

# Ratner to bar public from promised park

By Jess Wisloski  
The Brooklyn Papers

Plans for a glorious, 52,000-square-foot publicly accessible recreational space on the roof of Bruce Ratner's proposed Frank Gehry-designed basketball arena will not be open to the public, according to a document released last week by the state authority acting as lead agent for the project.

The elevated parkland, described as "1+" acres in earlier promotional material distributed by the developer's Forest City Ratner Companies, which hopes to develop the site with the help of at least \$200 million in public funds, is now going to be for

private access only, according to the "Draft Scope of Analysis for an Environmental Impact" on the Atlantic Yards plan. The project would also include office skyscrapers and more than a dozen high-rise apartment buildings and relies on the use of eminent domain to seize private property for the developer.

The document was prepared by consultants hired by Forest City Ratner.

That private roof garden was the only green space locals were promised for the first 11 years of development of the 22-acre Atlantic Yards, which would stretch east across six square blocks of Prospect Heights from the intersection of Atlantic and



Bruce Ratner

Flatbush avenues.

Another promised "7+" acres of open space would be completed only after the rest of the project is done, estimated for 2016, according to the scoping document.

And that's if the plan sticks to its construction schedule.

As initially envisioned in Forest City Ratner promotions, the open space would be both active (featuring such amenities as tennis courts, jungle gyms, playgrounds, black-tops) and passive (typically benches, trees, grass, landscaping).

Norman Oder, a freelance journalist who on Sept. 1 published a 168-page report criticizing the New York Times for a lack of critical re-

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porting on the Atlantic Yards proposal, pointed out the differences between what was promoted and what the developer actually plans to build, on his Web log, [www.timesratnerreport.blogspot.com](http://www.timesratnerreport.blogspot.com).

"One of the selling points for the Atlantic Yards has been the promise of publicly accessible open space," he wrote, citing a May 2004 promotional flier sent

out by Forest City Ratner.

"But don't hold your breath," Oder added.

A Forest City Ratner handbook describing the plan, also released in 2004, stated: "The roof of the Arena offers an exciting opportunity to create new public space, with 52,000 square feet of new passive recreation and active public space for community residents."

"A promenade along the outside edge of the Arena will provide lushly landscaped areas for passive recreation, and outstanding views of Manhattan. For active recreation, an outdoor ice-skating rink connects the four gardens; in warmer months the rink will become a running track," stated the publication "Bring Basketball to Brooklyn."

As recently as May 26, a color brochure distributed to press and members of the City Council at the one official public hearing that's been held on the plan, promised, underneath the bold heading "Open Space for All of Brooklyn," that

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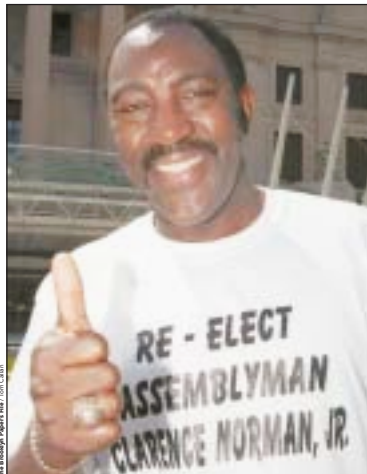
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# BOSS GUILTY

## Norman quits political posts



Former Brooklyn Democratic Party Chairman Assemblyman Clarence Norman Jr. stumps at the West Indian Day Parade last year.

By Jess Wisloski and Ariella Cohen  
The Brooklyn Papers

Assemblyman Clarence Norman Jr., the boss of Brooklyn Democratic politics for 14 years as chairman of the Kings County Democratic Committee, was convicted Tuesday of violating election law and falsifying business records. He promptly resigned from both offices.

The Sept. 27 guilty verdict marked the end to the first of four corruption cases brought against Norman by his one-time political ally, District Attorney Charles Hynes, who has said the charges against the party chief stemmed from a probe by his office into judicial corruption and the selling of judgeships.

Hynes investigators claimed to have found evidence that Norman, a 23-year veteran of the state legislature, mishandled campaign contributions, leading to conspiracy and grand larceny charges, which led to the other charges against him.

Norman, who represented Flatbush and Crown Heights, faces up to four years imprisonment. Sentencing is scheduled for Nov. 29.

Defense attorney Edward Rappaport argued the case did not merit a felony charge, calling it merely an unintentional infraction of campaign law, but prosecutors proved to the jury that Norman had committed a crime when he solicited and concealed \$10,000 in contributions from a lobbyist — more than the state limits — in the 2000 and 2002 primaries.

Norman hid the contributions in the party's coffers instead of claiming them on his campaign disclosures, prosecutors said. Norman called it an unwitting mistake.

Norman's resignation from his political offices, which would have been enforced under law had he not quit, may signify a sea change for Brooklyn's Democratic Party, say some experts.

"I think removal of Clarence Norman, the re-nomination of

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## PAPER HOLIDAY...

This week's Brooklyn Papers are "double issues" — a new Paper will not be published next week, and our offices will be closed Tuesday, Oct. 4, for the Jewish New Year, and Thursday, Oct. 13, for Yom Kippur. The next edition will be dated Saturday, Oct. 15.



## Atlantic Antic cob-bler

A reveler at last Sunday's Atlantic Antic street fair, which ran from Hicks Street to Third Avenue along Atlantic Avenue, enjoys some of the annual fest's ubiquitous grilled corn on the cob.

# Cop kills ex-judge

By Lilo H. Stainton  
The Brooklyn Papers

An off-duty rookie police officer on a motorcycle accidentally struck and killed a retired state Supreme Court judge crossing Adams Street in front of the state Supreme Court building at 12:30 pm on Sept. 22, say police.

Judge Paul Bookson, 72, died from his injuries at Bellevue Hospital in Manhattan around 9:30 pm. Published reports stated that Bookson, a former state senator from Staten Island, suffered massive head injuries and internal bleeding.

Police said the motorcyclist swerved but was unable to avoid hitting the judge, who they said was crossing against the traffic signal. A published report said Bookson was reading a newspaper as he stepped off the curb.

The officer, 26, whose name was initially withheld by police, was issued a summons for riding with a learner's permit and not a full motorcycle license.

Bookson retired in 1995 as a state Supreme Court justice in Manhattan and still served as a judicial hearing officer, a court spokesman told the New York Times. The judge also worked at the law firm of Hertzfeld & Rubin, in Manhattan, and was an active member of the Eldridge Street Synagogue, where a funeral service was Wed., Sept. 23. He was to be buried in Jerusalem.

"We are all shocked by the situation," said Ian Ceresney, the law firm's managing partner. "The judge was a mentor to many of the young attorneys at our firm. We will miss him tremendously."

Bookson also served in the state Senate for nearly a decade, according to the Senate press office, in Albany. He was elected in November 1964 to represent the 24th district on Staten Island. Before that he was appointed to several administrative positions within the court system, participated in numerous bar associations and served on the school board, according to his state Senate biography.

Among his survivors is his wife, Toni.

— with Associated Press reports



Mayor Michael Bloomberg (at podium) welcomes the Oriana, which docked at Red Hook's Pier 12 last Saturday after a trans-Atlantic voyage. With him (from left) are NYC & Company CEO Christine Nicholas, Oriana Captain Mike Carr, Borough President Marty Markowitz, Councilman David Yassky, Economic Development Corporation President Andrew Alper and EDC Vice President Kate Ascher.

# CRUISIN'

## Luxury liner docks in Hook

By Jess Wisloski  
The Brooklyn Papers

A crowd turned out to welcome her, and the gleaming white ship with the billowing horn, which burst out louder than even the amplified booming of Borough President Marty Markowitz's voice, didn't disappoint.

On Saturday morning, the Oriana, a transatlantic luxury liner, docked in Red Hook, prematurely christening the piers that will usher a glamorous industry of Queens and Princesses to the county of Kings.

The gathering at Pier 12, which was largely comprised of industry and city insiders — the public was prohibited entry — took place in front of a stage set up on the pier just off Pioneer Street.

The ship, which had set sail from London, pulled into Buttermilk Channel just after 7 am. Passengers, at least those who were awake, patiently waited onboard and watched from the decks and stateroom balconies as the press conference welcoming their arrival commenced.

"I did come in today with some fears," said Michael Carr, the Australian captain of the Oriana.

"I thought they sent me to the wrong port and the wrong wharf, since all I saw was a bundle of bollards," he said about pictures he received a week before arriving. He added, however, that the arrival went smoothly.

"It was lovely to come in this morning," Carr said.

Mayor Michael Bloomberg, who orchestrated the officially non-campaign event during a day of campaign stops, said to the captain and his passengers and crew, "We have 8.1 million New Yorkers who welcome you today."

Bloomberg said the ship's arrival was out of necessity, although according to the city's Economic Development Corporation, there are no others scheduled in Brooklyn until this April, when the \$45 million Red Hook Cruise Terminal is slated to open.

"Today we had a parking problem in Manhattan," explained Bloomberg, who pointed there

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# CB2 lags on review of 'park'

By Jess Wisloski  
The Brooklyn Papers

Community Board 2, which encompasses most of the neighborhoods that would surround the 1.3-mile Brooklyn Bridge Park housing, commercial and open-space waterfront development, has thus

far been silent on the contentious plan, while CB6, a board whose district grazes the southern end of the proposed development, has held or participated in repeated hearings to discuss the plan and its potential impacts.

But this month, CB2 finally began

to talk, and in no time heated discussions broke out in nearly all of the board's committees.

Some were more productive than others.

The purpose of discussing the project separately is so committee members can have points to present at the full board meeting on Wednesday,

Oct. 12, at which time the board may vote on a collective statement. That would come in lieu of any CB2 presence or comment at the only public hearing on the park's draft environmental impact statement (DEIS), held at 6 Metrotech Center — just across the street from CB2's Jay Street district.

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## Down-zoning below the Slope raises ire of few

By Ariella Cohen  
The Brooklyn Papers

A city plan to limit the height of new buildings and additions just south of Park Slope, while opening those blocks along Fourth Avenue to taller residential development with incentives for affordable housing, is generating ire among some area residents.

As the proposal moves into

its final stages of public review this week, Borough President Mary Markowitz gave his approval and the City Planning Commission held a Land Use committee hearing on the plan

— a handful of residents in the neighborhood have begun to speak out in opposition to what has largely been a warmly embraced plan.

"I think we are being hoodwinked," said Herman Charles, a homeowner who for the last 16 years has held onto her century-old, two-story, wood-frame house on 22nd Street with plans to build a five-story apartment building there so her family could live on the site as well as tenants.

"Don't down-zone," she said. "You are ruining people's dreams."

"This is not Nebraska," said Gilbert Midonnet, Charles' husband, testifying at a public hearing last week at Borough Hall.

"I live down the block from an eight-story building. I agree, it doesn't belong, but we have a housing shortage in the city and this is a zoning plan that enshrines building choices made 100 years ago. In our anger at developers, we are down-zoning too much."

"I don't feel oppressed when I walk under five-story buildings in Park Slope, do you?" asked Charles at the hearing.

Typically in New York, each 10 to 12 feet of residential building is equal to one floor, so a five-story building will usually stand between 50 and 60 feet. Under the new rezoning guidelines, some residential areas will be restricted to 33 feet while most will be limited to 40-foot street walls with a 50-foot setback.

The proposed rezoning area — between 15th and 24th streets from Fifth Avenue to Prospect Park West and Green-Wood Cemetery — contains a mix of two- and three-story wood-frame houses, with one- or two-story manufacturing buildings. The area has come to be known as the South Slope and Green-Wood Heights as skyrocketing property costs in Park Slope send young families looking for housing there.

Because buildings in the

neighborhood are small, they are not eligible for rent protection and rising rents have already forced many tenants farther south or west.

Efforts to preserve the low-rise scale of the neighborhood took off last spring when neighborhood activists realized that a five-story condo planned for the corner of 23rd Street and Seventh Avenue threatened views of the harbor from Battle Hill, the site of the Revolutionary War's Battle of Brooklyn and now, the home of Minerva, a marble monument to the soldiers who fell there.

The city's rezoning proposal refers to the neighborhood as "South Park Slope," and a community organization that spearheaded the effort through its Web site southparkslope.com, subtitles the hood as the "the last frontier."

In a sense, the name fits as the rezoning will essentially extend the boundaries of Park Slope seven blocks south to match that of the now-pricey neighborhood of brownstones.

As mandated in the Park Slope rezoning approved in April 2003, more than 70 percent of new construction between Union Street to the north, 15th Street to the south, Prospect Park West to the east, and Third and Fourth avenues to the west is limited to height restrictions of 50 feet or 75 feet.

In his recommendations to the City Planning Commission, Markowitz imagined the rezoning's potential to support the transformation of Fourth Avenue into a vibrant residential boulevard, "in the spirit of Ocean Parkway."

If the rezoning is approved, Fourth Avenue will be zoned for 120-foot-tall buildings

from Warren Street down to 23rd Street.

The increase in density is likely to shift uses on the avenue, now dominated by car repair shops and bodegas.

Some observers say gentrification has already begun to occur and under the rezoning package at least there will be voluntary incentives for developers to build low-income housing.

"Already strong real estate forces have been eroding the ability of low- or moderate-income families to remain in their neighborhood," wrote the borough president in his recommendation.

"New developments along Fourth Avenue are likely to be catalysts for the upward spiraling of rents, fueled by an influx of upper-middle-income residents to the area who are likely to be able to pay more for housing than current residents."

The rezoning plan has been met with unanimous approval from community board members and local elected officials, including Councilwoman Sara Gonzalez and Councilman Bill DeBlasio, who have pushed strongly for the initiative and cannot recall any complaints or opposition from people in their districts.

"In a way I disagree with all the opposition made," said Aaron Brashear, a homeowner on 22nd Street at Sixth Avenue who has been fighting for rezoning since the issue came to Community Board 7 last spring.

"This is the first time I've seen them [neighbors who oppose the plan]. I'd like to know where they were at the community board meetings ... I suspect they are shills."

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# Mugger tails her from ATM

By Lilo H. Stainton  
The Brooklyn Papers

A Baltic Street resident lost \$100 and her cell phone to a knife-wielding robber who followed her from the bank, police said.

The victim, 22, told police she was on her way to work at 8:15 pm on Sept. 24 when she was attacked. The woman had just withdrawn \$100 from an ATM and was walking on Bergen Street, near Smith Street when a stranger blocked her path.

Police believe the thief followed her from the cash machine.

The man pulled a knife and said, "Give me everything." The victim turned over her wallet, which contained the cash, a Visa card and a bankcard, and her cell phone. The robber fled on foot.

## Teen mugged

A thug snatched the cell phone of a Brooklyn Heights teen two doors from the victim's Willow Street home, police said.

The 14-year-old told police that he was jumped at 7:22 pm on Sept. 22 on Willow Place near Joralemon Street. He said he was on his way home from the Clark Street subway station when a man came from behind and demanded, "Give me your phone."

When the victim asked, "Why?" the thug grabbed the teen's throat, police said. The victim turned over his phone and the mugger fled on foot towards Hicks Street.

## After-hours mug

A man on Smith Street was tackled by a robber who posed as a beggar before down on Sept. 17, police said.

The victim, 22, told police he was returning from an Atlantic Avenue bar when the mugger struck at 4:10 am.

## Quick caper

A thief snatched valuables worth nearly \$4,000 from a Warren Street apartment.

The resident, 26, said she left her home at 7 pm on Sept. 19 and returned two hours later. During that time someone broke into her apartment, on Warren Street near Nevins Street, and made off with electronics, jewelry and cash, police said.

## Closet case

Police discovered a suspected burglar — whom they say had drugs and jewelry in his pockets — hiding in the closet of a Hicks Street apartment on the afternoon of Sept. 21.

Officers on patrol in Brook-

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lyn Heights say they saw the suspect climb through the window of the apartment building, near Cranberry Street, around 4:20 pm. They searched inside the building and found the alleged burglar crouched in a closet, police said.

"I'm not gonna be charged with burglary, right?" the suspect asked, according to police.

who say they discovered a controlled substance and women's jewelry in the suspect's pockets.

The suspect, 39, faces drug and burglary charges.

## Knifed by thief

Two men were stabbed Sept. 21 while trying to thwart a robbery at a Nevins Street boutique.

An owner of the clothing

shop, near Schermerhorn Street, told police that at 5:20 pm a shoplifter attempted to leave the store without paying for some items, so he and a second man tried to block his exit.

The thief then pulled a knife and stabbed the second man in the abdomen before cutting the owner on the left hand, several witnesses told police. He then fled on Schermerhorn Street.

Police later recovered a 6-inch knife and received a description of the robber.

## 'King's ransom

A man was mugged as he washed his hands in a Downtown Brooklyn Burger King bathroom on the afternoon of Sept. 22, police said.

The victim, 35, of Fort Greene, told police it was 4:50 pm when he was attacked at the Fulton Mall restaurant, near Oratory Place. He was washing up after using the restroom when a stranger grabbed his neck from behind and snatched his gold necklace.

The thug's partner demanded, "Give me your money and watch," according to police. The thieves then grabbed the victim's watch and fled the bathroom.

The victim suffered cuts and bruises.

## School's out ... \$30G

Someone stole nearly \$30,000 in electronics from an Adelphi Street public school, but didn't leave a trace.

Police said employees at PS 20 locked the items — computers, camera and other electronics — in two separate rooms on the afternoon of June 28. When the building, between Wiloughby and DeKalb avenues, was reopened on Sept. 7 for the fall semester, the valuables were gone. Police, who received a report about the robbery a week later, said there was no damage to the storage room doors.

The stolen items included: 50 computer lock-keys, valued at \$5,000; a Canon digital camera valued at \$1,000; a \$1,000 Sony digital camcorder; a Hitachi VHS camcorder, valued at \$500; three Apple iBooks, valued at \$3,600; a Dell laptop valued at \$1,000; a \$200 boom box; 14 other Dell laptops, with a total value of \$14,000; and several other electronic items.

## Nab 2 teens

Police caught two teens who allegedly beat a man and threatened to slash him during a robbery attempt.

The victim, 35, told police he was attacked at 7:45 pm on Sept. 21, on the corner of Wiloughby and Clermont avenues. The man said the two teens jumped him, punching his face and flashing a knife in a failed attempt to snatch his wallet.

Police arrested the suspects, ages 14 and 16, later that night and recovered the knife. The victim suffered a cut lip and bruises.

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# Helpful cabby gets robbed

By Lilo H. Stainton  
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A knife-wielding thug stole \$90 and a cell phone Sept. 19 from an off-duty livery driver — who picked him up as a favor to a co-worker.

The driver, 49, said he drove the man from the car service headquarters, at Church and McDonald avenues, to Prospect Park West and Eighth Street. When they arrived, at 5 pm, the passenger pulled a knife, leaned over the front seat and held the weapon to the driver's stomach. "Give me all your money and your cell phone," he demanded.

The victim turned over the cash and his cell phone, and the robber fled on foot.

There was no partition in the car and, while there was a camera, it was not recording. The driver explained that he had turned off the camera because he was off duty and had not expected to make another run.

### 2nd Thai around

Twice in two days women reported their purses stolen by a fleet-footed thief inside a Thai restaurant on Seventh Avenue.

The most recent robbery at the eatery near Eighth Street was around 8 pm on Sept. 18, police said. The victim, 25, told police she had just finished dinner with her husband and stepped away from the table for less than five minutes.

When she returned, the pocketbook had disappeared from the back of her chair. Police said the bag contained a wallet with credit cards, her driver's license, \$15 in cash and a school ID, plus the woman's cell phone.

The night before, a Sunset Park woman had her pocketbook snatched from the back of her chair around 7:30 pm. Again, the purse — which contained \$40, her Social Security card and a ferry pass, among other items — was left for less than five minutes, police said.

## 78/72 PRECINCTS

### Sleeper roused

A burglar ransacking the closet of a Fifth Avenue apartment awoke the man napping in the second bedroom, police said.

The man, 28, told police it was 11:50 am on Sept. 21 when he heard a noise in another room of his apartment near Fifth Street. When he ran into the hall, he found the front door to his apartment open and the latch on the front door missing.

Nothing was taken, but the prowler ransacked a closet in one of his bedrooms, police said.

### Caught on tape

Security cameras at an 11th Street deli captured most of the movements of a pair of burglars who broke in Sept. 20.

The market, at Eighth Avenue, was robbed just after 2 am, according to the videotape. The two thieves broke a locked door to get into the basement and then forced their way into the store above through a floor hatch, police said. Once upstairs, they used a crowbar to pry open an ATM. Police do not know if cash was stolen from the machine.

The robbers, who were partially visible on the tape, fled through the basement.

### Sour note

Burglars snatched a bass amp, speaker, two bicycles and a pair of Nike sneakers from a Carroll Street apartment early on Sept. 25, police said.

The victim, 37, said he left the items in the lobby of his apartment building, between Fifth and Sixth avenues, at 2:15 am. When he returned at 8 am, he discovered that the building's front door was pried open and the equipment stolen.

### Book bandits

An alarm at the Sixth Avenue library scared away four would-be burglars near midnight on Sept. 23, police said.

A witness told police he saw one man inside the library and

three others outside at 11:10 pm. A window on the north side of the building, near Eighth Street, was open and the screen was missing, the witness said.

When the alarm sounded, all four fled the scene, heading east on Eighth Street, the witness said. One man was on a bike.

### Nabs her purse

A thief snatched a woman's purse from a ledge near a school and church on Carroll Street at Third Avenue, as its rightful owner helped usher children into one of the buildings, police said.

The victim, 50, said she left the purse in plain sight, but unattended, for about four minutes, between 8:02 and 8:06 am, on Sept. 22. She escorted a group of children into a classroom nearby and returned to find the purse gone, police said.

Inside the bag was her wallet with a driver's license, a half-dozen credit cards, a bankbook and keys to her safe deposit box, and her cell phone.

### Diner robbed

A thief snatched a woman's purse from a chair at a Second Street restaurant as the victim stood nearby, police said.

The victim, 52, told police that at 10:30 pm on Sept. 20 she placed her purse on her chair after having dinner with her husband. As she stood behind the chair, the thief grabbed the bag and fled on foot.

The purse contained credit cards, health insurance information and other identification, police said.

## Murder-suicide at Slope salon

By Lilo H. Stainton  
The Brooklyn Papers

Gunshots rang out on 11th Street Monday morning when a jilted lover murdered his ex-girlfriend and then killed himself in the backroom of her Park Slope beauty salon.

Customers waited in the Dolores and Alex Hairstyles shop near Fifth Avenue as Jorge Peguero, 54, lured his former lover, salon owner Vinicia "Dolores" Baez, 43, into the rear shampoo room "to talk." But instead Peguero pulled out a 9-mm Glock semiautomatic pistol from under his clothes and fired one shot into Baez's head, before turning the gun on himself.

Workers and patrons ran out screaming and police found Peguero, a deli owner and father of five, lying in a pool of blood. They pronounced him dead at the scene at 11:40 am. The gun was lying next to his body.

Baez, the mother of two grown children, was transported to New York Methodist Hospital, where she died, police said.

"There was blood all over the place, said Alan Kistner, 24, a security guard who ventured inside the shop, told the Daily News. "I saw one lady on the floor covered in blood, face up, cold, out, not moving at all."

Friends of Baez called her a "hardworking" and "beautiful" person, according to press reports. She and Peguero had a rocky, five-year relationship — plagued by his jealousy and controlling nature — and he became angry after they broke up and she moved on, dating other men and exercising, according to her friends.

Peguero had been stalking Baez for at least two weeks, sources said. The owner of a Third Avenue bodega called Jorge's Grocery, the jilted lover lurked around the salon and outside her home, friends told reporters, one time leaving a candle which they said symbolized death.

Even the day before the shooting, Peguero was outside the shop shouting at Baez, the News reported. Then on Sept. 26, Peguero left his store in the care of his co-worker, Efrain Reyes, 27, of Queens. "He took care of the register and I made sandwiches," Reyes told the Daily News. "When he left, he said, 'I'll be back.' He never came back."

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# Columbia St fix to start Oct. 24

By Jess Wisloski  
The Brooklyn Papers

A two-year project along Columbia Street to install a new water main while rehabbing the street bed that's now pocked with potholes, sinkholes and assorted divots will finally proceed on Oct. 24, say city officials.

Representatives from the city's Department of Design and Construction (DDC) and Department of Transportation (DOT) spoke about the project last Wednesday at a committee meeting of Community Board 6, which oversees the affected area Red Hook and the Columbia Street Waterfront District.

The project, which will cost about \$17 million, was two decades in the making, largely said Louise Finney, the CB6 transportation committee chairwoman, to incorporate the suggestions and appease the concerns of the community.

Now, she pointed out, the project incorporates not only a new roadbed, but city-financed art murals throughout the route, and a sizeable bike path that will be part of a Brooklyn Greenway.

In addition to the public art, which will be installed in sections by a commissioned artist — who will receive 1 percent of the total project's price tag, or \$170,000 — other improvements will include 110 newly planted trees, replacement of the street lamps and traffic signals, 4,000 feet of new water main, 1,000 feet in sewers of assorted sizes, steel-faced curbs, a 10-inch concrete-slab roadway covered by three inches of asphalt, new sidewalks, and the Greenway, which will be landscaped.

In fact, though it's a side note to the observer's eye, the water mains are the real reason for the project, since the piping has not been replaced in more than 75 years.

According to CB6 Chairman Jerry Armer, the last reconstruction was in 1929. Some of the most substantial damage occurred in the 1970s, when an interceptor sewer was built to serve the neighborhood.

The city tried at the time to "dewater" the ground, but the dryness of the waterlogged land made its earth unstable, and besides the roadbed sinking in places, some buildings even collapsed.

"We're getting some sewer work done, but not a 4-and-a-half-foot tube in diameter," pointed out Armer, to allay the fears residents expressed about their property losing stability.

The project's community liaison, who is working solely on the Columbia Street reconstruction for DDC throughout its duration, said if there was any property damage, or concerns of it, residents should call him, day or night.

Kijana Wright gave out his phone number and e-mail address, and told residents, "Call



Stretch of Columbia Street between Hamilton and Atlantic avenues will undergo a two-year reconstruction starting next month.

me anytime, stop me anytime," noting he'd be going door-to-door and walking around the neighborhood frequently.

"The city's committed to improving your lives, whether you believe that or not," he said, and explained there would even be a monthly newsletter for residents, delivered to each mailbox, updating people on the progress.

The first sequence of construction will involve saw-cutting the roadway between Atlantic Avenue and Congress Street, much of which will be done at night.

Part of the challenge, besides laying the 48 feet of water main that will go under the first site is also uprooting the long-buried trolley tracks under the street.

The next section will entail ripping up the stretch between Congress and Degraw streets, but Columbia Street will stay open to both north- and south-bound traffic.

The next section after that starts at Degraw Street and will close Columbia Street down to Hamilton Avenue completely, except for emergency vehicles and local residents, for a total of 90 non-consecutive days.

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# NORMAN GUILTY...

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[Charles] Joe Hynes as a district attorney and the victory of Margarita Lopez Torres as the Brooklyn Surrogate [court judge] sends a message that the way the Brooklyn Democratic Party has done business is no good," said Alan Fleishman, a state committeeman, or district leader, in Park Slope.

Civil Court Judge Margarita Lopez Torres, who has twice been denied the party's backing for Supreme Court judgeships, claims she got on the bad side of the party leaders when she refused to follow the rules of Brooklyn political back-scratching by declining to hire someone referred by Assemblyman Vito Lopez. The Bushwick assemblyman has denied he ever pressured her to make a hire.

Lopez Torres, the only Hispanic woman on the Civil Court bench in Brooklyn, was not endorsed by the Norman-led Democrats in this month's primary for Surrogate Court judge but won the three-way race by 118 votes. Supreme Court Judge Diana Johnson, who came in second, is suing to get a recount.

The previous surrogate judge, Michael Feinberg, was removed in June for improperly awarding millions of estate dollars to a friend.

Fleishman said if the party boss had been doing his job, the county's enrollment of registered Democrats could have increased by 200,000 voters.

"The party does nothing as far as registering," he said. "[Norman] hasn't served the borough very well."

District leader Ralph Perfito, of Bay Ridge, who supported Hynes in his re-election bid this month, echoed the sentiments of many of the Democratic leaders about Norman's verdict, blaming the party's organization rather than its chief.

"It was carelessness, he entrusted very important tasks to people that were not up to the task, and he's taken the brunt of that," said Perfito.

A successful candidate will have to address the existing problems in the organization, he said. "We are the largest Democratic Party in the nation but we haven't fared too well," Perfito lamented.

Political consultant Joseph Mercurio said change was more likely to come from new blood, rather than new rules for the party.

"What you need in Brooklyn is more district leader races, more state legislative races," he said.



Convicted party boss Clarence Norman with former Sunset Park Councilman Angel Rodriguez, who was jailed for extortion, at a Brooklyn Public Library gala in 2000.

"You need turnover, and hopefully not just turnover from deaths and indictments. If people had more turnover from electoral races, you'd see a much healthier party."

Joanne Seminara, the co-district leader from Bay Ridge, said she was one of the few who didn't vote for Norman's reappointment as party boss last year because even the image of wrongdoing harmed the party.

"After the indictment, I thought he should resign, so our work could be unclouded by any impropriety," she said, adding that it was the process, not the candidates, at fault.

"We have great judges and continue to have excellent candidates but have to clean up the way we conduct business so it is open and fair," said Seminara, who has been a reform-minded committeewoman and also serves on Community Board 10.

"What happened is evidence of wrongdoing but there is a lot more that needs to be done to restore confidence in the party," she said. "We want to use this opportunity to set up clear principles for anyone who chooses to be the new Democrat leader."

Mercurio had a different view. "Having new people and the same rules could result in a totally new renaissance of activity in Brooklyn. Changing the rules and changing the people won't necessarily change that," he said.

"Lack of turnover in the positions is not a good thing. As soon as you have turnover, things improve."

Turnover of the chairman's seat, however, may not mean new blood.

The party's executive director, Jeffrey Feldman, is also under indictment in Hynes' corruption probe.

Freddie Hamilton, of Fort Greene, who was vice-chair of the Kings County Democratic Committee, is acting chairwoman, and therefore responsible for scheduling the upcoming series of meetings to nominate and elect the new party leader.

Only committee members are eligible to run for Norman's vacated seat.

Although City Council members Diana Reyna, Al Vann and Lew Fuller serve on the committee, the City Charter forbids them from serving as the county's chairperson, citing conflict of interest.

The Assembly does not have such a mandate, and Assembly members eligible to run include Vito Lopez, Darryl Towns, William F. Boyland, Annette Robinson, Diane Gordon, Dov Hikind and Felix Ortiz.

Operatives in the party said both Robinson and Lopez are in the running for the vacancy as well as Bensonhurst district leader Joe Bova, who spoke to The Brooklyn Papers about the loss of Norman to the party organization.

"Sadly, it brings an end," he said. "We need to find a new leader and move on," said the School Construction Authority employee, who said so far, most of his colleagues were "non-committal" about their support for his candidacy.

"No one is making predictions quite yet," he said.

One thing to take away from the Norman verdict, he said: "You can never be too careful."

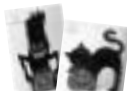
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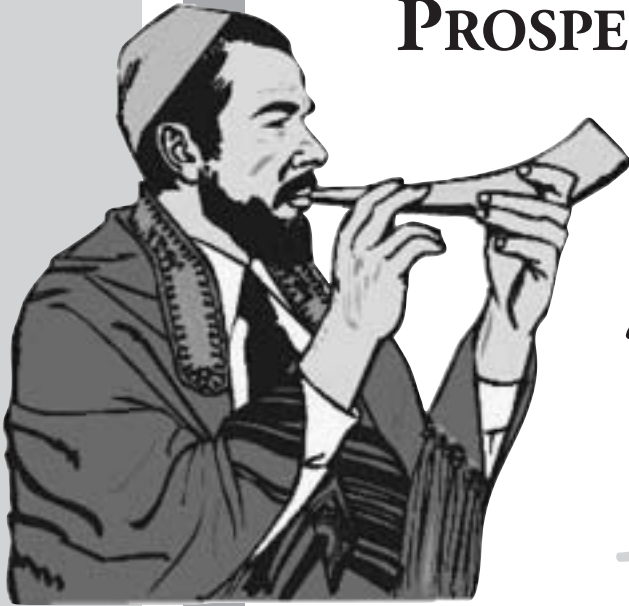
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Afternoon Service 4pm  
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# CRUISIN'...

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out that one too many ships — six, for the five Manhattan cruise docks — had arrived and so they rerouted one to the Red Hook pier, which at capacity could eventually hold two ships at a time and is expected to dock the world's largest luxury liner, the Queen Mary II.

At an October 2004 hearing before the city's waterfront committee — chaired by Councilman David Yassky, who also attended the cruise event Saturday — EDC Vice President Kate Ascher said the overcrowding of piers has been happening with increasing regularity, and the Manhattan cruise terminal had faced as many as seven bookings for the five piers at one time. Normally, they would have the ships take turns unloading passengers.

But the arrival Saturday gave locals a taste of what to expect when the terminal opens. For starters, the street by which tourists will arrive, at the base of Pier 11 running parallel to the industrial Inlet Street, is closed off from public access, and fenced in, requiring assistance by a guard.

In earlier conceptual plans Community Board 6, whose district has welcomed the terminal, had hoped the street would fulfill hopes they had to create a new local roadway.

Shuttle buses took cruise ship passengers to official NYC & Company tourist centers, according to a press release, in Midtown and Lower Manhattan, as well as to the Brooklyn Tourism & Visitor Center at Borough Hall, and to Grand Army Plaza to visit the Brooklyn Botanic Gardens and the Brooklyn Museum.

Nearly half of the 1,800 visitors arriving on the Orana had pre-booked one of seven of the cruise-offered tours, which featured attractions primarily outside the borough, such as the Empire State Building, Statue of Liberty, Harlem and the Bronx Zoo.

Not that passengers wouldn't get a taste of Brooklyn.

If nothing else, everyone got that as Uncle Louis G's, Jamaica's paties from Tower Isle's, and Erica's Rugelach, as well as beer from Brooklyn

Brewery, were served upon the passengers' return to the ship.

"It's an opportunity to show off Brooklyn," said Markowitz.

Both Norwegian and Carnival cruise lines have promised to use New York City ports exclusively for their own fleets and subsidiaries, and pay higher tariffs through 2017 that would supply \$200 million to the city, in exchange for a 10-year West Side pier renovation project in Manhattan.

Last year, the city lost Royal Caribbean to a port just across the harbor from the Red Hook piers, in Bayonne, N.J.

Elected officials, the city, and business groups have promoted the Red Hook terminal as promising 600 new jobs.

Yet in December, the city forced American Stevedoring Inc. (ASI), a cargo shipping company, off Pier 11 saying it was needed as an access route

from Bowline Street to the new terminal. This summer, the same pier was advertised as vacant, and available for interested parties.

The shipping company has said the loss of Pier 10, which the city has suggested it will need to expand the cruise terminal down the line, would put their own 600 employees out of work in Brooklyn.

Markowitz, answering questions about the retention of the existing jobs, said, "It's all up to the [city Economic Development Corporation]."

"This kind of work will increase jobs on the waterfront," the borough president said. "It's going to increase pay scales."

He declined to say why the cruise industry jobs would pay more than did the shipping jobs.

"My hope is in two years to get Royal Caribbean to come over to Brooklyn," he added.

## 'PARK'...

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trict office — on Sept. 19, CB2 Chairwoman Shirley McRae and District Manager Robert Peris were unable to attend the park public hearing due to conflicts in scheduling, they said.

Members of the park-planning Brooklyn Bridge Park Development Corporation (BBPDC), and its parent authority, the Empire State Development Corporation, heard four hours of public testimony on a draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) to the park plan that was presented for community review in July.

At the board's last monthly public meeting, on Sept. 14, the chairman of the board's parks committee, Joan Thorne-Manning, made no mention of the heated debate that has pushed on through the better part of the summer, and no discussion about the park took place before the meeting lost its quorum of members needed for any vote.

Instead, the board plans to issue a written comment before the state agency's one-month

deadline for public comment expires on Oct. 19.

Jodi Francis, a resident of Brooklyn Heights who is against the development of the 1,200 condominium units proposed as part of the park plan, including a 30-story tower, said she'd gone to several of the CB2 committee meetings, each with slightly different protocol and procedures for voting.

"CB2 has had meetings every day since the 19th of September [when the public hearing took place]," said Francis, a member of the Willowton Association and petitioner in a forthcoming lawsuit against the BBPDC.

Only one, the traffic and transportation committee, which met on Sept. 22, successfully created a bulleted list of 12 requests for evaluations and amenities in regards to the DEIS, Francis said.

"It was very clear that everybody on that committee wanted us to come up with something," said Ken Lowy, a community member of the traffic and transportation committee and president of Friends of Brooklyn Bridge Park.

He said the committee tried to stick to traffic and transportation issues.

No other committee to date has prepared a list of recommendations or concerns.

At each committee meeting, some members of either her neighborhood association, or other groups that oppose the park plans in their current form showed up to talk with board members.

The parks committee meeting on Sept. 22 did not allow for public comments, discussion or interactions throughout the course of the meeting after each scheduled speaker was allowed three minutes.

Through committee meetings are supposed to be open to the public, and many involve non-members in discussions and presentations, the chairwoman, Thorne-Manning, forbade it, and insisted that instead of taking a vote on anything, only minutes of the meeting would be filed with the board, said Francis.

"[Someone] asked if there would be a vote — the chair said no," they'd consider the comments, said Francis. "Ninety-nine percent of which were negative. The question of will they ever vote — the answer was not given. They're just going to issue minutes."

Lowy, who is also president of Friends of Brooklyn Bridge Park, a group that has raised concern over the plan's dependence on high-rise luxury condominiums to pay its annual maintenance costs, added that his experience in the CB2 land use committee was similarly disheartening.

"The reality is that two Brooklyn Heights Association (BHA) people killed the idea of there being any idea kind of resolution," he said, naming Irene Janner, a board vice chair, and Judy Stanton, executive director of the BHA, who is also a land use committee member.

Janner could not be reached for comment by press time.

Stanton said no resolutions were passed because it wasn't the board's place to make recommendations in the state-led environmental review.

"The Heights seems to think that if they just muscle their way ahead, that because they're all of the people who are coming out against it," he said. "I don't think they have any idea how upset people really are about this."

Public comments on the park DEIS can be submitted before Oct. 19 to: BBPDC, 33rd floor, 633 Third Ave., New York, NY 10017.

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# Charge Ratner bought arena plan's support

By Jess Wisloski  
The Brooklyn Papers

If you fund BUILD, they will come ... and support your project.

That's the refrain being cited by opponents of developer Bruce Ratner's Atlantic Yards project, who this week uncovered tax filings that revealed \$5 million contributed by Ratner's company to a local non-profit group whose support of the arena, housing and office skyscraper project has been key to the development's public and political support.

The endorsements of Ratner's project by the group Brooklyn United for Innovative Local Development (BUILD) was bought by the developer, according to Develop-Don't Destroy (DDDB), a local group that has been the leading opponent of Ratner's plan.

The acceptance of Ratner's so-called community benefits agreement by BUILD, charges DDDB spokesman Daniel Goldstein, came after a promise by Ratner to fund the group.

Dated Dec. 20, 2004, the 501-c3 filings were completed six months before the CBA — a non-governmental agreement between a developer and community members relating to a specific project — was announced.

Two executive members of BUILD, Marie Louis and Shaloun Langhorne, now receive salaries of \$100,000, according to the IRS filing, while the president of the group, James Caldwell, earns \$125,000 a year.

The tax documents were obtained by a community member under the Freedom of Information Law and given to DDDB.

Goldstein said that whether or not the payments have been made in full, it's the promise that sullied any negotiations.

"It was committed to in the middle of a negotiation," Goldstein told The Papers. "That means that this group is absolutely compromised, as is that CBA, and they're clearly negotiating to benefit themselves, not the community."

Ratner has done his best to fabricate support," Goldstein added. "All this support he has starts with this community benefits agreement."

The still-incomplete document, released on June 27 with a public ceremony, was signed by direct community groups chosen to negotiate with the developer, and the praise of Mayor Michael Bloomberg, Public Advocate Betsy Gotsbaum, Borough President Marty Markowitz, Assemblyman Roger Green, Controller William Thompson and several City Council members.

Signatories included ACORN, the All-Faith Council of Brooklyn, the New York State Association of Minority Contractors, the Downtown Educational Consortium, the Downtown Brook-

lyn Advisory and Oversight Committee, and public housing tenant associations.

No community groups that voiced opposition to the plan were invited to the CBA negotiations, which began surreptitiously in April 2004. On Sept. 3, The Papers reported that BUILD had been relocated to a Forest City Ratner-owned property where it was operating rent-free, per the negotiations.

Greg LeRoy, executive director of Good Jobs First, a non-profit policy group in Washington, D.C. that is involved in CBAs in Los Angeles, has called the Atlantic Yards CBA a dubious agreement.

"Anytime you have negotiations in which there are competing self-interests, and one side grants a favor to the other, that's a red flag," he told The Papers earlier this month. "Obviously, being impartial and objective in the negotiations is something people strive for," he said.

In a Brooklyn Papers article on Dec. 25, 2004, Louis denied receiving money from Forest City Ratner.

"First of all, that allegation is so redundant, and we've refused it so many times that it's ridiculous," Louis told The Papers then. "If someone looked at our bank accounts it would show that we haven't received any money from the developer."

She did say at the time that if Ratner received the necessary approvals to build Atlantic Yards, there could be a payroll spot for BUILD.

She again denied the charge last week in an interview with radio reporter Brian Lehrer on his CUNY-TV program.

But the IRS filing in which BUILD requested tax exemption and status as a 501-c3 organization, which were dated by the IRS on the organization and postmarked Jan. 12, 2005, claimed that while the group's 2004 income was just \$10,471, its officers were under the impression, as stated in the columns for "proposed budget for 2 years," that they would receive \$1.864 million in 2005, and \$1,957 million in 2006. The document states the remainder of the \$5 million is for operating expenses.

Forest City Ratner officials did not return repeated calls for comment for this article.

Neither did Louis, who is also the spokeswoman for BUILD.

At a public hearing on Nov. 29, 2004, the project's manager, Forest City Ratner Executive Vice President James Stuckey, was asked if his company had paid BUILD and ACORN for their support.

"Why don't you ask them yourself?" he responded, smiling, as audience members boomed loudly. Some hecklers called back, "You didn't answer the question!"

# NO ARENA PARK...

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"7.4 acres of public open space, increased from 6 acres" would be featured, designed by noted landscape architect Laurie Olin with "both active and passive uses for children and adults."

An adjoining map showed the rooftop garden as part of that open space. Olin is a well-regarded landscape architect who designed Bryant Park and Battery Park City.

Now, the new scoping document states, "At least 52,000 square feet (approximately 1 acre) of private recreational space would be provided on the roof of the arena. This rooftop open space would be accessible to users of the buildings constructed as part of the proposed project."

The timeline estimates that just one of the seven promised acres of open space will be completed by the end of Phase I of the development, scheduled for 2009. Phase II is not expected to be completed until 2016, and at which point the status of the remaining open space is left unaddressed in the scoping document. Nor is the running track or ice-skating rink mentioned.

Forest City Ratner did not return repeated calls for comment.

"If the publicly accessible open space at Forest City Ratner's Metrotech development is any excuse, there will be a host of rules regarding usage of the space," said Oler.

Last November, The Brooklyn Papers reported the plight of a local business owner trying to solicit business in another one of developer Bruce Ratner's so-called "public spaces" — the Metrotech Center office campus in Downtown Brooklyn.

An employee of Jive Turkey, a local gourmet eatery less than a mile from the Metrotech plaza that covers what was, before Metrotech, publicly accessible Myrtle Avenue, was kicked off the property while handing out menus.

Not only was marketing to the office workers off-limits, but the employee was effectively told he was on private property.

Michael Weiss, executive director of the Metrotech Business Improvement District, said at the time, "In effect, if you're out on the Metrotech Commons, you're in a private building. The owners of the property have a right to say you can and cannot be there."

Just weeks before that, Councilwoman Letitia James, in whose district the arena and housing complex would lie, was asked by security guards to move off property still called "Fort Greene Place," between Atlantic Avenue and Hanson Place, but now owned by Forest City Ratner, when she was handing out fliers promoting a meeting to protest the project. Ratner's Atlantic Center and Atlantic Terminal malls lie on either side of the portion of Fort Greene Place, which was ceded to Ratner by the city.

The Atlantic Yards plan would de-map three city blocks: the northeastern piece of Fifth Avenue, Pacific Street between Carlton and Vanderbilt avenues, and Pacific Street between Fifth and Sixth avenues.

Like Metrotech, the project is planned as a campus-like series of super-blocks that may shut out would-be park users in the neighborhood while creating the same kind of private property issues that exist downtown.

Diane Buxbaum, a Carroll Gardens resident and conservation chair of the NYC Sierra Club, said it would be a shame to lose any public green space.

"New York City has the lowest amount of green space and park space per capita of any major city, and it's a tragedy," said Buxbaum. "In that neighborhood, where you have a borderline poor neighborhood — that these people will not have access to that green space — it is a slap in the face to people whose means are less than average."

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# On their toes

## 'Raise the Red Lantern' takes shape as ballet

By Lisa J. Curtis  
GO Brooklyn Editor

Chinese filmmaker Zhang Yimou, who has beguiled audiences with his lavish, breathtaking period films and recently found success with "Hero" and "House of Flying Daggers" has stepped away from the camera to direct a ballet.

Yimou, who dabbled in theater in 1996 when he directed Puccini's opera "Turandot," has adapted his internationally acclaimed "Raise the Red Lantern" for dance.

What Yimou's movies "Raise the Red Lantern," "Shanghai Triad" and "The Story of Qiu Ju" — which BAMcinematek will screen from Oct. 10-18 — have in common is stunning leading lady Gong Li, whom Yimou dated from 1987 to 1995.

What remains to be seen — for Brooklyn audiences anyway — is whether Yimou's magic touch can bring the story of "Raise the Red Lantern" to heartbreaking life on stage without the talented Li. Yimou's theatrical adaptation of his film — which is itself inspired by Su Tong's novel of the same name — will be performed by the National Ballet of China from Oct. 11-15 at the Brooklyn Academy of Music.

The National Ballet's production, choreographed by Wang Wuyang and Wang Yunyuan, combines modern dance techniques with Chinese folk elements, and Chen Qigang's original music, performed on both Western and Chinese instruments, with elements of Peking opera.

### On screen

Yimou's 1991 film of this tragic tale, which was nominated for an Academy Award, also incorporates elements of opera. Set in 1920s China, the film centers on 19-year-old Songlian (played by Li), whose stepmother sends her off to be the fourth wife of a wealthy man. Songlian must compete against his three other concubines — and even a servant — for his attention. The third wife (He Cuiwei) is an opera singer prior to her marriage and attracts the household's attention by taking to the cat's rooftop in the early morning hours,



### DANCE

The National Ballet of China performs "Raise the Red Lantern" Oct. 11-15 at 7:30 pm at the BAM Howard Gilman Opera House (30 Lafayette Ave. at Ashland Place in Fort Greene). Tickets are \$20, \$40, \$60 and \$70. From Oct. 10-18, BAMcinematek presents a series of three films directed by Zhang Yimou at 30 Lafayette Ave. For more information about the dance or film series, call (718) 636-4100 or visit [www.bam.org](http://www.bam.org).

covoring in her exquisite costumes and singing her old roles.

In the film, the servants hang red lanterns outside of the rooms of the wife the husband chooses to be his lover that evening; and with that designation, the chosen woman briefly has additional privileges.

Headstrong Songlian bravely battles for prominence against her fellow wives, matching their treachery and deceit with her own. But there is no escaping the isolation and degradation of their lives, and ultimately, Songlian lacks the mental fortitude to accept her own guilt over the deadly consequences of her actions.

Yimou's film sets the action against majestic views of the castle in every season, and each actress is lavishly costumed according to the weather. Certainly many of these elements of Yimou's cinematic vision, which will be screened at BAM on Oct. 11, would translate beautifully to the stage.

### On stage

In adapting "Raise the Red Lantern" for dance, Yimou's formidable talent is matched



Footlights illuminate 'Lantern': Zhang Yimou's film "Raise the Red Lantern," which starred Gong Li (at left), has been adapted for dance (above).

gangster Tang, this time in a mansion in 1930s Shanghai. In "Triad," Li is showcased in over-the-top, Las Vegas-style showgirl numbers in Tang's nightclub.

A young boy, Shuisheng, is recruited from the countryside to be her servant, and Jing-bao's arc from ruthless sexpot to defender of innocents is told from his point of view. When the urban gang is uprooted from their stylish urban digs to an island hideout, stripped of artifice, in order to save Tang's life, Yimou once again demonstrates his ability to capture breathtaking vistas on film.

Finally, in 1992's "The Story of Qiu Ju," which will be screened on Oct. 11, a hugely pregnant Qiu Ju (also played by Li) charges through layers of bureaucracy in pursuit of justice for her husband who was severely injured by the village chief.

Rather than the poetic landscapes that Yimou creates in "Shanghai Triad" and "Raise the Red Lantern," here he adopts a documentary style of filmmaking to capture this heroic, country woman of modest means who isn't deterred by those who attempt to humiliate or discourage her from getting the apology she seeks.

In many of his films, Li proved to be an effective muse for Yimou. When the curtain is raised on the National Ballet of China's touring production of "Raise the Red Lantern" at BAM, we'll see if these ballerinas prove to be as magical a medium for the director.

### CHARITY

## Coat drive

As the weather cools and the time nears to swap your summer clothes for warmer threads, a local businessman asks Brooklynites to consider donating their "gently-used" coats to the National Cleaners Association's "Coats for Kids" drive.

From Oct. 6 through Nov. 24, Ken Kinzer (pictured), Brooklyn chairman of the "Coats for Kids" campaign, will be collecting coats for kids of all ages — even adult-sized coats — at his Bridgestone Cleaners (109 Front St. at Washington Street in DUMBO) and The Clean Center (195 Court St. at Bergen Street in Boerum Hill).

Kinzer, who has been participating in the program for a decade, stresses that the coats should be in good condition.

"We need gently used coats," he explained. "They shouldn't be damaged — no rips, tears or broken zippers." Kinzer's businesses then clean all donated coats prior to distribution.

Kinzer is inviting local organizations — such as synagogues, churches and firehouses — to contact him about either accepting donations or distributing the cleaned coats.

For more information about "Coats for Kids," call (718) 222-9958.

— Lisa J. Curtis

### DINING

## Fire eaters

On Oct. 2, the Brooklyn Botanic Garden's 12th annual Chile Pepper Fiesta celebrates the fiery fruits with a day of tastings, demonstrations, lectures and performance.

The wide range of cultures that cook with the chile pepper — from Louisiana to West Africa — are represented in the program, including Radio Mundial (pictured) who will perform their Latin funk 'n' roll at the Cherry Esplanade Stage at 1:30 pm. The event's MCs, Robbins & Ringgold, will be at this stage all day eating, juggling and spitting fire.

More fiesta highlights include a lecture by "Sir the Pot: The History of Cajun Cuisine" authors Carl and Ryan Brasseaux at 1 pm in the auditorium; a cooking demonstration, "The Art of Chile Peppers and Mexican Cooking," led by Besitos chef Francisco Guzman at 2:30 pm on the Fragrance Garden Terrace; and the Chile Goddess answers "burning chile gardening questions" from 1 to 5 pm at the Lily Pond Terrace.

The Chile Pepper Fiesta takes place rain or shine, from noon to 6 pm, at the Brooklyn Botanic Garden (900 Washington Ave. at Eastern Parkway in Prospect Heights). Admission is \$5 adults, \$3 seniors & 65 and older and free for children younger than 16. For the most current schedule of performances and activities, visit the garden's Web site at [www.bbg.org](http://www.bbg.org) or call the public relations hotline at (718) 623-7333.

— Lisa J. Curtis

## Giving props

To the Editor:

I am writing to thank you and Paulanne Simmons for the glorious review we received ("Afternoon Delight," GO Brooklyn, Sept. 3). Our crowd doubled in size on Sunday as a result of the great press.

We are a young theatre company, based in the city, struggling to pay high rents for space in order to work. It was a real gift to spend the summer in Brooklyn Heights working on our craft. The beautiful view, fresh air, and the warm reception from the neighborhood were both exhilarating and inspiring.

It is important to mention that we were able to present "Free Shakespeare on the Waterfront" in the Empire-Fulton Ferry State Park only because the Brooklyn Bridge Park Conservancy invited us. Patti McDannell, director of programming & special events, saw our production of "Twelfth Night" in April, and immediately thought it would be well received on the Brooklyn waterfront. The conservancy funded the entire project in addition to all of the other summer programming, movie nights, socials, etc. They are working toward their mission, which is to serve the community while maintaining the history and character of the park. We are implicitly grateful for the opportunity to work as artists and for your support of our production, but we could not have done it without the Brooklyn Bridge Park Conservancy.

— Gina DeMoro, founding producer  
theatreshop theatre workshop, Manhattan



Cynthia Nixon as Leslie in "Little Manhattan."

# Still in the 'city'

## Nixon dispels rumors of Brounstone move

By Karen Butler  
for The Brooklyn Papers

Cynthia Nixon says she and her two children have not moved to Park Slope, contrary to published reports.

The New York Post recently reported that Nixon packed up her kids and moved to Brooklyn so they could all live with the 39-year-old actress' girlfriend.

However, the woman who played Miranda Hobbes on the wildly popular HBO comedy, "Sex and the City," told GO Brooklyn that, unlike that character, she has not moved to this side of the river.

"I'm not living in Park Slope," Nixon patiently clarified in an interview last Friday. "There were articles that I had moved to Brooklyn and they were not true. My girlfriend was herself living in Brooklyn at the time,

but I never moved in with her.

"I'm an Upper West Sider, but I can't tell you how many people ask me about this," she continued, adding that some people might be confusing her with Miranda, the pragmatic corporate lawyer who moves to Brooklyn with Steve (David Eigenberg), her baby's father, in the final season of "Sex and the City."

"I was at a place the other day and the president of the Brooklyn Acad-

emy of Music came up to me and said, 'We would love to have you as our guest,' and I was like: 'I'm not in Brooklyn. Nothing against Brooklyn, but I'm not living there.' It was so crazy because people at my daughter's school were saying, 'You're leaving the school? Nothing against Brooklyn, but I'm not moving to Brooklyn.'

"Miranda moved to Brooklyn. She's staying in Brooklyn. I'm staying in Manhattan." For right now, that statement extends to Nixon's career as well as her home life.

In the warm-hearted comedy, "Little Manhattan," which opened this week, the flame-haired actress plays Leslie, the mother of an 11-year-old boy (Josh Hutcherson) who falls in love for the first time with his pretty

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# Acting out

Kirkman's first fiction film addresses adoption rights and homosexuality

By Marian Masone  
for The Brooklyn Papers

Although "Loggerheads" director Tim Kirkman is a proud Brooklynite, on the eve of his third film's opening, the filmmaker is in ... Los Angeles.

Because he's got lots to do — "checking the prints, doing publicity, and gearing up for the release of 'Loggerheads'" — in L.A., this Cobble Hill resident has to conduct a long-distance telephone interview instead of chatting over coffee at a local hangout.

Kirkman's "Loggerheads," which will open in New York City on Oct. 14, has played at festivals across the country (California, Tennessee, Florida) since its premiere at Sundance last January. His first attempt at narrative fiction — both writing and directing — weaves together the stories of three characters whose lives are affected by adoption.

But each of Kirkman's three films has a unique sensibility. His first film, the documentary "Dear Jesse," investigated the political landscape of the anti-gay rights Sen. Jesse Helms, but at the same time focused attention on Kirkman's own life growing up gay in the South.

"I was born in North Carolina," Kirkman told GO Brooklyn, "and I have the deepest affection for my home state. But it is a complicated relationship." He left North Carolina for New York in the early '90s, a time that was invigorating to the young man.

"There was a wonderful political awareness then," Kirkman recalled. "ACT UP [the gay activist organization] was doing street theater. I learned a lot."

Kirkman describes himself at the time as "a gay tadpole." All of his work



up to this point deals with different aspects of life in America as a gay man.

While "Dear Jesse" is a personal documentary, his second film, "The Night Larry Kramer Kissed Me," is "a cinematic interpretation of a live show," according to Kirkman. It documents a solo performance piece written and performed by David Drake.

With "Loggerheads," he has leapt totally into fiction, but the inspirations for the story are real. While shooting "Dear Jesse" in 1997, he met a woman whose son died of AIDS. She had given him up for adoption and later tried to find him, but couldn't because of North Carolina's strict closed adoption laws.

"I think it's outrageous that two adults who want to meet each other are not allowed," said Kirkman. "I think the two-party consent system is fair and takes into consideration all of the people involved."

Kirkman, whose own family "was created, in part, by adoption," thought about making a documentary of the



Adopting his view: "Loggerheads," the latest movie from Cobble Hill filmmaker Tim Kirkman (at left), features (above) Michael Kelly as George and Kip Pardue as Mark.

woman's story, but the lack of access to the subjects made it unfeasible. In the fictional "Loggerheads," Kirkman chose to shine a light on those real-life, restrictive adoption laws.

"[They're] truly like apples and oranges," said Kirkman about feature and documentary films. "There's really no comparison. With a documentary, you shoot material and then find your story."

"With a narrative feature, while there are many adjustments that can be made, the story can't change that much once you've got your script. Only when you talk about the technical side do you find they have things in common."

"Loggerheads" tells a very subtle, yet intricate tale, and Kirkman moves the action from one story to another, to another, and back again. Each character's narrative takes place on the same weekend, but a year apart from the others, so the film encompasses a three-year span.

Grace (Bonnie Hunt) has returned to her hometown to locate the child she gave up for adoption years before Mark (Kip Pardue), drifting from town to town, meets a young man who, at least for a time, offers him the companionship she (Grace) has been longing for. And Elizabeth (Tess Harper) struggles with her minister husband, who has forced their gay, adopted son from home.

"It is a very complex script," said

Kirkman. "I wanted to tell three different stories with an intertwining narrative."

"We all receive information differently," he added. "I don't expect everyone to get it, but at the same time, I don't like confusion."

His desire to make things clear led him back to the editing room after Sundance to make two subtle changes, including noting the time each story takes place and changing the order of two scenes.

Gay themes and issues run through Kirkman's movies, and he spoke about his films thus far as a progressive trilogy, with "Dear Jesse" being the most personal.

"The second film ['Larry Kramer'] empowered me as a gay man, and this film ['Loggerheads'] has allowed me to step outside of myself," he said.

But finally, all of Kirkman's work is about the narrative.

At a screening during the Sundance festival, "an audience member asked me if I had a gay agenda," recalled Kirkman. "I said, 'My agenda is to tell good stories.'"

Marian Masone is associate director of programming for the Film Society of Lincoln Center and chief curator of the New York Video Festival at Lincoln Center.

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karate partner (Charlie Ray). Set and shot in Nixon's Upper West Side neighborhood, the movie also co-stars Bradley Whitford ("The West Wing") as Leslie's soon-to-be-ex-husband, who refuses to leave the apartment — even after she starts dating again.

"I grew up in New York, and I'm raising my kids in New York, and you see New York a lot in the movies and on TV, but you don't often see it from this vantage point," said Nixon. "And there is a lot that I recognize."

Nixon has an 8-year-old daughter and 2-year-old son by her ex-boyfriend, photographer Danny Mozes. She has been dating Christine Marinoni, an education activist and former co-owner of Park Slope's now-defunct Rising Cafe.

"I just really liked the script and I was charmed by it," Nixon said, emphasizing she hadn't intentionally looked for a project that is so completely different from "Sex and the City."

"It was certainly a plus for me that it was in New York and about New York, but mostly I just liked the script. It's so specific, and because it had so much in common with my own experience, it seemed familiar to me."

The actress said she realized just how true-to-life the setting and characters were after she watched the film with her own little girl.

"I wasn't even really thinking about it, but she went to the screening on her scooter just like the kids in the movie," said Nixon. "And then we're sitting there watching everything that is exactly our neighborhood — she loved it. And then we went home and she was like scooting from the subway and we're passing all the things and I'm there and I'm in the movie and she's a kid and she's on a scooter. It started feeling like a mirror

within a mirror within a mirror. "She said something like: 'This is really freaky. I feel like I'm watching my life.'"

Although she has appeared in dozens of films on both the big and small screens since 1979, Nixon is best-known for her work on the award-winning HBO series "Sex and the City," which ended its six-season run in 2004.

Gone but not forgotten, the series was embraced again by fans and discovered by new audiences when it appeared edited in syndication last year on the TBS cable network. Edited versions of the hilarious, sexy series have also started airing weeknights this fall on the WB 11 and billboards advertising the show can be seen all over Manhattan. Nixon, for one, said she is amazed by the comedy's continuing popularity.

Revealing that the first word her daughter learned to read was "HBO," Nixon conceded that the show about four women looking for love in Gotham has become something of a pop-culture phenomenon.

"Just when you thought there weren't any people who hadn't seen it yet, there's a whole new crop," she said with a laugh, referring to the new syndication schedules.

She also pointed out that a lot of men seem to enjoy the estrogen-charged sitcom, too.

"I think there was a certain voyeuristic thing that men would have," she observed. "Sometimes like: 'What are you guys really about? What do you really talk about? Oh, OK, that's weird.'"

"But also, so many men who really did like the show and wanted to come up and tell me, but always had to put a disclaimer on it. 'Oh, my wife made me watch it and then I really liked it and it was really good.' There's always a story about how they came to like it, even though it wasn't natural to them."

"Little Manhattan" is now playing.

# Score to settle

Testosterone-riddled Oggs hope to win boro's first boys vs. girls battle

By Lee Cabot Walker  
for The Brooklyn Papers

Lovers of indie, makers of mayhem: Mark your calendars and rehearse your heckling skills. You'll want to be prepared for Oct. 5, when "Girls vs. Boys: Battle of the Indie Pop Bands" enters round three at Williamsburg's Trash Bar.

The Battle started when Marianne Pillsbury, front lady of battling band The Marianne Pillsburys, hosted the first two contests at Sin-e on the Lower East Side in June

and August of 2005. Having won the first round, the girls upset the boys again in round two's especially controversial fight, making the score to date

## NIGHTLIFE

The third "Girls vs. Boys: Battle of the Indie Pop Bands" takes place Oct. 5 at 8 p.m. at Trash Bar (256 Grand St. at Roeloff Street in Williamsburg). Admission is \$6. For the latest details on "Girls vs. Boys" appearances, check the event's Web site, [www.myspace.com/girlsvsboysNYC](http://www.myspace.com/girlsvsboysNYC). The open bar runs from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m.

a stark 2-0.

"Girls vs. Boys," an "American Idol"-style contest, pits three majority-female bands against three primarily male

bands, all of the indie pop-punk-rock genre. Local celebrity music experts serve as blunt and loud-mouthed judges, and a local comic serves as the riling MC.

The \$6 admission buys all that plus an hour of open bar, free Tater Tots, ample trash talking and participation as part of the event's riled-up crowd.

"It's going to be brutal," Pillsbury says of the imminent battle, which will serve as a rematch for round two. The Aug. 17 battle handed out of control when the judges bashed one of the Boys' bands with some particularly scathing comments.

According to Pillsbury, when Matt DeGroat, singer and guitar player for The Oggs, suggested



Ogg-ling the prize: The Oggs (at left), The Inevitable Breakups and Locksley will battle The Assault and The Booty Olympics at the "Girls vs. Boys: Battle of the Indie Pop Bands" at Trash Bar on Oct. 5.

that the girls' team had gotten the judges to fix the contest, it was proposed that the winner be decided in a sudden-death wrestling match. Before the wrestling could commence in earnest, however, the judges announced an unorthodox decision to declare the Girls as the overall winners, but to award The Oggs — representing the Boys — second place behind The Marianne Pillsburys.

As for DeGroat, Pillsbury says, "I'm sure he has some

choice things to say about it."

"I think there was a biased judge, and they changed the rules at the last minute," DeGroat says. "The Pillsburys are going to lose this time, and that will be followed by a wrestling match, which they'll lose, too."

The idea of "Girls vs. Boys" came to Pillsbury when she became bored after years of playing random gigs in the New York area with bands that were incompatible with her own.

"I took matters into my own

hands and decided to start scheduling things myself," Pillsbury says. "I have a background in advertising, so having a great concept was important, and I thought 'Girls vs. Boys' would be a great concept to bring people out."

Of course, it's mostly about the music. "I wanted to unearth some bands we would be compatible with. It was really important that our bands' fans cross-pollinate," explained Pillsbury. In

particular, she wanted to find local female-dominated bands.

"I didn't know of enough girl bands out there getting exposure," says Pillsbury. "This genre is so male-dominated." She estimates that 80 to 90 people showed up for the first two shows.

"But this is Brooklyn, a whole new ball game," says Pillsbury, who hails from Bay Ridge. Williamsburg, she believes, could draw a larger crowd from both Manhattan and Brooklyn.

The event's Oct. 5 lineup pits The Marianne Pillsburys, The Assault and The Booty Olympics against The Oggs, The Inevitable Breakups and Locksley. The VIP panel of judges will feature: GO Brooklyn Editor Lisa J. Curtis; Wolf-Block Law entertainment attorney Barry Perlman; Senior Director of BMI Writer-Publisher Relations Samantha Cox; and Chris Smith of [www.brooklynrock.com](http://www.brooklynrock.com).

Comedian Liam McEneaney, who has appeared on Comedy Central's Premium Blend and VH1's Best Week Ever, will serve as the show's MC.

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## Mango Thai

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## Master Wok

361 Seventh Ave. at 12th Street, (718) 499-2288 or (718) 499-2510 (AmEx, Disc, MC, Visa) Entrees: \$6-\$9.50. ★

Chief-owner Mei Tang Chang has presided over kitchens for more than 20 years. Trained in Taiwan, he cooks in the spicy Szechuan, Cantonese and Hunan styles. General Tso's chicken, deep-fried chicken with a zesty sauce, is one of his specialties, as is the Peking duck, served off the bone with cucumbers, scallions and pancakes. Chang is also at home with milder dishes like Shanghai green bok choy, a sautéed vegetable dish. The popular lunch menu, available Monday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., includes rice, soup and a main dish for \$4.50. Open daily for lunch and dinner.

## Naidre's

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Naidre Miller has created a cozy vegan and vegetarian-friendly cafe nestled on the south end of Park Slope's Seventh Avenue. The cheerful staff serves up locally roasted coffees, fresh bagels, homemade pastries and muffins, and sweets such as chocolate-covered pretzels sprinkled with Snickers pieces. Extensive menu items include organic oatmeal and their own granola. For lunch, try a veggie salad or one of 20 varieties of sandwiches, such as the roasted veggie sandwich. For a great afternoon pick-me-up, try a fresh fruit smoothie — "real fruit, and no nasty fillers!" says Miller. Nightly dinner selections include homemade chicken potpie and macaroni and cheese.

"We're always adding new menu items, changing things seasonally," says Miller. Naidre's is the place for great meals, coffees, desserts and good company. A second location is now open 102 West St. at Sackett Street, (718) 596-3400 in Carroll Gardens, which serves daily entree specials, plus beer and wine. Breakfast, lunch and dinner served daily at both locations.

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## Yak'it up

There's a buzz in the Slope about Y Canteen's skewers

By Tina Barry  
For The Brooklyn Papers

A quick glance at Y Canteen on Sixth Avenue would lead one to believe that the eatery is another slick, Park Slope sushi bar. All the elements are there, from the bar where a chef slices and rolls to the rows of wooden tables with benches.

Look a bit closer, though, and you'll notice that Y Canteen, the second Park Slope restaurant opened by Nana owner and chef Eric Ong, offers much more than standard sushi and sashimi.

What you'll sense first is the quiet. Walk into the restaurant and the din of noisy Sixth Avenue, where Y Canteen opened 15 months ago in the old Olive Vine space, is shut out. So serene is the room that you have to listen carefully to hear the elegant jazz riffs playing softly.

Stroll through the dining area, and you'll find an outdoor garden surrounded by a tall wooden fence. Bird cages hung with tiny white Christmas lights descend from the trees, and a huge clock with a slowly moving second hand is projected onto the brick wall giving the experience an amusing, surreal edge.

As quietly as the ambience is, it is not the reason diners visit Y Canteen. The hook is the "yakitori."

In fact, the "Y" in Y Canteen stands for "yakitori," a Japanese kebab of sorts. Short skewers hold small

slices or cubes of meat, seafood and vegetables, seasoned with a sweetish soy-based sauce ("tare") or salt ("shio") and then grilled. Each serving is about two bites worth of ingredients.

In Japan the "yakitori" is street food," says Ong, "meant for snacking."

One can order the little bites singly or in pairs with an imported beer, the "Gingersnap" (a cocktail made with a puree of fresh ginger, sake and "soju" — a strong, transparent, distilled liquor —



The chef, Eric Ong, prepares yakitori.

Stick 'em up (Right) The "yakitori" featured on one of Y Canteen's tasting menus includes skewers of chicken, onion, chicken meatballs; scallions; shrimp; and beef and zucchini. (Above) The Park Slope restaurant's "Gingersnap" cocktail combines ginger, sake and "soju."

that may be the best palate refresher to come along since lemon sorbet), or one of 25 different sakes served cold.

At \$2-\$2.50 a pop, you won't go broke filling up on "yakitori," but nibbling your way through the kebabs will have its ups and downs. Some are simply "del" (their flavors too subtly seasoned to add up to much), while others, like a beef with pineapple, are wildly de-

licious.

I'd pass on the bland "chicken loin," its basing of soy and wasabi barely making an impression on the white meat, and skip the oddly flavorless skewer of shiite mushrooms, for the luscious quail eggs wrapped in bacon. The strip of lightly salted meat adds richness to the creamy-centered eggs. I could have

done 10 of them.

Big greens rubbed with curry were sweet and hot, the grill leaving its impression on the delicate shrimp. Slices of



eggplant possessed a nutty, sesame-laced tang. And there's the rib-eye steak with pineapple. The small squares of decadently fatty meat, sweetened by the fruit's juices, were so luscious that eating just one serving felt like a tragedy.

At the request of his customers, Ong added sushi and sashimi to the menu a couple of months ago. The fish is impeccably fresh, as are all the ingredients the restaurant utilizes. But, neither of the rolls I tried — the "Crazy Shark" (rice surrounding a filling of raw salmon, tuna, tomato, egg and avocado) and the "Norwegian Roll" (slices of salmon skin and avocado layered around rice, with a center of salmon skin, cucumber and a hit of wasabi) — were especially satisfying. While their ingredients created an interesting medley of soft textures and crunch, the delicate combination of tastes needed a spark that even the wasabi of the "Norwegian Roll" didn't provide.

Vegetarians will appreciate the "Vietnamese Vegetables Spring Roll" or about five little, deep-fried wrappers filled with cellophane noodles and chopped vegetables and served with a

light and refreshing lime sauce. There are also vegetarian versions of "yakitori" including assorted vegetables, or, in a mock-don't of sorts: shiitake, veggie-chicken, veggie-beef, veggie-duck and miso rice. Mock duck makes an appearance in teriyaki, too.

As for dessert, there are three choices: house-made green tea or red-bean ice cream, and molten chocolate cake.

It doesn't matter where I'm dining — a Japanese restaurant, French bistro or Italian trattoria — there's no escaping that chocolate cake. Ong makes a fine rendition of the dessert; it's not too sweet, perfectly liquefied in the center and it's served with a big scoop of slightly bitter green tea ice cream that amps up the flavor of the cocoa.

I'd have loved it if it were the first — or even the 10th time — I've tried this dish. Because the number is closer to 1000, the thrill is gone for me.

There are so many things to like about Y Canteen. The first would be the "Gingersnap." Then there are the kebabs, of course, but what makes Y Canteen a pleasure is its tranquil, quirky ambience. This restaurant is an original.

## Presto change-o

When diners think of a delicious dinner in Park Slope, Tempo, the Mediterranean-inspired restaurant and wine bar on Fifth Avenue comes to mind. The casually elegant Tempo is great for an evening meal, but if you've craved the sunny flavors of chef Michael Fiore's cooking for a quick midday bite or thought his lush "duck roll" or "salmon a la plancha" would impress business associates at an office lunch of delicious take-out fare, you were out of luck.

Until now.

Tempo Presto, the restaurant's adjacent takeout annex, celebrated its grand opening on July 23. The diminutive storefront's menu offers some of Fiore's popular dinner fare and hot and cold sandwiches like the heated "Presto porchetta." Fiore's house-made roast pork with rosemary, hot Italian peppers and wild mustard greens atop ciabatta, a bargain at \$6.95.

Add \$3 to the price of a sandwich and you'll receive a side of marinated chickpea salad, one of several seafood goods: \$1-\$2.25. For information call (718) 636-8899.

Quirigara rounds out a meal with her "Brooklyn Bite Meez," a selection of delicate cookies, cupcakes and lemon bars. Her red velvet cupcakes are pictured at left.

There's a house-made golden apricot chutney and steak sauce, gelato and sorbets (sorbetto), too. I've tasted the gelatos and sorbets and they're as light and silky as any I savored in Rome. Four sorbets and eight gelatos are available daily in blends like orange-cardamom, Nutella swirl, and "Chocolate Six & Stones" — dark chocolate, candied peanuts and white chocolate-dipped pretzels that's more Ben & Jerry's than anything you'll find in Italy.

But when it's this good, why be a purist?

Tempo Presto (254 Fifth Ave. between Carroll Street and Garfield Place) accepts cash only. The takeout counter is open Sunday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday and Saturday, from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sandwiches: \$4.95-\$7.25; gelato and sorbetto: \$3.50-\$5.50; sides: \$3.50; baked goods: \$1-\$2.25. For information call (718) 636-8899.

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## SAT, OCT 1

### OUTDOORS AND TOURS

**FLUSHING AVENUE:** Brooklyn Center for the Urban Environment takes a walk from East Williamsburg to Flushing Avenue. Walk explores Brooklyn/Queens boundary in vicinity of historic Oudersdijk House. \$11. 50 members, \$8 seniors and students. 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Meet at Union Avenue Metropolitan Avenue. (718) 788-8585. Free.

### PERFORMANCE

**SHAKESPEARE ON THE ROOF:** Roof-top performance of "Macbeth." \$15. 3 p.m. Office Expo, 57 Thames St. (718) 418-2209.

**BARGE MUSIC:** Classical music program of works by Beethoven, Bartók and Brahms. \$5, \$25 students. 7:30 p.m. Fulton Ferry Landing. (718) 624-0883.

**WWI FANTASY:** Czechoslovak-American Music Theatre presents "The Bass Saxophone," a fantasy based on a story by Josef Svoboda. Play set in wartime Czechoslovakia. Jazz lovers risk their lives to perform prohibited music. 8 p.m. Not appropriate for children under 14 and younger. Presented at the center of Flatbush, Eastern Parkway and Prospect Park West. (718) 868-4444. Free.

**NIGHT OF IMPROV:** Brooklyn Lyceum hosts an event to raise funds for the annual victims of Katrina. \$10. 8 p.m. 227 Fourth St. (718) 396-7301.

**TWO BOOTS:** presents classic soul and funk with Memphis Train. No cover, no minimum. 10 p.m. 514 Second St. (718) 499-2323. Free.

### CHILDREN

**ARTY FACTS:** The Brooklyn Museum offers a look at art with a studio project. \$5. 4-5 seniors and students, free for members and for children ages 12 and younger. 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Appropriate for ages 4 to 7. 200 Eastern Parkway. (718) 638-5000.

**OPEN HOUSE:** Dance and music classes to try out classes in jazz, ballet, modern, hip-hop and musical theater. Program begins Mon., Oct. 3. Call for program info. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Berkeley Carroll School, 181 Lincoln Pl. (718) 522-4696. Free.

**PUPPETWORKS:** presents French fairy tale, "Beauty and the Beast." \$8. 57 children. Recommended for ages 4 and older. 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. 303 Fulton Ave. at Fourth Street. (718) 963-3391. Free.

**NY TRANSIT MUSEUM:** Kids ages 6 and older are invited to "Mapping Your City," a workshop on maps. Learn about maps, old and new. \$5. \$3 children and seniors. 1 p.m. Boerum Place and Schermerhorn Street. (718) 694-1400.

**RAGAMUFFIN PARADE:** 38th annual parade for children in the Bay Ridge community. Registration at 67th Street and Third Avenue in Bay Ridge. 1 p.m. Call for details. (718) 492-1058.

**FAMILY WORKSHOP:** Brooklyn Arts Exchange invites families to create a family song. Songwriting workshop offers basic song writing techniques, while making up original lyrics. \$35 (adults) or \$20 (individuals). 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. 421 Fifth Ave. (718) 832-0018.

**GLOBAL SHOES:** on display. Opening weekend activities include "The Sole Tale" make your own model shoe at 1 p.m. for ages 5 and older and "Barefoot Traditions" incorporates games and henna painting at 3 p.m. for ages 5 and older. \$4. 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. 145 Brooklyn Ave. www.brooklynkids.org. (718) 783-4400.

### SALES

**FLEA MARKET:** at Holy Trinity Church. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. 8117 Bay Parkway at 82nd Street. (718) 872-0112.

**SALE:** St. Ann and the Holy Trinity Church hosts a sale of gently-used items and collectibles. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. 157 Montague St. (718) 875-6960.

**THRIFT SALE:** New Utrecht Reformed Church hosts its annual event. Sale features dishes, glassware, electrical appliances, pictures, clothes, linens, costume jewelry and more. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. 84th Street and 18th Avenue. (718) 256-7173.

**SALE:** at Christ Church of Bay Ridge. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. 7301 Bay Ridge Blvd. (718) 346-3012.

### OTHER

**FIRST SATURDAY:** Brooklyn Museum begins its series of events of Target First Saturdays. Tonight's program includes singer Mariah Carey, a performance of an African American folk tale and a dance party featuring Afro-pop music. Also, documentary

"Bulls in the Hood: A Bad Boy Story" (2004) at 6 p.m. Family art-making program at 6 p.m. Children's Theater program at 7 p.m. Short Brooklyn-centric film at 8 p.m. Event runs from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. 200 Eastern Parkway. (718) 638-5000. Free.

**OUTDOOR SCULPTURE SHOW:** Brooklyn Waterfront Artists Coalition presents "Rapture," the 23rd annual outdoor show. 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Empire Fulton Ferry State Park. Enter at Main and Dock streets. (718) 256-7300. Free.

**COOKING DEMO:** Julie Farina offers a cooking demonstration at Ft. Greene Farmers Market. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. 240 Fulton Avenue and Washington Park. (718) 787-2718. Free.

**SHORELINE TROLLEY MUSEUM:** NY Transit Museum hosts a trip to museum in East Haven, Connecticut. View collection of vintage train cars and NYC transit vehicles. Take a trip on a fully-restored vintage trolley car for a 3-mile round-trip ride on original tracks. \$25, \$20 members. 9 a.m. Call for reservations and pre-program. (718) 694-1800.

**BASIC JUDAISM:** Course offered at the Center for Jewish Studies. Learn about the history and theology of the High Holidays. Days 9 and 10 are light breakfast included. 17 Eastern Parkway. (718) 638-7600. Free.

**ITALIAN LESSONS:** Federation of Italian American Organizations hosts Italian language and culture lessons. Registration from 10 a.m. to noon. Classes begin Oct. 15. 15 US Ave. 99th Ave. P. Participants are two and three and four and five. (718) 259-2828. Free.

**FASHION MARKET:** Brooklyn Designers Showcase features emerging designers of handcrafted merchandise. 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. 157 Montague St. (718) 783-7654.

**REUNION:** Bay Ridge High School Alumni Association hosts a get-together. \$25. Noon to 4 p.m. 450 p.m. "Orion" Manor. 1818 86th St. (800) 244-7397.

**PENNY SOCIAL:** at St. John's Parish Hall. \$6 includes refreshments. Noon to 4 p.m. 1000 1st Ave. at 15th St. Hamilton Park. (718) 306-2302.

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### CLASS, OCT 3

**COMPUTER CLASS:** ESL and GED Computer Classes offered to community. 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Monday/Wednesdays or Tuesday/Thursday evenings. Call Sen. Low 956. Ave. P and West 11th St. (718) 259-2808. Free.

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### SUN, OCT 2

#### OUTDOORS AND TOURS

**THIRD AVENUE FEST:** Spans 69th Street to 103rd Street. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Avenue. Call (718) 745-3511 for hours and more information.

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### PERFORMANCE

**ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION:** Gowanus Arts celebrates its 25th anniversary with a weekend of events. Today "Only Now..." a variety show by improvisation artists. \$15, \$5 kids. 7:30 p.m. Also, dance, music and movement workshops for all ages. \$5. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. 295 Douglas St. (718) 832-0101.

**OPERA:** Regina Opera Company presents "Opera + Pop: concert." \$10. \$5 teens, free for children. 7:30 p.m. Regina Hall, corner of 86th Street and 12th Avenue. (718) 232-3535.

**RECITAL:** 10th annual "Music from Good Shepherd" series features violinist Elena Kovars. 6 p.m. Avenue 5 and Brown Street. (718) 998-2800.

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### TUES, OCT 4

**Rosh Hashanah, Jewish New Year**

**HOLIDAY SERVICE:** Bay Ridge Jewish Center hosts an Egalitarian high holy day service. 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. 1111 Avenue X. (718) 832-0101.

**It's a shoe in:** "Global Shoes," featuring 187 shoes from more than 40 countries including cowboy boots and reindeer fur Saami boots from Finland, returns to the Brooklyn Children's Museum on Oct. 1 and will remain on exhibit through Jan. 15, 2006.

### Weds, Oct 5

**RECEPTION:** Kurdi Lyry presents "The Art of Madhat Kake." 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. 144 Underhill Ave. (718) 638-7920. Free.

**OUTDOOR VOLUNTEERS:** Prospect Park needs help with gardening and landscape maintenance, visitor outreach and restoration work in other areas. Orientation at 6:30 p.m. 111 Front St. (718) 624-0883. Free.

**BAMCINEMATEK:** presents "Double Dutch: The Film of Joe Putner and Peter DeLuca." Films include "On the Occasion" (1999) and "Fellows." (2001). \$10. \$7 students. 6:30 p.m. and 9:15 p.m. 30 Lafayette Ave. (718) 638-5000.

**LECTURE:** Dancowen presents Pam Lecture Series. Presents Camille D'Antoni in a talk, "Being Misleading: Today, The Total of One's Life." \$5. 7:30 p.m. Cornsby Street between Hicks and Henry streets. (718) 638-5000.

**FORUM:** Bay Ridge Real Estate Board presents Councilman Vincent J. Gentile and challenger Pat Russo. 7:30 p.m. Cornsby Street between Hicks and Henry streets. (718) 638-5000.

**MEETING:** Concerned Citizens of Brookline presents Presentation by NYSDOLAN SENIORS. Citizens and Development Agency. 7:30 p.m. St. Pauls Community Room, Bath Avenue and Bay 20th Street. (718) 626-0081.

**DANCE:** Dancowen begins its fall after-school dance program for kids. Classes in modern, jazz, ballet, hip-hop and more. Call 837 Union St. (718) 622-1811.

**NEXT WAVE FEST:** "All Hope." 7:30 p.m. Also, "Orion." 7:30 p.m. See Sat., Oct. 8.

### Fri, Oct 7

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### THURS, OCT 6

**BROOKLYN BRIDGE WALK:** Bay Ridge Civic Center takes walk to the Brooklyn Bridge and through Brooklyn Heights. \$15, \$12 seniors, \$10 students. 1 p.m. Meet at southeast corner of Broadway and Chambers Street. Free. (718) 638-5000.

**AWARDS DINNER:** Rosalia Regina Park Neighborhood Improvement Association hosts its 15th annual award dinner. \$15. 11th St. Call for info. (718) 288-1741. Free.

**HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH:** NYCA of Brooklyn hosts a slide show and storytelling presentation featuring local artists, storyteller and poet Bobby Gonzalez. 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. 30 Third Ave. (718) 875-1100. Free.

**PERSON OF THE YEAR:** Bay Ridge Center presents Pamela Brier, President of Maimonides Medical Center and Anthony Charral, Development Manager for Habitat. Event features dinner, silent auction and music. 6 p.m.

**Sirio's Restaurant:** 8023 13th Ave. Call for ticket info. (718) 748-0783.

**FEAR OF FISH:** Conquer the fear of cooking fish with a talk given by New York Times writer Jane Brody. She shares her sushi and fish recipes. 7 p.m. Brooklyn Public Library. Central branch. Grand Army Plaza. (718) 230-2101. Free.

**RECEPTION:** Positive Focus Gallery presents "Soul Witness," a group show which explores connections between makers with their surroundings. 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. 111 Front St. (718) 624-0883. Free.

**BROOKLYN DEMOCRATS:** Brooklyn Democrats for Change presents Democratic candidates for position of Judge of the Supreme Court for Kings County. 7:30 p.m. Union Church Hall, 8101 Ridge Road. (718) 860-3341. Free.

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**THEATER:** Brooklyn College Theater Department presents "Untitled," by a contemporary American playwright. \$5. 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. George Gerstwin Theater, Brooklyn College, one block from the intersection of Flatbush and Nostrand avenues. (718) 951-4600.

**ROBESON THEATER:** Premiere of new play, "The House of the Living." Story is about a housing project in Chicago. \$20. \$15 students and seniors. 8 p.m. Paul Robeson Theater, 40 Greene Ave. (718) 783-7974.

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### OTHER

**RUC SALE:** hosted by Mrs. Mary's Orthodox Church. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. 81st Street and Ridge Boulevard. (718) 238-0008.

**RUMMAGE SALE:** Flatbush Dutch Reformed Church hosts its fall sale. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Flatbush Avenue and Church Avenue. (718) 284-5140.

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**ART SHOW:** Brooklyn Waterfront Artists Coalition hosts an art show at the Flatbush Dutch Reformed Church. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Flatbush Avenue and Church Avenue. (718) 284-5140.

**PARADE:** 24th annual Brooklyn Columbus Day Parade. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Flatbush Avenue and Church Avenue. (718) 284-5140.

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**BAMCINEMATEK:** presents "Call for Change: Third World Newsreel." Today. "All Power to the People!" (2004). \$10. \$7 students. 2 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Also, "The House of the Living." Story is about a housing project in Chicago. \$20. \$15 students and seniors. 8 p.m. Paul Robeson Theater, 40 Greene Ave. (718) 783-7974.

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**The Backroom**  
(Inside Freddy's Bar) 485 Dean St. at Sixth Avenue in Prospect Heights, (718) 622-7025, www.freddys-backroom.com.  
Oct. 1: Kitting Circle, 5 pm, The Wingers, 9 pm, FREE; Oct. 2: Puka Quiz, 9 pm, FREE; Oct. 3: Comedy Night, 9 pm, FREE; Oct. 4: Joel Blazer an opening, 7 pm, FREE; Oct. 5: Comedy, 9 pm, FREE; Oct. 6: Oct. 7: Comedy, 9 pm, FREE; Oct. 8: Comedy, 9 pm, FREE; Oct. 9: Comedy, 9 pm, FREE; Oct. 10: Comedy, 9 pm, FREE; Oct. 11: Comedy, 9 pm, FREE; Oct. 12: Comedy, 9 pm, FREE; Oct. 13: Comedy, 9 pm, FREE; Oct. 14: Comedy, 9 pm, FREE; Oct. 15: Comedy, 9 pm, FREE; Oct. 16: Comedy, 9 pm, FREE; Oct. 17: Comedy, 9 pm, FREE; Oct. 18: Comedy, 9 pm, FREE; Oct. 19: Comedy, 9 pm, FREE; Oct. 20: Comedy, 9 pm, FREE; Oct. 21: Comedy, 9 pm, FREE; Oct. 22: Comedy, 9 pm, FREE; Oct. 23: Comedy, 9 pm, FREE; Oct. 24: Comedy, 9 pm, FREE; Oct. 25: Comedy, 9 pm, FREE; Oct. 26: Comedy, 9 pm, FREE; Oct. 27: Comedy, 9 pm, FREE; Oct. 28: Comedy, 9 pm, FREE; Oct. 29: Comedy, 9 pm, FREE; Oct. 30: Comedy, 9 pm, FREE; Oct. 31: Comedy, 9 pm, FREE.

**BAM Cafe**  
30 Lafayette Ave. at Ashland Place in Fort Greene, (718) 636-4700, www.bamcafe.com.  
Oct. 7: Eisa Davis, 9 pm, \$10 food/drink minimum; Oct. 8: NedNed presents an evening with Unlabeled, 9 pm, \$10 food/drink minimum; Oct. 14: Mena Ostrina, 9 pm, \$10 food/drink minimum; Oct. 15: NedNed presents Luma, 9 pm, \$10 food/drink minimum.

**Barbes**  
334 Main St. at Sixth Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 965-9177, www.barbesbrooklyn.com.  
Mondays: 10 pm, Comedy, 9 pm, FREE; Tuesdays: Slavic Soul Party, 9 pm, \$5; Wednesdays: Night of the Rainforest, 10 pm, FREE; Thursdays: Chula Libre, 8 pm, Stephanie Wiener's Hot Club of New York, 10 pm, FREE; Oct. 1: Luc Claude Lappin, 8 pm, River Alexander & his Mad Jazz Trio, 10 pm, FREE; Oct. 4: The Ben Holmes Quartet, 7 pm, FREE; Oct. 5: Ruffus, 8 pm, \$5; Mario Revanier Quartet, 10 pm, \$8; Oct. 7: Todd London, 8 pm, Rachelle Gomez, 10 pm, FREE; Oct. 7: Oscar Nunez, Chris Socol, & Anthony Burr Chiarini Trio, 7 pm, FREE; Yale Stern and Hot Patrons with Tony Kalmann, 8 pm, \$10; The Jack Grace Band, 10 pm, FREE; Oct. 8: Uncle Moon, 7 pm, FREE; Oct. 9: All 4, 8 pm, \$8; Oct. 9: Roy Nathanson Quartet, 6 pm, FREE; Oct. 11: Jonny Scherman, 7 pm, FREE; Oct. 12: Chris Loughfey, 7:30 pm, Tony Malina Paloma Radio, 10 pm, \$8; Oct. 13: Matt Pavlica Quartet, 8 pm, FREE; Oct. 13: Matt Pavlica Quartet, 8 pm, FREE; Oct. 14: The Paloma Radio Project, 8 pm, The 4th St. Network, 10 pm, FREE; Oct. 15: Madam Louisa & her Yaldine Blues Band, 8 pm, Howard Falson, 10 pm, FREE.

**Bembe**  
81 S. Sixth St. at Berry Street in Williamsburg, (718) 387-5389, www.bembemusic.com.  
Saturdays: "Bembe" live DJ alongside live Latin percussion fusion, 9 pm, FREE; Sundays: "The New Music Initiative" with Selection, 10 pm, \$10; Mondays: "Cold Hands" with DJ Dittling and special guest vocalists, 9 pm, FREE; Tuesdays: "Natural Selection" with DJ Jon Bree (DJ) and guests, 9 pm, FREE; Wednesdays: "Consciousness" with DJ Stefan Antonicovich, 9 pm, FREE; Thursdays: "Blues" with DJ Nat and live percussion sets, 9 pm, FREE; Fridays: "World Beat Favors", 9 pm, FREE.

**Black Betty**  
346 Metropolitan Ave. at Broadway Street in Williamsburg, (718) 529-0243, www.blackbetty.net.  
Saturdays: DJ at 10:30 pm, 11 pm, FREE; Sundays: Brooklyn Beat with DJ Sam Mendham and DJ Grit Cal, 10 pm, FREE; Mondays: Rex Vince Anderson and his Low Crew, 10:30 pm, FREE; Tuesdays: Hot Rocks, 10 pm, FREE; Thursdays: The Greenhouse with DJ Matt Cho, 11 pm, FREE; Fridays: DJ Mikko, 11 pm, FREE.

**Crossroads Saloon**  
2077 Conny Island Ave. at Kings Highway in Sheepshead Bay, (718) 339-9393, www.crossroadssaloon.com.  
Saturdays and Fridays, Karaoke, 9 pm, FREE.

**D Vine Artiste Cafe**  
492 Woodland Ave. at Horwood Street in Red Hook, (718) 232-0303.  
Sundays: Live jazz, 10 pm, FREE; Thursdays: Open mic, 7 pm, FREE.

**Europa Night Club**  
98 Meadville Ave. at Manhattan Avenue in Greenpoint, (718) 383-5723, www.europalounge.com.  
Saturdays: "VIP Dance Party," 10 pm, FREE before 10:30 pm, \$15 after 10:30 pm, Friday: Open Thursdays hosted by Elijah, 8 pm, FREE; Progressive Dance party, 10 pm, FREE before 10:30 pm, \$15 after 10:30 pm; Oct. 2: Jersey Pombala, 6 pm, \$10; FREE before 8 pm with student ID; Oct. 9: Gene Eas and group, 7:30 pm, \$10; FREE before 8 pm with student ID.

**Five Spot**  
407 Myrtle Ave. at Washington Avenue in Clinton Hill, (718) 865-0202, www.fivespot.com.  
Saturdays: Riddim Nation, midnight, \$5; Mondays: Open Thursdays hosted by Elijah, 8 pm, FREE; Tuesdays: DJ Handgren, 8 pm, FREE; Hot Damn Comedy, 10 pm, \$10; Wednesdays: DJ Cops, 6 pm, FREE; Soul Road, an R&B open mic for Soul Singers, 10 pm, FREE; Thursdays: Large Professor presents "Tribunal," 10 pm, FREE.

**Frank's Lounge**  
660 Fulton St. at South Elliott Place in Fort Greene, (718) 625-9339, www.frankscallounge.com.  
Saturdays: Soul, Sundays: with DJ Tonne and Infinita, 9 pm, \$5; Tuesdays: Tuesday Night Live, 9 pm, 2 drink minimum; Wednesdays: Karaoke with Davey B, 9 pm, FREE; Fridays: Fun Dance Party, 10 pm, \$5.

**Galapagos**  
70 N. Sixth St. at Wythe Avenue in Williamsburg, (718) 782-5188, www.galapagosnyc.com.  
Sundays: Sid and Buddy Karaoke, 10 pm, FREE; Fridays: V.I.D.O. Friday Night, 10 pm, FREE; Oct. 11: Cat's, 8 pm, \$8; The Batsman with the Varsity Set, 10 pm, \$8; Oct. 2: 8 pm, \$8; The Batsman with the Varsity Set, 10 pm, \$8; Oct. 3: 8 pm, \$8; The Batsman with the Varsity Set, 10 pm, \$8; Oct. 4: 8 pm, \$8; The Batsman with the Varsity Set, 10 pm, \$8; Oct. 5: 8 pm, \$8; The Batsman with the Varsity Set, 10 pm, \$8; Oct. 6: 8 pm, \$8; The Batsman with the Varsity Set, 10 pm, \$8; Oct. 7: 8 pm, \$8; The Batsman with the Varsity Set, 10 pm, \$8; Oct. 8: 8 pm, \$8; The Batsman with the Varsity Set, 10 pm, \$8; Oct. 9: 8 pm, \$8; The Batsman with the Varsity Set, 10 pm, \$8; Oct. 10: 8 pm, \$8; The Batsman with the Varsity Set, 10 pm, \$8; Oct. 11: 8 pm, \$8; The Batsman with the Varsity Set, 10 pm, \$8; Oct. 12: 8 pm, \$8; The Batsman with the Varsity Set, 10 pm, \$8; Oct. 13: 8 pm, \$8; The Batsman with the Varsity Set, 10 pm, \$8; Oct. 14: 8 pm, \$8; The Batsman with the Varsity Set, 10 pm, \$8; Oct. 15: 8 pm, \$8; The Batsman with the Varsity Set, 10 pm, \$8; Oct. 16: 8 pm, \$8; The Batsman with the Varsity Set, 10 pm, \$8; Oct. 17: 8 pm, \$8; The Batsman with the Varsity Set, 10 pm, \$8; Oct. 18: 8 pm, \$8; The Batsman with the Varsity Set, 10 pm, \$8; Oct. 19: 8 pm, \$8; The Batsman with the Varsity Set, 10 pm, \$8; Oct. 20: 8 pm, \$8; The Batsman with the Varsity Set, 10 pm, \$8; Oct. 21: 8 pm, \$8; The Batsman with the Varsity Set, 10 pm, \$8; Oct. 22: 8 pm, \$8; The Batsman with the Varsity Set, 10 pm, \$8; Oct. 23: 8 pm, \$8; The Batsman with the Varsity Set, 10 pm, \$8; Oct. 24: 8 pm, \$8; The Batsman with the Varsity Set, 10 pm, \$8; Oct. 25: 8 pm, \$8; The Batsman with the Varsity Set, 10 pm, \$8; Oct. 26: 8 pm, \$8; The Batsman with the Varsity Set, 10 pm, \$8; Oct. 27: 8 pm, \$8; The Batsman with the Varsity Set, 10 pm, \$8; Oct. 28: 8 pm, \$8; The Batsman with the Varsity Set, 10 pm, \$8; Oct. 29: 8 pm, \$8; The Batsman with the Varsity Set, 10 pm, \$8; Oct. 30: 8 pm, \$8; The Batsman with the Varsity Set, 10 pm, \$8; Oct. 31: 8 pm, \$8; The Batsman with the Varsity Set, 10 pm, \$8.

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**Club Exit**  
147 Greenpoint Ave. at Manhattan Avenue in Greenpoint, (718) 349-4995, www.club-exit.com.  
Saturdays: DJ Dance Party, 10 pm, \$15; Sundays: FREE until midnight; DJ Dance Party, 10 pm, FREE.

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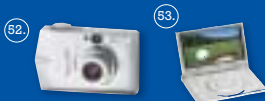
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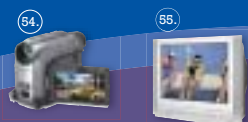
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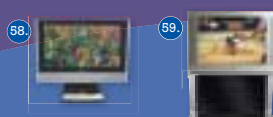
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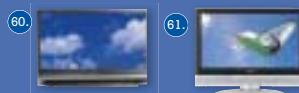
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