any injuries or cuts in arms where lymph nodes were removed should be treated with vigilance.



SIDELINES: Many breast cancer treatments can create both long-term side effects and late side effects.

3. Infertility

Many women will stop menstruating while undergoing chemotherapy or after chemo treatments, and that cessation is often temporary. These irregularities may be traced to hormonal therapies that make the ovaries stop producing eggs. However, in some instances, even premenopausal women may have trouble getting pregnant after hormonal therapy.

Breastcancer.org notes that women whose periods do not return after treatment may still be fertile, but also notes that women who are close to menopause when beginning chemo may

become permanently infertile. Women who have been diagnosed with breast cancer who are concerned about post-treatment infertility should speak with their physicians immediately about their prospects of getting pregnant after treatment, including fertility treatments and the potential safety risks of getting pregnant after being diagnosed with breast cancer.

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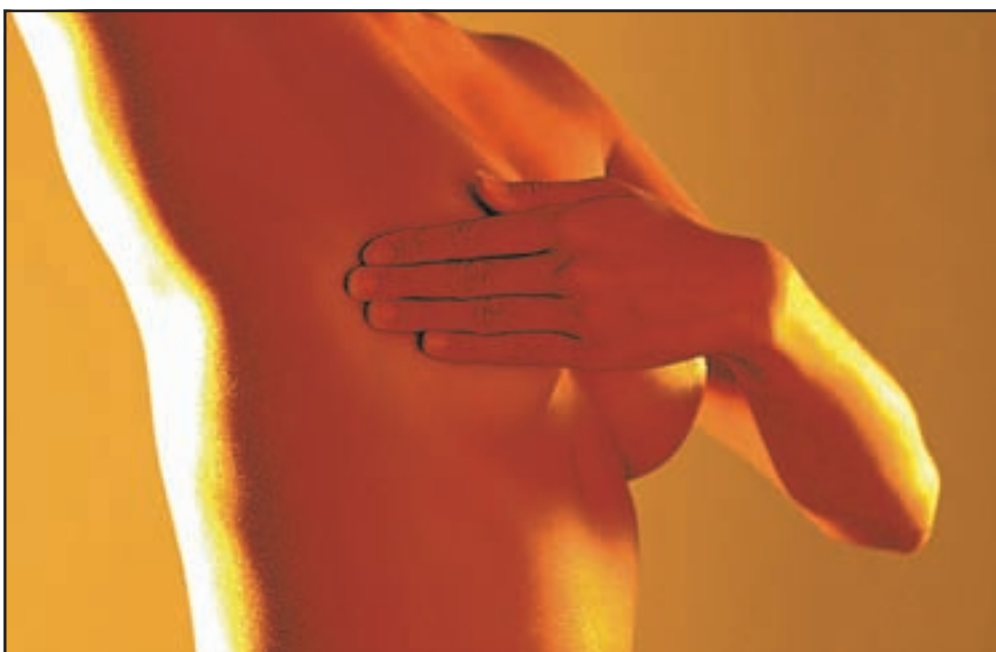
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Breast self-exam guidelines



SELF-CARE: Women should routinely examine and massage their breasts to detect any abnormalities.

In addition to scheduling clinical screenings and mammograms, women should routinely examine and massage their breasts to detect any abnormalities. These breast self-exams can be an important part of early breast cancer detection.

Although many women are aware that they should become familiar with their bodies, many are unsure about just how frequently they should conduct breast examinations. Experts at Johns Hopkins Medical center advise adult women of all ages to perform self-examinations at least once a month. That's because 40 percent of diag-



nosed breast cancers are first detected by women who feel a lump. Establishing a regular breast self-exam schedule is very important.

Begin by looking at the breasts in a mirror. Note the size and appearance of the breasts, and pay attention to any changes that are normal parts of hormonal changes associated with menstruation. Breasts should be evenly shaped without distortion or swelling.

Changes that should cause concern include dimpling, puckering, or bulging of the skin. Inverted nipples or nipples that have changed position, as well as any rash or redness, should

be noted. In addition, the same examination should be done with arms raised over the head.

The breasts should be felt while both lying down and standing up. Use the right hand to manipulate the left breast and vice versa. Use a firm touch with the first few fingers of the hand. Cover the entire breast in circular motions. The pattern taken doesn't matter so long as it covers the en-

tire breast. All tissue, from the front to the back of the breast, should be felt.

The same pattern and procedure should be conducted while standing up. Many women find this easiest to do while in the shower.

It is important not to panic if something is detected. Not every lump is breast cancer. And bumps may actually be normal parts of the breast, as certain areas can feel differ-

ent than others. But bring any concerns to the attention of your doctor.

Breast self-exams are a healthy habit to adopt. When used in conjunction with regular medical care and mammography, self-exams can be yet another tool in helping to detect breast abnormalities. Doctors and nurses will use similar breast examination techniques during routine examinations.

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Understanding family cancer syndromes

Few, if any, families have not been affected by cancer. No individual or family is immune to cancer, but some families may be more at risk of developing certain types of cancer than others.

In many instances, cancers that run in families can be linked to behaviors that families share. For example, families that smoke tobacco may be more vulnerable to cancer than those that don't, as the smoke from tobacco is known to contain dozens of carcinogens. Cancer can affect multiple generations, even in families in which only one person smokes, as exposure to second-hand smoke also increases cancer risk.

But poor behaviors or the effects of those behaviors are not the only cancer risk factors that can be passed down from generation to generation. According to the American Cancer Society, between five and 10 percent of all cancers result directly from gene mutations inherited from a parent. When cancers within

a family are strongly linked to such mutations, this is known as family cancer syndrome.

Cancer is not necessarily caused by a family cancer syndrome, even if gene mutations are inherited. But the following factors may make it more likely that cancers in a family are caused by a family cancer syndrome:

- Many cases of the same type of cancer, especially if the cancer is considered uncommon or rare.
- Cancers that occur at an abnormally young age within a family compared to the median age such cancers are typically diagnosed among the general population.
- More than one type of cancer in a single person.
- Cancers that occur in both of a pair of organs, such as in both kidneys, both breasts, or both eyes.
- More than one childhood cancer in siblings.
- Cancer that occurs in a sex that is not usually affected by that type of cancer, such as



FAMILY AFFAIR: Such instances are rare, but an elevated risk for certain types of cancer can be passed down from generation to generation.

a man being diagnosed with breast cancer.

Before discussing the potential of a family cancer syndrome with their physicians, men and women can survey their family histories with the disease. Adults can make a list of the people in their families who have been diagnosed with cancer, noting their relationship to each individual and which side of the family each

person is on. List the type of cancers each person was diagnosed with, placing an asterisk or note next to types that are considered rare or unusual. In addition, list the age of diagnosis for each family member and whether or not they developed more than one type of cancer. This may be difficult to determine, but try to learn if each relative diagnosed with cancer made any lifestyle choices

that might have contributed to their diagnosis. Such choices include smoking, alcohol consumption, diet, and activity level.

Family cancer syndromes are rare, but understanding them can still help families make the right lifestyle choices. More information about family cancer syndromes is available at www.cancer.org.



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FIGHT NIGHT: World-renowned graffiti artists Tats-Cru created this mural outside Chateau de Capitaine to celebrate Fedor Emelianenko's upcoming mixed martial arts fight this weekend.

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A real heavyweight

Russian mixed-martial-arts fighter meets his fans in Sheepshead Bay

BY BILL EGBERT

Famed heavyweight mixed-martial-arts fighter Fedor Emelianenko came to Sheepshead Bay on Oct. 9 to meet his fans from the local Russian-American community, and unveil a mural created to celebrate his upcoming fight this weekend.

The Last Emperor, as Emelianenko is widely known, held court at the Chateau de Capitaine restaurant on Coney Island Avenue after unveiling a mural painted on the venue's outside wall by renowned graffiti artists Tats-Cru.

"Fedor is the Mike Tyson of MMA," said Stanley Yunaev, owner of Chateau de Capitaine restaurant. "He deserves a lot of respect."

After the unveiling ceremony, Fedor held a press conference, fielding questions from his fans as well as members of the local Russian and American sports press ahead of his main-event fight against American Chael Sonnen at the semi-finals of the Bellator Heavyweight Grand Prix on Oct. 13.

Asked if he had heard the less-than-flattering remarks made by Sonnen in the run up to the cage match, Emelianenko shrugged off the trash talk, saying that what really matters to him happens in the ring.

"I try not to listen to what my opponents say. They simply try to get under your skin and get a reaction out of you," he said. "The most important thing is the fight. Inside the cage, my opponent will have to answer for everything he said. We are all always responsible for what we say."

The head of the company that organized the mural unveiling and meet-and-greet event with Bellator MMA said he was thrilled to help bring the



IMPERIAL AUDIENCE: Fedor Emelianenko – also known as The Last Emperor – held a press conference at Chateau de Capitaine ahead of his main-event fight at the semi-finals of the Bellator Heavyweight Grand Prix on Oct. 13.

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beloved heavyweight closer to his local fans.

"Fedor's visit to Brooklyn to meet with his fans from the Russian community of New York is a historic event, and it was a great honor for us to be a part of it," said Boris Chernyy, founder of Atmosphere Marketing Group.

The Bellator Heavyweight Grand Prix semi-finals will be held at the Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum in Uniondale, Long Island, on Oct. 13. Tickets to the fight are available at Ticketmaster.com.

The event will be broadcast live on the Paramount Network at 9 pm and will stream live on Dazn.com, while preliminary action will stream on Bellator.com and globally on the Bellator mobile app. Additional bouts will be announced in coming weeks.

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Senator leads the way in education

FLATBUSH

Cheers to state Sen. **Kevin Parker** (D-Flatbush) for hosting this year's **Black College Expo** on Sept. 29 at **Medgar Evers College**.

College-bound high schoolers and parents joined the generous senator, along with members of the **National**



College Resources Foundation, to learn about opportunities to further their education.

The expo facilitated the interaction of students with college recruiters to plan for their futures. Families were able to discuss the college admissions process, scholarship opportunities, and what attending a historically black college means to their academic success. At the event, students and parents had the opportunity to participate in the discussions.

In addition to co-sponsoring the event, Sen. Parker afforded a \$1,000 scholarship to an attendee headed to college next year.

"It can be difficult for parents and students to navigate the college admissions process, and this event helps by focusing on both accessibility and affordability for students of color," explained the senator.

"This is my third year collaborating with the Black College Expo, and I could not be more proud of how well-planned and informative the exhibition has been for community residents. I am thankful to the National College Resources Foundation for being such a critical resource for students of color here in New York State and across the country," the lawmaker added.

"Every year The Black College Expo aims to create a platform for children of color to learn more about the college admissions process, and to network and gain insight on scholarships. We are proud to partner with state Sen. Kevin Parker, as he has been instrumental in helping us reach our goals for the New York City tour stop, and we look forward to our continued partnership with his office," said **Diana Love**, director of College Access and New Business Development at National College Resources Foundation.

State Sen. Kevin Parker district office [3021 Tilden Ave. in Flatbush, (718) 629-6401].



HOORAY!: Vigdis Eriksen, Lorraine Lowe, Josh Levin, and staff joined together to snip the ribbon on the addition of office space at Eriksen Translations Inc. on Sept. 20. Zachary Welsh

Eriksen is having growing pains

BROOKLYN HEIGHTS

The multilingual translation service celebrated its expansion to accommodate its growing staff on Sept. 20. **Vigdis Eriksen**, founder and chief executive officer, joined **Lorraine Lowe**, membership coordinator with the **Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce**, and **Josh Levin**, director of Capital Budget and Economic Development with the **Brooklyn Borough President's** office, to cut the cord.

Eriksen opened its doors 32 years ago and has since grown to become one of North America's top language services providers.

"Eriksen Translations is more than a language services provider," said Lowe. "They are an example of what it means to be a

global and community advocate for human and immigrant rights and inclusion in the public and private sectors."

"We applaud New York City for supporting the city's non-English-speaking communities, and my team is grateful for the opportunities we have been given to contribute to these efforts," said Eriksen. "Our expanded headquarters, along with recent key hires, reaffirm our commitment to serving our local communities. This includes working with local nonprofits and government agencies that advocate for immigrant rights and promote diversity."

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BOROUGH WIDE

Save the date

It's legendary — it's the **Legends of the Village**. **VillageCare** is hosting its 20th benefit gala, honoring actress **Olga Merediz** and long-time employee of VillageCare **Domingo Rodriguez** on Nov. 5 at **Tribeca Rooftop** at 2 Desbrosses St. in Manhattan.

The event brings sponsors together to celebrate major accomplishments while raising much-needed funds to support programs that promote healing, better health, and well-being for those served.

VillageCare began in 1977 by community volunteers to rescue and reorganize a for-profit nursing home slated for closure. The much larger organization now provides post acute care,

community-based services, and managed long-term care.

So mark the time — 6 pm cocktails, 7 pm dinner and dancing — and RSVP by Oct. 19.

VillageCare Legends of the Village gala (2 Desbrosses St. between Hudson and Greenwich streets in Manhattan, www.villagecare.org) Nov. 5 at 6 pm.

Can't make the gala? No problem, you can donate by calling (212) 337-5743 or emailing foundation@villagecare.org.

BROWNSVILLE

Welcome!

It's a new office for **Brooklyn Legal Services' Tenant Rights Coalition**. The advocacy group held an



BOROUGH WIDE

Cleaning the coast

Three cheers to the volunteers and staff of **Liberty Coca-Cola Beverages**, members of the nonprofit **NYC H2O**, and the **National Park Service** for cleaning up **Plumb Beach**. Twenty-five company volunteers from the beverage giant's distribution centers joined more than 100 community volunteers who spent the morning and afternoon removing 1.5 tons of trash from the beach.

"We were thrilled to be part of these local efforts," said **Paul Mulligan**, co-owner, Liberty Coca-Cola Beverages. "At Liberty, we are always looking for opportunities to get involved in the communities where our associates work and live, and make those communities a safer, more thriving environment for all."

"We appreciate Liberty Coca-Cola's commitment to NYC H2O's environmental cleanup efforts," said **Matt Malina**, director and founder, NYC H2O. Special shout-outs to naturalists **Clay and Seth Wollen**, who volunteered their knowledge about marine life during an on-site ecology lesson, and to local caterer **Nigel Roderick** for providing such good eats for lunch.

Liberty Coca-Cola Beverages [(800) 241-2653, www.Liberty-Coke.com].

open house on Sept. 27 to commemorate the opening of its latest addition.

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"We are here to fight for the rights of Brooklyn tenants and be a force against landlords who abuse and displace tenants," said **Luis Henriquez Carrero**, director at Brooklyn Tenant Rights Coalition.

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Mammographies and more at Kings County

BY JAMES HARNEY

The oncologists and radiologists at NYC Health+Hospitals-Kings County — Central Brooklyn's largest municipal health facility — perform 9,000 mammograms a year, and know only too well what tactics work in the war against breast cancer.

"Over the last five years, we've seen 150 to 180 breast cancer patients a year; 70 percent come in with Stage 1 or Stage 2 cancer, 30 percent come in with Stages 3 or 4," says Dr. Michelle Follen, Director of Services for Gynecologic Oncology and chair of the Cancer Committee for Obstetrics, Gynecology and Women's Health at Kings County.

Performing 9,000 mammographies is just the first step, Follen said; "the next level is getting those patients who need it in quickly

for biopsies and from there into our cancer center on the fourth floor, where we can see them and do chemotherapy and other treatment."

She said the hospital's radiologists and pathologists attend weekly imaging conferences, in which they go over "all the mammograms that appear abnormal," looking for clues that will enhance their breast cancer diagnosis and treatment knowledge.

"Now, radiologists train for a couple of years just on breast ultrasound and breast MRI equipment," Follen said. "The idea is to get to a point where we can catch [possible cancer] at its earliest stages." She noted, however, that the quest for an early breast cancer diagnosis is a two-pronged effort, and

that patients need to do their part.

"Currently, we're recommending that women ages 50 to 74 get a mammogram every two years, and that women 40 to 49 should get a mammogram after discussing their personal risks with their doctor," she said. "It's not mandatory, but if a woman has had masses of cysts in her breast, we suggest that they get screened."

The advice doesn't stop there; the doctors routinely warn that a smoking, poor eating habits or a family history of certain diseases, can increase a woman's risk of contracting breast cancer.

But Follen said that along with the straight talk about breast cancer, the oncologists at NYC Health+Hospital-Kings County takes care to give their patients hope. That's why a contingent of NYC Health+Hospitals-Kings County staffers will partici-



Dr. Michelle Follen, Director of Services for Gynecologic Oncology, NYC Health+Hospitals/Kings County Courtesy NYC Health+Hospitals-Kings County



pate in the American Cancer Society's Breast Cancer Walk on the Coney Island Board on Sunday, Oct. 21.

"I think what's important for your [SCNG] readers to realize is that we now have a greater ability to prolong

[a cancer patient's] life," she said. "They should know that cancer is no longer the bad omen it was in the past. Once its gets diagnosed and appropriately staged, we have so many treatments to offer breast cancer patients."

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Local blog bites dust

PLG blogger signs off after neighborhood activist accuses him of racism

BY COLIN MIXSON

A Prospect-Lefferts Gardens blogger swore to never again cover the neighborhood he wrote about for nearly a decade, or any surrounding areas, after a firebrand local anti-gentrification activist threatened to publicly denounce him as a racist for posting defamatory allegations about her on the website.

Citizen journalist Tim Thomas abruptly called it quits in an Oct. 5 post on his “Q at Parkside” blog, which has since been taken down. The blogger declared he would abandon the operation he started in May 2010 two days before activist Alicia Boyd planned to disrupt an Oct. 7 event hosted by his employer with a rally condemning him, and apologized to Boyd — whom he just weeks ago compared to President Trump and accused of illegal electioneering on behalf of a Crown Heights state senator in stories on the website.

“I apologize to the black community, its residents, leaders, and especially Alicia Boyd for the comments and behavior I have exhibited via this blog,” Thomas wrote in his final post. “I will shut down the Q at Parkside permanently.”

Prior to abandoning Q at Parkside, Thomas published several recent stories criticizing Boyd. An Aug. 24 post, for instance, accused her of using her tax-exempt community-service organization, New Directions in Healing, to illegally solicit funds from followers of her anti-gentrification group Movement to Protect the People, which sent out e-mails encouraging recipients to donate funds via New Directions to state Sen. Jesse Hamilton (D-Crown Heights) during his unsuccessful primary-election race against attorney Zellnor Myrie, according to the blogger.

“Alicia raises money through MTOPP, which she says is a non-profit, though it’s actually using her other non-profit New Directions in Healing as its shell, accepting tax-deductible donations,” he wrote. “And in case you were unaware, [that’s] illegal.”

But Thomas, who in another blog story insinuated



File photo by Elizabeth Graham



File photo by Stefano Giovannini

OFFLINE: Tim Thomas (left) shut his local blog Q at Parkside down last week after Alicia Boyd (right) — a frequent recipient of the citizen journalist’s criticism — accused him of using the website to promote racism.

that Hamilton gave Boyd money to pay off a mortgage in exchange for her campaign services, recanted that claim and his allegation she illegally electioneered on the pol’s behalf in his apology post, writing that he had “no firm evidence” to support the accusations.

The blogger’s sudden resignation, which also included a pledge not to write about Flatbush, Ditmas Park, and Crown Heights, came in exchange for Boyd’s promise to cancel the protest she planned at a bash hosted by performing-arts

organization Bang on a Can, where Thomas works as a development director, which the activist upheld — but not before releasing statement that bashed Thomas as a racist and pawn for developers after he posted his mea culpa.

“It appears that Mr. Thomas and the community have come to an agreement,” Boyd’s statement read. “We were aware that he was a mouthpiece for developers and corrupt politicians who fed him information and encouraged his racist antics ... we are no longer willing to tolerate negative,

abusive, sexist, and racist comments from white men in a predominantly black community.”

Boyd claimed Thomas referred to local black leaders as “assholics, frauds, lunatics, fools, and embarrassments” in 2014 and 2015 blog posts that she referenced in e-mails sent ahead of her planned protest, but could not provide more recent examples of his alleged racism.

And in a Sept. 21 post, the blogger admitted to using that language, but explained his remarks pertained to Boyd specifically, not black people in general, before going on to compare the activist to the current commander-in-chief.

“The fact is I don’t hate blacks and women. I strongly dislike one black woman. But I also strongly dislike one white man, and he happens to be my president,” Thomas wrote.

Boyd resorting to racist smears to defame an adversary is nothing new, however, according to an African-American woman who formerly lived in Prospect-Lefferts Gardens and came in contact with the activist during community-led demonstrations against a controversial Flatbush Avenue development in 2014.

“Whenever Alicia Boyd enters the public square, she’s likely to employ a variety of

intimidating and obstructive tactics in order to shut down all opposing voices,” said Celeste Lacy Davis. “I’m especially disgusted by the way a fake race card has been played in this instance.”

The latest showdown between Thomas and Boyd followed years of the two butting heads, often over his advocacy for new developments with market-rate and affordable housing that she generally opposed out of fear such complexes would force longtime neighborhood residents from their homes.

In 2016, the activist organized a campaign that led civic gurus on Community Board 9 to boot the blogger from his volunteer post on the panel after she made similar accusations of racism to board members and Borough President Adams.

“We complained to Borough President Adams, and petitioned the community board for his removal,” Boyd told this newspaper. “And again we felt his removal from the community board would put his behavior to rest.”

But not all locals are cheering the blogger’s demise — a Facebook post lamenting Thomas’s departure from the website drew such comments as “Thank you, Tim” and “Alicia Boyd s---.”

Driver who killed Slope kids silent after hearing

BY COLIN MIXSON

The driver who struck and killed two children in Park Slope in March returned to Supreme Court on Oct. 3 for a hearing she later walked out of as a free woman after making bail last month following a five-month stint on Rikers Island.

Motorist Dorothy Brunts feels horribly about her deadly collision with 4-year-old Abigail Blumenstein and 1-year-old Joshua Lew — which also injured three others including Blumenstein’s then-pregnant mother, actress Ruthie Ann Miles, who later lost her unborn baby due to complications from her injuries — her lawyer

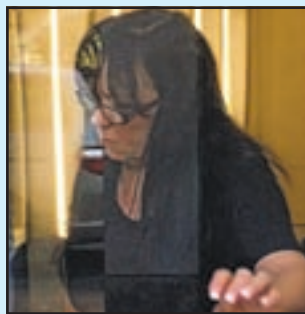


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FREE FOR NOW: Driver Dorothy Brunts is out on bail following a five month stay at Rikers Island, and will return to Supreme Court next month following her Oct. 3 hearing.

David Jacobs said after the hearing, but she refused to speak with this reporter her-

self while leaving the Jay Street courthouse, running into a nearby parking garage to avoid answering questions.

The defendant faces charges that include a top count of reckless manslaughter for driving her car through a red light into the victims crossing Fifth Avenue and Ninth Street, after prosecutors’ investigation found that her doctor forbade her from getting behind the wheel due to her history of seizures, one of which she likely suffered at the time of the crash.

Brunts, however, pleaded not guilty at a May arraignment.

And the Staten Island mother continues to maintain her innocence, with Jacobs arguing his client’s doctor cleared her to drive before the day of the deadly incident in a note he wrote saying that she could resume her job transporting large phones for the deaf — which the lawyer said the physician knew required her to drive — after seizures struck her in January.

The defendant, who shed the back and leg braces she wore to earlier hearings in her latest appearance before the bench, is expected to return to Supreme Court for another pre-trial hearing on Nov. 20.

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Old meets new

One-bedroom co-op in Park Slope with original inlaid and parquet flooring commands \$700K

BY HANNAH FRISHBERG

Here's a one-bedroom co-op primarily located in an early-20th-century elevator building just a half-block from Grand Army Plaza at 925 Union St. in Park Slope.

The lobby is grand, and boasts an ornate plaster ceiling, but original details in the apartment appear to be limited to the inlaid and parquet floors.

The living room has two windows and is partly open to the kitchen. The latter is a galley number, with all the appliances and storage on one wall. There is a granite breakfast bar, a dishwasher, and overhead cupboards.



The bedroom is big enough to fit a king-sized bed as well as a desk and dresser, but has no closets. There are, however,

two closets directly outside, as well as an entry closet by the foyer.

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Outside looking in: Actor Cornell Alston stars in "Jack &," a play about a man adjusting to life after prison, opening at the Brooklyn Academy of Music on Oct. 17.

Christopher Myers

Inside man

Play focuses on a new life after prison

By Julianne Cuba

He's opened up about being locked up.

A play about a man adjusting to life after prison, opening next week at the Brooklyn Academy of Music, draws on the real experience of its star, who spent 33 years behind bars. The story of "Jack &," which starts its four-night run on Oct. 17, is fictional, but the emotions and experiences it portrays are true to the realities of incarceration and re-entering society, said the show's writer.

"We've created a fictional character together, based on his actual experience as he chooses to share them in the work, so the first monologue begins with him talking about him being in the community room while serving time and the kinds of conver-

sations that bubble up in that," said Kaneza Schaal, who lives in Bedford-Stuyvesant.

The show's lead actor, Cornell Alston, was behind bars for more than three decades. Schaal saw him perform in a prison production of "Ma Rainey's Black Bottom," and immediately knew she wanted to work with him.

"His performance was stunning and kind of expanded my own dreaming about theater," she said.

"Jack &" breaks down into three parts — the first is a monologue performed by Alston, the second is a kind of sitcom inspired by "Amos & Andy," and the third combines movement and music, drawing on African-American traditions to create a formal re-entry ceremony, said Schaal.

"We created this collaboration on this

kind of time-travel musical score that goes through switches, through many different social and sonic codes," she said. "And the performance in the third section is from many different materials, one of which is African-American debutante and cotillion balls."

Schaal has brought her piece all around the country, and everywhere it debuts, she makes sure to connect with those personally impacted by serving time.

"In each place it travels we've been making contact in local re-entry communities," said Schaal. "It's very important to us have audiences who would otherwise not be spending time together in the same room."

Schaal believes in the power of the arts to help formerly incarcerated people, and particularly young people, with the

complexities of re-entry back into society, she said.

"Cornell talks so much about the importance of the arts in his personal process of re-entry, and I can't speak to the experience of 33 years serving time, but I speak the language of performance — that is the language we work in together," she said. "And one of the things we work on together is how to begin doing more work in juvenile detention centers in the state of New York, and building out a platform for folks, particularly young people coming out of serving time in prison and having continued contact with the arts."

"Jack &" at BAM Fisher [321 Ashland Pl. between Lafayette Avenue and Hanson Place in Fort Greene, (718) 636-4100, www.bam.org]. Oct. 17-20 at 7:30 pm. \$25.

CANINE CUTIES

Photo exhibit shows soft side of pit bulls

By Kevin Duggan

She's throwing a pit-y party! A new art exhibition will celebrate the beauty of pit bulls! "Pit Bull Flower Power," by photographer and animal advocate Sophie Gamand, features portraits of the much maligned doggies, each adorned with a hand-crafted crown of flowers. Gamand hopes that her exhibit at the Invisible Dog Art Center, and a book collecting the images, launching at the gallery on Oct. 20, will change negative perceptions of the dogs — and reveal something about the breeders who created them.

"The fate of the pit bull is so emblematic of how messed up humans are. We created these dogs, we made them strong, and then we decided we don't like this anymore, let's just destroy, euthanize you and hate on you and have all these legends around you," said the Brooklyn Heights photographer.

Gamand, who has volunteered with animal rescue groups for the last eight years, said that shelters all over the country are full of unwanted pit bulls.

"The first thing a lot of people say when they come to a shelter is



Pup's best friend: Sophie Gamand, who was once mauled by a dog as a child, overcame her fear to focus on the much-maligned creatures.

Sophie Gamand

"I want a dog, but anything but a pit bull." I can't tell you how often I've heard that," she said.

Gamand herself was wary of pit bulls because of a bad experience with a big dog as a child — even though the canine that attacked her was a different breed. When she noticed her prejudice against the dogs, she decided to challenge herself through her art.

"I realized I was not giving them my best and that it was unfair and prejudiced towards the dogs. So I wanted to do a project that would force me to interact with them and get to know them. I thought there

might be an opportunity there to shift our perception a bit," she said.

Rather than portray the dogs as vicious, growling brutes, she put the rescued pit bulls in elegant poses and made bespoke flower crowns for them. The project quickly became an online sensation, and over the last four years her work has found hundreds of thousands of followers on social media. She gets messages every day from pit bull fans and converts, including one cute story of a girl who saw Gamand's photos and began referring to pit bulls as "flower dogs."

Gamand's exhibition and book also aims to draw attention to the more sobering side of animal rescue and shelters, with images of used collars and a virtual reality experience showing how confining shelters are for dogs, according to Gamand.

"It's beautiful that we're saving all of these animals, but shelters are not a fun place for an animal, it's like solitary confinement in many ways," she said.

Gamand hopes that her work will raise awareness for the plight of pit bulls, which she calls "the invisible dogs of animal shelters," in the same



Pretty pooch: Sophie Gamand takes photos of pit bulls wearing flower crowns in order to counter negative stereotypes associated with the dogs.

Sophie Gamand

way her online work has already converted skeptics.

"Many pit bull fans told me that 'Finally the dogs are being seen the way that we see them,'" she said. "So even though the work is mine and it's my baby, it has gone beyond me and spread this message of having an open mind and an open heart."

"Pit Bull Flower Power" at

the Invisible Dog Art Center [51 Bergen St. between Smith Street and Boerum Place in Cobble Hill, (347) 560-3641, www.theinvisible-dog.org]. Animal Haven Fund-raiser with food and wine on Oct. 18; 6-9 pm. \$50. Exhibit on display Oct. 19-21; Fri-Sat, 1-7 pm, Sun, 1-5 pm. Free. Book release party on Oct. 20, 4-7 pm. Free.



You see that?: Deborah Kass's sculpture "OY/YO" will stand outside the Brooklyn Museum until June of 2019.

Jonathan Dorado

Word on the street

By Bill Rounly

Oy, you can say that again! The giant yellow sculpture that shouted "Oy" to the world has returned! The 8-foot-high aluminum letters of "OY/YO," which debuted in Brooklyn Bridge Park in 2015, settled into a new spot front of the Brooklyn Museum last week as part of the "Something To Say" exhibit. The gargantuan art piece by Bushwick sculptor Deborah Kass will serve as a cheery salute to the community and visiting tourists, said the exhibit's curator.

"The installation of 'OY/YO' will function as a new greeting,

welcome to museum locals and visitors, and an intersectional 'Hey!' to all that walk in and visit the museum," said Sharon Matt Atkins.

The sign, which can be read as an attention-grabbing "Yo" or a downbeat "Oy," depending on your perspective, is set perpendicular across a set of low benches outside the Museum. It will remain there until next summer.

"OY/YO" outside the Brooklyn Museum [200 Eastern Pkwy. at Washington Avenue in Prospect Heights, (718) 638-5000, www.brooklynmuseum.org]. On display daily until June 30, 2019. Free.

Axe me another!

Brooklyn gets second hatchet-throwing bar

By Bill Rounly

Brooklyn will soon be dual-wielding.

The County of Kings will soon be home to a second axe-throwing bar. Bury the Hatchet plans to open its eight lanes of boozy axe-hurling action in Greenpoint on Oct. 26 — the ninth location of the entertainment chain. This will be the first company's first foray into New York, and the owner said that he is thrilled to move into an edgy neighborhood where people are eager to hurl sharpened metal tools into wooden planks.

"Brooklyn is a hotspot," said Howard Klotzkin. "People are starved for entertainment, and they're looking for something different — and this is certainly different!"

Brooklyn's first axe-throwing range, Kick Axe, opened in Gowanus at the end of 2017. Klotzkin said that the two chains are in "friendly competition," but said that he is not worried about splitting the audience of axe fans.



Cutting-edge entertainment: Bury the Hatchet will let Greenpointers hurl axes at wooden targets with all their might.

Bury the Hatchet

"We're a good 20 minutes away — which in New York is like a different country," he said.

Sessions at Bury will cost \$49 per person for two hours of hatchet hurling, and up to 10 people will be able to share a lane. An axe master will accompany each group, provide training, and make sure

everything stays safe. The bar will also offer an axe-throwing league, with a cash prize for the winners, said Klotzkin.

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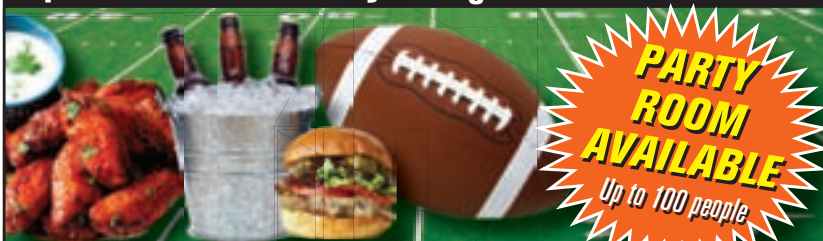
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TOUR THE TOWN

Historic spots will open this weekend

By Julianne McShane

It's open season!

Nearly 30 architectural marvels throughout Kings County will open to the public for free visits on Oct. 12–14 as part of the 16th annual Open House New York Weekend. The wide variety of available tours represents the borough's storied past and promising future. Here are three usually-hidden spots where you can explore the borough's past and its delicious present, with no ticket required — just stop on by!

Fine Dime-ing

Start your Saturday stroll with a tour of Dime Savings Bank, a Gilded Age landmark Downtown, topped with an ornate domed roof and supported by red marble columns made from stone imported from ancient Greek quarries. The neo-Classical structure — built in 1908 — offers a blend of old and new architecture, since the tour will also offer a sneak peek at the attached 73-story, 1,066-foot bronze and glass residential tower, which will be the borough's tallest tower when it is complete.

Dime Savings Bank (9 DeKalb Ave. at Fleet Street Downtown). Oct. 13; noon–4 pm. Free.

Go Clubbing

On Sunday, take in the opulence and rich history of Park Slope's Montauk Club. The stately,



Savings history: The Dime Savings Bank, a Gilded Age landmark, will open to the public on Oct. 13 as part of the Open House New York Weekend.

Pavel Bendov

stained glass-covered building has served as a private social club for the last 130 years. The club did not admit women until the 1960s, but anyone can drop by this Sunday afternoon!

Montauk Club (25 Eighth Ave. at Lincoln Place in Park Slope). Oct. 14; noon–4 pm, with tours every 30 minutes. Free.

High Five!

End your weekend with a pint at Five Boroughs Brewing Co., a gigantic beer production facility in Sunset Park — with an attached

taproom — located inside a former steel fabrication plant. Take a tour and learn how the brewers built the factory, and how they turn yeast, malt, and hops into their signature brews. Shoes with closed toes are required, since the site is an active brewing spot.

Five Boroughs Brewing Co. (215 47th St. between Second and Third avenues in Sunset Park). Oct. 13 and 14 at 1 pm, 2 pm, and 3 pm. Free.

Open House New York (www.ohny.org). Oct. 12–14 at various locations and times.

Writing 'Mr. Nice Guy'

By Bill Roundy

This "Nice Guy" was finished together!

A pair of married Park Slope writers have teamed up to write a sexy romantic comedy set in the dizzying world of Manhattan publishing. To write "Mr. Nice Guy," which comes out on Oct. 16, Jennifer Miller and Jason Feifer drew on their experience toiling for magazines underneath a handful of celebrity writers.

"We like to think that this book captures media at the moment that it's in right now — it's a transitional moment," said Jason Feifer, now the editor of Entrepreneur magazine. "Inside a place like Conde Nast, there's Anna Wintour, and then there are a million underpaid 22-year-olds. It creates a kind of head-spinning experience and we wanted to capture that."

The book follows a pair of struggling magazine writers, Carmen

and Lucas, who have a one-night stand and then write regular dueling columns reviewing each other's performance in bed. Feifer came up with the idea years ago while writing a dating column, but said he could not make it work as a novel.

"I noodled on that for a very long time, but I'm not a fiction writer," he said. "My career in journalism."

When Miller sold her second novel and was looking for a new project, Feifer suggested she take over his old idea. Instead, she proposed they work on it together.

"We had very defined roles, which I think is important," said Miller. They agreed on a general story arc, and then Miller took over writing most of the narrative sections, while Feifer wrote each character's columns, which appear in the book.

One early plot point had to change: instead of a senior editor



Power of two: Author Jennifer Miller and journalist Jason Feifer each played to their strengths when writing their novel "Mr. Nice Guy," out on Oct. 16.

Karim Mustafa

assigning the characters to sleep together and then write about it, the column had to become Carmen's idea, said Miller.

"This could have been passable in the last couple of years, but it would never fly these days," said Miller. "It had to be her decision to do this, but she is kind of manipulated into it."

"Mr. Nice Guy" will be available in bookstores on Oct. 16. \$16.99.



Beat goes on: Vocalist Amayo will lead Antibalas through the tunes on its latest album at free concert on Oct. 13.

Daniel J Temmesfeld

All that jazz

Week-long music festival kicks off on Saturday

By Alexandra Simon

These bands will blow you away!

The Bric Jazz Festival will kick off its fourth edition with a free outdoor concert from beloved local Afrobeat band Antibalas on Oct. 13. The 12-piece Williamsburg band, which is heavily inspired by the late Nigerian musician Fela Kuti and classical African music, will launch the annual week-long extravaganza of jazz with a set of tunes old, new, and never-heard-before, said the group's founder.

"We have a new record that came out last year, and we're going to perform that entire record and a selection of older tunes, and we might break out some stuff that we've been recording if we have time," said Martin Perna.

The band has collaborated often with the Fort Greene arts organization, said Perna, and is thrilled to partner with them once again.

"We were actually supposed to do the festival last year, and we've done stuff with Bric a lot over the years — we've been fans of theirs and they've been fans of ours," he said. "This lineup looks incredible, and we're super excited to be part of this festival."

Perna describes his band's musical sound as a mixture of jazz and African tunes, with lyrics that have a jazzy influence.

"It's a lot of jazz elements, and not every song we do is explicitly political but it's in the themes and songs we talk about," he said.

The Antibalas concert will be the first of five nights of free, jazz-related entertainment, followed by a three-night ticketed musical marathon. The on-the-house events approach the music

genre from several different directions, including film, poetry, and dance.

The festival will screen two documentaries about jazz pioneers on Oct. 14. The 1988 film "Let's Get Lost" chronicles the life of trumpet player Chet Baker, and in last year's "Betty Davis: They Say I'm Different," the funk singer talks about her standout career.

Some of the borough's best spoken word poets will drop verses at the fest's Brooklyn Poetry Slam on Oct. 15, and the following day will feature an interactive dance show inspired by saxophonist John Coltrane, titled "Walking with 'Trane."

Closing out the non-musical portion of the festival on Oct. 17 will be a panel discussion led by Nate Chinen, the author of "Playing Changes: Jazz for the New Century," about the evolution of the music genre and its relevance in modern times.

All of these events are free with prior RSVP.

The jazz festival will conclude with a marathon of music on Oct. 18–20, with multiple performances taking place on three different stages of the Bric House. Artists on the lineup include Meshell Ndegeocello, Cyrus Chestnut, the Jazz Passengers, and a dozen more.

Antibalas at Bric Jazz Festival at the Plaza (300 Ashland Pl. at Lafayette Avenue in Fort Greene, www.bricartsmedia.org). Oct. 13 at 3 pm. Free.

Music Marathon at Bric House [647 Fulton St. between Rockwell and Ashland places in Fort Greene, (718) 855-7882, www.bricartsmedia.org]. Oct. 18–20 at 7:30 pm. \$35 (\$30 in advance, three-day pass \$75).

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Monkey suits: Members of the band Gorillaz will play in front of projections of their cartoon alter-egos at Barclays Center on Oct. 13.

Associated Press / Mark Allan

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SAT, OCT. 13

MUSIC, GORILLAZ: \$89–\$160. 8 pm.

SUN, OCT. 14

MUSIC, PHIL COLLINS: \$96–\$306. 8 pm.

THU, OCT. 18

MUSIC, SO SO DEF 25TH CULTURAL CURRENCY TOUR: \$49–\$150. 7:30 pm.

FRI, OCT. 19

SPORTS, BROOKLYN NETS V NEW YORK KNICKS: \$107–\$655. 7:30 pm.

SAT, OCT. 20

MUSIC, J BALVIN: \$39–\$500. 8 pm.

TUE, OCT. 23

MUSIC, TIDAL X BROOKLYN: \$56–\$201. 8 pm.

WED, OCT. 24

SPORTS, NEW YORK ISLANDERS V FLORIDA PANTHERS: \$15–\$185. 7 pm.

FRI, OCT. 26

MUSIC, NICK CAVE AND THE BAD SEEDS: \$19–\$99. 7:15 pm.

SAT, OCT. 27

MUSIC, KEITH URBAN: \$35–\$99. 7:30 pm.

SUN, OCT. 28

SPORTS, BROOKLYN NETS V GOLDEN STATE WARRIORS: \$152–\$2,250. 5 pm.

WED, OCT. 31

SPORTS, BROOKLYN NETS V DETROIT PISTONS: \$20–\$818. 7:30 pm.

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

FRI, OCT. 12

FILM, "GET OUT": A free outdoor screening of the horror film about a black man visiting his white girlfriend's family. Free. 6:30 pm. Fort Greene Park Lawn (Myrtle Avenue at N. Portland Avenue in Fort Greene), www.fortgreene-park.org.

THEATER, "THE CHURCH OF THE ALIEN LOVE CHILD PRESENTS THE PASSION OF REVEREND YOLANDA": A workshop production of a musical about the life of trans-femme genderqueer interfaith music minister Rev. Yolanda. \$12 (\$8 in advance). 7 pm. BRIC Arts Media House [647 Fulton St. at Rockwell Place in Fort Greene, (718) 683-5621], www.bricartsmedia.org.

THEATER, "THE DANGER — AN HOMAGE TO STRANGE FRUIT": Stacey Rose's dystopic ghost play follows the interracial couple He and She into an in-between world that houses black souls who left the earth in violent ways and constantly seek their way home. \$18. 8 pm. Jack (505 Waverly Ave. between Fulton Street and Atlantic Avenue in Clinton Hill), www.jackny.org.

MUSIC, "BILLIE AND BLUE EYES": Singers Catherine Russell and John Pizzarelli perform a tribute to Billie Holiday and Frank Sinatra. \$34–\$39. 8 pm. On Stage at Kingsborough [2001 Oriental Blvd. at Oxford Street in Manhattan Beach, (718) 368-5596], www.onstageatkingsborough.org.

MUSIC, ACTIVE LISTENING: Pianist Lior Willinger performs 10 world premieres from composers concerned with social justice issues. Free. 9 pm. Spectrum NYC [70 Flushing Ave. Garage A, at Cumberland Street in Fort Greene, (561) 379-2320], www.spectrumnyc.com.

SAT, OCT. 13

ART, CHASHAMA OPEN STUDIOS WEEKEND: Nearly 100 visual arts studios open to the public. Free. Noon–5 pm. Brooklyn Army Terminal (140 58th St. at First Avenue in Sunset Park), www.chashama.org.

ART, "THE END STARTS NOW": A solo art exhibit by RAE, with paintings and sculptures made from cast-off objects. Free. 1–4 pm. RAE Pop-Up (1220 Surf Ave., third floor, between Stillwell Avenue and W. 12th Street in Coney Island), www.instagram.com/rae_bk.

ART, BWAC FALL ARTS SHOW: The Brooklyn Waterfront Artists Coalition closes its 40th season with six different exhibits, including the "Really Affordable Art Show," an exhibit of giant installations, and album cover art, among others. \$5 suggested donation. 1–6 pm. Brooklyn Waterfront Artists Coalition [499 Van Brunt St., near Reed Street in Red Hook, (718) 596-2506], www.bwac.org.

WHAT TO DO 24 SEVEN EVENTS



Puppers on parade: You can vote for the cutest pooch at Luna Park's Dog Parade and Costume Contest on Oct. 14, part of its annual Halloween Harvest celebration.

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MUSIC, CHUCK PROPHET AND THE MISSION EXPRESS: With opening act Beechwood. \$20. 7 pm. Bell House [149 Seventh St. at Third Avenue in Gowanus, (718) 643-6510], www.thebellhouse.com.

SUN, OCT. 14

FAMILY, DOG PARADE AND COSTUME CONTEST: More than 100 costumed canines will compete for the title of Audience Choice, Cutest, Mister or Miss Congeniality, Most Original, and Best of Show. Free (\$20 to enter contest). Noon. Luna Park [1000 Surf Ave. at W. 12th Street in Coney Island, (718) 373-5862], lunaparknyc.com.

FUND-RAISER, CARS AGAINST CANCER: An exotic car show and family fun festival, with music, raffles, and more. Free. 11 am. MCU Park [1904 Surf Ave. at W. 17th St. in Coney Island, (718) 449-8497], www.gopinkweek.org/carsagainstcancer.

FILM, "THE GENERAL": A free screening of Buster Keaton's 1926 silent film about the Civil War. Free. 12:30 pm. Brooklyn Public Library's Central branch [10 Grand Army Plaza between Eastern Parkway and Flatbush Avenue in Prospect Heights, (718) 230-2100], www.bklynlibrary.org.

CO-OP COMMUNITY DAY: Flatbush Food Co-op hosts a free public afternoon of food, festivity, and more. Free. 2–5 pm. Flatbush Food Co-op [1415 Cortelyou Rd. at Marlborough Road in Ditmas Park, (718) 284-9717], www.flatbush-food.coop.

MUSIC, CONCERTS ON THE SLOPE: A string quartet plays Haydn, and Schubert, and a world premiere by Paolo Marchettini. \$20 suggested donation. 3 pm. St. John's Episcopal Church [139 St. John's Pl. between Sixth and Seventh avenues in Park Slope, (718) 783-3928].

MON, OCT. 15

COMEDY, BUTTERBOY: A weekly stand-up comedy show hosted by Aparna Nancherla, Maeve Higgins, and Jo Firestone. \$10 (\$8 in advance). 8 pm. Littlefield (635 Sackett St. between Third and Fourth avenues in Gowanus), www.littlefieldnyc.com.

COMEDY, CHICKEN, ROAD, LOL: A weekly comedy open mic night offering five minutes to each performer. Free. 8 pm. Excelsior [563 Fifth Ave. between 15th and 16th streets in Park Slope, (718) 788-2710], www.excelsior-brooklyn.com.

TUES, OCT. 16

TALK, THE NOT-SO-SWEET HISTORY OF SUGAR: The author of "Sugar: The World Corrupted, From Slavery to Obesity" discusses the history of the sweet treat. \$10 (\$5 for members). 6:30–8 pm. Brooklyn Historical Society [128 Pierrepont St. at Clinton Street in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 222-4111], www.brooklynhistory.org.

MUSIC, "THE GREY LAND": A mono-opera about one black mother's experiences navigating American society with her son, with film, dance, and dramatic elements. \$25 (\$18 in advance). 8 pm. Roulette [509 Atlantic Ave. at Third Avenue in Boerum Hill, (917) 267-0363], www.roulette.org.

WED, OCT. 17

READING, "GIRLS WRITE NOW": Four girls from the teen mentorship program discuss their true stories with author Emma Straub. Free. 7 pm. Books Are Magic (225 Smith St. at Butler Street in Carroll Gardens), www.booksare-magic.net.

COMEDY, NOSTALGIA!: A comedy and storytelling event where comedians

remix some of their most cringeworthy moments. Hosted by Stef Dag and Gracie Canaan. Free. 8 pm. Friends and Lovers (641 Classon Ave. between Dean and Pacific streets in Crown Heights), www.fnlbk.com.

THURS, OCT. 18

ART, HOUSE OF THE HATTER: A bizarre walk-through art installation, with steampunk inventions, soundscapes, and stories. Includes two cocktails. \$29. 4 pm, 6 pm, 8 pm, and 10 pm. (1065 Pacific St. between Classon and Franklin avenues in Bedford-Stuyvesant), www.houseofthehatter.com.

ART, JACOBSON'S ART & FRAME GALLERY GRAND REOPENING: The frame shop celebrates its Grand ReOpening while showcasing works by local artists Renee Beyda, Lesley Kassin, and Dvornik. Free. 5–8 pm. Art & Frame Gallery [2720 Ave. U between E. 27th and E. 28th streets in Sheepshead Bay, (718) 332-5583], www.jacobson-sartandframenyc.com.

FILM, "THE BABADOOK": A free outdoor screening of the horror film about a boogeyman stalking a mother and son. Free. 6:15 pm. Sunset Park (Fifth Avenue at 41st Street in Sunset Park).

DANCE, "CARDBOARD STAGE": A multimedia dance show about feeling powerless in the face of city and national politics. \$22 (\$18 advance). 8 pm. Triskelion Arts [106 Calyer St. between Banker Street and Clifford Place in Greenpoint, (718) 389-3473], triskelionarts.org.

FRI, OCT. 19

ART, GOWANUS OPEN STUDIOS KICK OFF PARTY: Meet and enjoy a drink with artists of this year's Gowanus Open Studios. Free. 6–9 pm. Gowanus Loft [61 Ninth St., at Second Avenue in Gowanus, (516) 962-1913], www.arts-gowanus.org.

OUTDOORS, "NIGHTFALL": Musicians, circus performers, and storytellers roam the cemetery against a backdrop of thousands of flickering candles. \$80. 8 pm–midnight. Greenwood Cemetery [Fifth Avenue and 25th Street in Greenwood Heights, (718) 210-3080], www.greenwood-cem.com.

SAT, OCT. 20

MARKET, STRANGE AND UNUSUAL MARKET: Coney Island USA hosts local artists with creepy creations for Halloween enthusiasts. Free. Noon–6 pm. Sideshows by the Seashore (1208 Surf Ave. at W. 12th St. in Coney Island).

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NEW YORK STATE SUPREME COURT: COUNTY OF KINGS – Index No.: 51770/18, Date purchased: April 9, 2018 – SUMMONS WITH NOTICE. LIUDMILA MINAKOVA, Plaintiff, against OLEKSIY MINAKOV, Defendant – ACTION FOR DIVORCE -- Pursuant to the order for service of summons by publication, Defendant OLEKSIY MINAKOV, please take notice that the action for an absolute divorce has been commenced against you on April 9, 2018. You are hereby summoned to serve a notice of appearance and/or answer on Law Office of Natalia Vassilieva, PC, 3042 Ocean Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11235 within twenty (20) days after publication of this notice (or within thirty (30) days after the service is complete if the summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York), exclusive of the date of publication, as required by statute and in case of your failure to appear judgment will be taken against you by default. NOTICE: Grounds for Divorce DRL 170(7) – irretrievable breakdown in the relationship. Plaintiff is seeking the following relief: judgment of absolute divorce in favor of Plaintiff dissolving the marriage between the parties in this action. NOTICE OF AUTOMATIC ORDERS: Pursuant to domestic relations law section 236(b)(2), the parties are bound by certain automatic orders which shall remain in full force and effect during the pendency of the action. DRL 255 NOTICE: Please be advised that once the judgment of divorce is signed in this action, both parties must be aware that he or she will no longer be covered by the other party's health insurance plan and that each party shall be responsible for his or her own health insurance coverage, and may be entitled to purchase health insurance on his or her own through a COBRA option, if available.

Notice is hereby given that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Kings County on 10/09/2018, bearing Index Number NC-001390-18/KI, a copy of which may be examined at the Office of the Clerk, located at 141 Livingston Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201, grants me the right to: Assume the name of (First) Nor Elhoda (Middle) Rose (Last) Bellantonio. My present name is (First) Nor Elhoda (Middle) Mohamed (Last) Machaal AKA Nor Elhoda M Machaal. The city and state of my present address are Brooklyn, NY. My place of birth is Brooklyn. The month and year of my birth are July 1998.

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NOTICE OF SALE
Supreme Court County Of Kings
HSBC Bank USA, National Association, as Trustee for Luminent Mortgage Trust 2006-3, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-3, Plaintiff AGAINST
Mousa Khalil a/k/a Moussa Khalil, Cet al, Defendant
Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 9/30/2014 and entered on 10/14/2014, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on October 25, 2018 at 02:30 PM premises known as 152 68th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11220. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK: 5861, LOT: 29. Approximate amount of judgment is \$982,371.16 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 009543/2009.
For sale information, please visit Auction.com at www.Auction.com or call (800) 280-2832. Kenneth W. Richardson, Referee
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REFEREE'S NOTICE OF SALE IN FORECLOSURE SUPREME COURT – COUNTY OF KINGS
US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR CREDIT SUISSE FIRST BOSTON MORTGAGE SECURITIES CORP., HOME EQUITY ASSET TRUST 2006-7, HOME EQUITY PASS-T H R O U G H CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-7, Plaintiff – against – EUGENNIE DANIELS, et al Defendant(s).
Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on December 21, 2015, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction, in Room 224 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on the 1st Day of November, 2018 at 2:30 p.m. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, City and State of New York. Premises known as 575 East 28th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11210. (Block: 5230, Lot: 114) Approximate amount of lien \$583,061.46 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale.
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1903 60th St LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 8/4/2017. Cty: Kings. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to: Edwen Tekle, 270 72nd St., Apt. 3F, Brooklyn, NY 11209. General Purpose.

against may be served & shall mail process to: 915 47th St., 2nd Fl., Brooklyn, NY 11219. General Purpose.

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5022 Avenue D LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 9/13/2018. Cty: Kings. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to: Raymond Medina, 9031 Fort Hamilton Pkwy., Apt. 6A, Brooklyn, NY 11209. General Purpose.

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678 Brooklyn LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 9/25/2018. Cty: Kings. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to: Raymond Medina, 9031 Fort Hamilton Pkwy., Brooklyn, NY 11209. General Purpose.

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705 LAFAYETTE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/23/16. Office: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 521 Dekalb Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11205. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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A & M Turtle Tail Estates LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 7/17/2018. Cty: Kings. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to Michael Niamonitakis, 134 76th St., Brooklyn, NY 11209. General Purpose.

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Antar, LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 8/4/2017. Cty: Kings. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to: Edwen Tekle, 270 72nd St., Apt. 3F, Brooklyn, NY 11209. General Purpose.

Cushion Investors LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 6/27/2018. Cty: Kings. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to c/o Frank Raccuglia, 423 95th St., Brooklyn, NY 11209. General Purpose.

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G D E Taxi LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 6/27/2018. Cty: Kings. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to: 2518 E. 65th St., Brooklyn, NY 11234. General Purpose.

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Magic Cargo LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 9/6/2018. Cty: Kings. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to: 220 Montgomery St., Apt. 13B, Brooklyn, NY 11225. General Purpose.

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Marino 832, LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 3/5/2018. Cty: Kings SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to 832 Bay Ridge Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11220. General Purpose.

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MOVING TIME DELIVERY SERVICE LLC Art. Of Org. Filed Sec. of State of NY 5/15/2018. Off. Loc. : Kings Co. Moving Mountains Consulting Group Inc. designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY to mail copy of process to Moving Mountains Consulting Group Inc., 32 Cornelia Street, LL, Brooklyn, NY 11221. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

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MWCT LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 9/13/2018. Cty: Kings. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to: 4610 7th Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11220. General Purpose.

Notice of formation of DZ VENTURES LLC Arts. of Org. filed with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/14/2018. Office location, County of Kings. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC 962 Myrtle Ave. #2R, Brooklyn, NY 11206. Purpose: any lawful act.

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Notice of Formation of FROM RUNWAY WITH LOVE LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 09/26/18. Office location: Kings County. Princ. office of LLC: c/o Regina Sotnik, 183 Irwin St., Brooklyn, NY 11235. Latest date on which the LLC may dissolve is 12/31/2058. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC at the addr. of its princ. office. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: GET LITE PRODUCTIONS LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/07/2017. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: LISA KJERULFF AND NICHOLAS BENTGEN 1198 PACIFIC STREET, APT 3D BROOKLYN, NY 11216. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: THE WRIGHT SCRUBS LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 06/01/2018. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: NIASIA C WRIGHT1315 E 83RD STREET FL 1 BROOKLYN, NY 11236. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: CHROMA STUDIO, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 07/23/2018. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: CHROMA STUDIO, LLC 170 FENIMORE ST APT C2 BROOKLYN, NY 11225. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: WORK HOUSE LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 07/12/2018. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: WORK HOUSE LLC 201 RICHARDS ST., SUITE 3 BROOKLYN, NY 11231. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: LMNOP CONSULTING LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 03/28/2018. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: LMNOP CONSULTING LLC 797 FRANKLIN AVE, STE. 4 BROOKLYN, NY 11238. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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Notice of formation of Limited Liability Company ("LLC"). Name: T Building LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of the State of New York ("SSNY") on August 23, 2018. N.Y. office location: Kings County. The SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to T Building LLC, c/o Dunn Development Corp., 589 Sackett Street, 2nd Floor, Brooklyn, New York 11217. Purpose/character of LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: JL PRODUCTIONS, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 04/17/2018. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom

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process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: JL PRODUCTIONS, LLC 736 SAINT JOHNS PL. # PL-3R BROOKLYN, NY 11216. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: JEMCARE, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 06/18/2018. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: MARTIN ITZKOWITZ 1224 EAST 23RD STREET BROOKLYN, NY 11210. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: MEMO DESIGN, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 05/15/2018. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: YUZHEN ZHONG, WING YAN CHOW 310 12TH STREET APT. 19, BROOKLYN NY 11215. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: MS. JASMINE ROSE LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of

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State of New York (SSNY) on 09/11/2018. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: JASMINE ROSE THIMOTHE 685 WILLOUGHBY AVENUE 2A BROOKLYN, NY 11206. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: ANTRANS CAPITAL LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 05/21/2018. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: THE LLC 4524 8TH AVE FRONT STORE BROOKLYN, NY 11220. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: SUPER HYPE O.Y.S. LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 07/25/2018. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: THE LLC 2457 BRIGHAM STREET BROOKLYN, NY 11235. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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Notice of formation of Limited Liability Company ("LLC"). Name: T Building Managers LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of the State of New York ("SSNY") on August 23, 2018. N.Y. office location: Kings County. The SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to T Building Managers LLC, c/o Dunn Development Corp., 589 Sackett Street, 2nd Floor, Brooklyn, New York 11217. Purpose/character of LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity.

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Notice of Qualification of 768 3RD AVE. BKLYN LENDER LLC Appl. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 08/28/18. Office location: Kings County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 08/22/18. Princ. office of LLC: 350 S. Beverly Dr., Ste. 210,

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Beverly Hills, CA 90212. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC at the princ. office of the LLC. DE addr. of LLC: c/o Corporation Service Co., 251 Little Falls Dr., Wilmington, DE 19808. Cert. of Form. filed with Secy. of State of the State of DE, John G. Townsend Bldg., 401 Federal St. - Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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Notice of Qualification of AbelCine Learning Point LLC Appl. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 09/25/18. Office location: Kings County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 09/11/18. Princ. office of LLC: 88 35th St., 4th Fl., Brooklyn, NY 11232. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC at the princ. office of the LLC. DE addr. of LLC: 251 Little Falls Dr., Wilmington, DE 19808. Cert. of Form. filed with DE Secy. of State, Div. of Corps., P.O. Box 898, Dover, DE 19903. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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Path Design NY LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 7/20/2018. Cty: Kings. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom

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process against may be served & shall mail process to: 161 85th St., Brooklyn, NY 11209. General Purpose.

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Ronlaur Productions LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 5/23/2018. Cty: Kings. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to Lauren Walsh & Ron Jacques, 176 Seeley St., Apt. 1E, Brooklyn, NY 11218. General Purpose.

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SPLENDID GRACE ESTATES LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/03/18. Office: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Ivy E. Turnbull, 148 Martense Street, Brooklyn, NY 11226. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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THEINKEDGROUP LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 2/14/2018. Cty: Kings. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to 2759 E. 65th St., Fl. 1, Brooklyn, NY 11234. General Purpose.

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UNITED RISK LLC Art. Of Org. Filed Sec. of State of NY 5/3/2018. Off. Loc. : Kings Co. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process

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against it may be served. SSNY to mail copy of process to The LLC, 91 Broadway, Brooklyn, NY 11249. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

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Yang's Family LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 8/31/2017. Cty: Kings. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to 772 44th St., Fl. 1, Brooklyn, NY 11220. General Purpose.

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Notice of formation of Dr. Johnny Lops D.O., PLLC, a domestic professional service limited liability company. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 08/28/2018. NY Office location: Kings County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the PLLC may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the PLLC at: 169 Wythe Avenue, #104, Brooklyn, NY 11249. Purpose: practice the profession of medicine

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- Stocks, rotates, merchandises and faces product according to department procedure.*
- Maintains back-stock areas according to department standards.*
- Trains other staff as needed.*
- Catalogs and codes invoices, if requested, according to procedure.*
- Assists in other departments as needed.*
- Performs other duties as assigned to meet business needs.*

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Produce Clerk

Summary: Responsible for washing, cutting, peeling, wrapping, and preparing fruit for stocking as well as setting up displays and stocking shelves, coolers, counters, bins, tables, or containers, with new merchandise and stamping, marking, or tagging price on merchandise by performing the following duties.

Duties and Responsibilities include the following.
Other duties may be assigned.

1. Stands for long periods of time, walks, and frequently uses hands.*
2. Washes, cuts, peels, wraps, and prepares fruit for stocking.*
3. Sets up displays and stocks shelves, coolers, counter, bins, tables, or containers, with new merchandise.*
4. Stamps, marks, or tags price on merchandise.*
5. Stand for long periods of time; walk; frequent use of hands.*
6. Occasionally required to climb or balance and stoop, kneel, or crouch.
7. Frequently lift and /or move up to 25 pounds and occasionally lift and/or move up to 75 pounds.*
8. We are a very busy 24-hour fruit and vegetable Market. You will be busy throughout your entire shift.*

Overnight Positions are available.

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