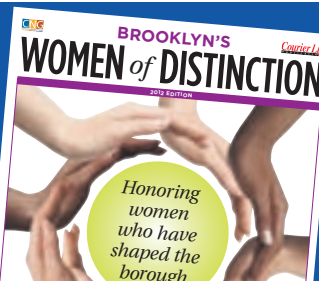


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Streisand shows a hot ticket

BY NATALIE O'NEILL

Brooklyn-born superstar Barbra Streisand will play a second homecoming show at the Barclays Center this fall.

The "Funny Girl" will take the stage in the soon-to-open arena for her first-ever Brooklyn show on Oct. 11 — then the eight-time Grammy Award winner will follow it up with an Oct. 13 encore performance.



Tickets to the second concert went on sale at 10 am on Monday and Babs fans sprung into action.

"Just sealed the deal!" wrote one Twitter

user. "This girl is seeing @BarbraStreisand in concert!"

Some Barbra lovers complained about on-again, off-again ticket availability and confusing "sold out" announcements.

Barclays Center spokesman Barry Baum said tickets were still available on Monday afternoon and that there's a four-ticket cap per buyer to keep resellers from hogging seats.

He did not immediately know how many tickets remain available.

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Bigger than ever

More than 100,000 people showed up to see Sound Drive singer Victor Sabbagh and 24 other bands perform at the annual BayFest on Emmons Avenue. For all the fun, check out page 6.

Photo by Steve Solomonson

CONEY CARNY BACK

Cha-Cha returns to beach

BY DANIEL BUSH

Call it Cha-Cha's revenge.

John "Cha-Cha" Ciarcia, a honky-tonk bar owner who was booted from the Boardwalk in the city's quest to bring more upscale businesses to Coney Island, is returning to the People's Playground this summer with a new watering hole, nightclub, and amusement park.

"This is my comeback," Ciarcia said. "They threw me off the Boardwalk but they can't kick me out of Coney Island."

Ciarcia has already opened Cha-Cha's Coney Island Seafood Bar and Pizzeria on Surf

Avenue and plans to open Club Atlantis and Cha-Cha's Steeplechase-Fun Place on Stillwell Avenue between Surf Avenue and the Boardwalk next week. The Steeplechase-Fun Place will offer a kiddie park and sideshow, he said.

The Coney Island businessman says the 15 to 20 amusements — which will include the MegaWhirl, a new spinning bumper car-style ride — will offer visitors to the People's Playground a more authentic experience.

"I want to make it affordable
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SEARS LANDMARKED

Beverly Rd. art deco icon from company's glory days will be preserved

BY ELI ROSENBERG

The golden era of department stores may be over — but a symbol of its heyday is being preserved on Beverly Road.

The city has decided to landmark Brooklyn's oldest Sears — a lofty art deco building constructed in 1932 that quickly became the borough's go-to spot for tools and appliances during a booming post-war economy.

City officials said the building needed to be preserved not just because of its unique look, but for the important role it played in the days Brooklynites clawed themselves out of the Great Depression.

"The building is as impressive for its architectural style, scale and massing as for the impact it must have had on Brooklyn and the city's economy when it first opened," said Robert Tierney, the chairman of the Landmarks Preservation Commission, which voted unanimously to approve the building's landmark status on May 15.

The plans for the building between E. 22nd and E. 23rd streets were sketched out by architect Alton Craft and a team from the firm Nimmons, Carr & Wright.

Eleanor Roosevelt was the store's first customer. After participating in the opening ceremony, she went inside to buy a pair of baby shoes, according to city historians.

The Sears building joins a list of preserved city sites that includes the Cyclone roller coaster and the Prospect Park Boathouse, but its glory days may be long over.



MAKING HISTORY: (Above) Din Giddings, who walks by the Sears on Beverly Road every day, is glad the city landmarked the historic department store that features an iconic entrance (bottom, right) and a red and white nameplate among its other art-deco designs.

Photo by Steve Solomonson

The building fell on hard times in the 1960s, when its once-impressive glass display windows were replaced with concrete to thwart vandals.

Sears is also falling on hard times: the company announced recently that it was closing 53 of its home improvement stores. Sears supported the landmark designation, but declined to comment.

Today, selections from the "Kardashian Kollection"

— clothing and accessories from America's sisters du jour — line aisles where state-of-the-art tools were once proudly displayed.

A spokeswoman for the Landmarks Preservation Commission said the building's new landmark status requires Sears to receive permission from the commission before doing any exterior work as well as any major construction inside.

Sears will not be forced to replace the boarded up



windows, the spokeswoman said.

Ditmas Park residents praised the landmarking, although few could remember the last time they stepped foot in the store.

"Landmarking is good because it makes a place look better, and it gives it more prestige and interest," said Mary Kay Gallagher, a real estate broker in Ditmas Park.



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SEPARATE AND UNEQUAL: (Above) Boardwalk Alliance President Rob Burstein is furious that the city is repairing the Queens boardwalk with wood (left), but is paving over Brooklyn's walkway with concrete. Photos by Elizabeth Graham

Boardwalk warble

City says wood is good for Rockaway, not Coney

BY DANIEL BUSH

A city decision to repair an outer-borough boardwalk with wood has opponents of the Coney Island Boardwalk's upcoming concrete makeover accusing the Parks Department of turning back on its word.

Agency officials have said repeatedly that repairing city boardwalks with wood was no longer a viable option — sparking the move to replace the iconic Coney Island Boardwalk with concrete and plastic lumber.

But the city began repairing a 10-block stretch of the longer, but far less exciting, Rockaway boardwalk with lumber last week — a move that has Coney Boardwalk advocates spitting nails.

"It's an unbelievable slap in the face to our communities," said Rob Burstein, the president of the Coney-Brighton Boardwalk Alliance. "It shows that it's possible to have a wooden boardwalk."

Friends of the Boardwalk founder Todd Dobrin was also outraged.

"I'm furious," said Dobrin, who has been fighting the city's plans to take away the Boardwalk's cherished planks. "Every boardwalk should be treated equally."

But city officials say they're not flip-flopping.

"Under a full reconstruction of the Rockaway boardwalk, we would consider using concrete," said Parks Department spokeswoman Meghan Lalor, who said repairs on the Rockaway boardwalk, which drew 3.6 million visitors last year, will replace planks Hurricane Irene turned into kindling last year.

A one-mile section of the 5.5-mile walk has already been paved



over with concrete, Lalor noted.

Councilman Eric Ulrich (R-Queens) doled out \$1.6 million in taxpayer dollars to help repair the Rockaway boardwalk.

That news wasn't lost on critics who slammed Councilman Domenic Recchia (D-Coney Island) for supporting the city's plan to replace the Boardwalk between Coney Island Avenue and Brighton 15th Street with concrete and recycled plastic lumber.

"We need elected officials to support the Boardwalk here the way that they did in Queens," Burstein said.

Recchia declined to comment on this story.

In 2010, the Parks Department proposed replacing the entire Boardwalk with concrete and plastic lumber — except for a four-block section in the historic amusement district between W. 15th and W. 10th streets — as part of its \$30-million renovation of the aging 2.7-mile span, which opened in 1923.

The agency tested the materials on two sections of the walkway in 2011, claiming that concrete was sturdier and cheaper than using real wood.

But preservationists balked at the suggestion, claiming the plan would ruin the look and feel of the historic Boardwalk and turn the rest of the strip into a sidewalk.

The Public Design Commission gave the Parks Department the OK to tear out the Boardwalk in Brighton Beach — and install a 12-foot-wide concrete lane for emergency vehicles and a 19-foot-wide lane built out of recycled plastic boards for pedestrians — after agency officials testified that wood was no longer a viable option.

Yet residents say the current repair project in Queens proves otherwise.

"I can't understand their reasoning," said Brighton Beach resident Arlene Brenner. "It's ridiculous."

Boardwalk war

The Parks Department is rebuilding a damaged section of the Rockaway boardwalk with wood, angering opponents of the city's plan to pave over a large portion of the much-more-famous Coney Island Boardwalk, who say that their seaside promenade deserves the same treatment.

Here's how the two historic spans measure up:

Coney Island	Boardwalk	Rockaway Beach
The People's Playground	Nickname	The Hipster Riviera
1923	Opened	1930
2.7 miles	Length	5.5 miles
Amusements	Big attraction	The ocean
"The Warriors," Nathan's	Famous for	The Ramones, Rockaway Taco

Police: Teen nabbed for blowgun shooting spree

BY COLIN MIXSON

Police arrested a 15-year-old teen who they say targeted pedestrians from the roof of an 86th Street apartment — with a blowgun — on May 20.

Three victims reported being struck with "long needle-like darts," between Bay 31st and Bay 32nd streets in their arms,

stomach, and legs in the indiscriminate, blowgun shooting spree that started shortly after 7 pm.

Bath Beach resident Georgiy Ostrozhnyuk, 66, was lounging in his neighbor's SUV near Bay 32nd Street when darts began pinging off the car door and flying through the window.

"Suddenly, I felt like a

punch in my thigh. I saw a needle in my leg and the second time in my stomach," Ostrozhnyuk told our sister publication, the New York Post.

Ming Chen, 40, was only a few yards away from Ostrozhnyuk when he was hit by three darts.

Another victim, Arkadiy Shklyaver, was struck in

the stomach. Chen was struck in the leg.

"It felt like something bit me," said Shklyaver, who was walking to a subway station after visiting his mother. "I took out the dart, and there was blood on my hand."

The teenage suspect was arrested the next day.

When investigators

traced the trajectory of the darts and knocked on the assailant's door, he "basically copped to it," cops said.

Police searched the suspect's apartment, and recovered several darts from his room, although no blowgun was found, which the teen told them resides with his accomplice, cops said.

The suspect identified his accomplice, who is also 15, but police say investigators were unable to arrest the other boy on the arrested assailant's testimony alone.

More evidence of the other teen's involvement is needed before an arrest is made, the police source said.



Students skip rope for good cause

BY DANIEL BUSH

PS 52 students have a lot of heart — and they jumped around to prove it.

More than 350 youngsters showed off their skills at the Sheepshead Bay school's sixth-annual Jump For Heart field day and fund-raiser on May 16. The day-long event raised \$4,100

for the American Heart Association, according to organizer Lara Novella.

"We had great turnout and everyone enjoyed themselves," said Novella, a gym teacher at the school on E. 29th Street near Voorhies Avenue. "The kids came away with healthy habits and gave back to the community."

Novella said students donated \$5 or more to spend the day jumping rope, playing basketball, and competing in other athletic exercises that imparted valuable lessons about sportsmanship, teamwork, and community service — and the importance of staying healthy.

"Everyone has a fam-

ily member who has been touched with heart disease or a stroke," Novella said. "So it hits close to home."

Jump For Heart is an initiative of the American Heart Association, a leading non-profit organization dedicated to reducing death by heart disease through research and education.

JUMP AROUND: (Above) PS 52 student Briana Barbarino participated in the school's annual Jump For Hope fund-raiser. (Right) Emily Mayleas, Alexandra Calabrese, and Milly Tenenbaum also jumped for a good cause — raising \$4,100 for the American Heart Association.

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Hoarder needs cat-friendly home

BY DANIEL BUSH

A Brighton Beach cat hoarder about to be evicted from her apartment for having too many kitties is hunting for a new home with a pet-friendly policy.

Barbara Berger, a feline fanatic who got rid of half of the 45 cats that once roamed her one-bedroom apartment on Coney Island Avenue — but is still facing eviction for refusing to part with all but two — is frantically searching for a building whose landlord will let her move in with the 10 kitties she claims she can't live without.

"I would take anything that's halfway decent," said Berger, who's hoping for a place near the ocean in Brighton Beach and Sheepshhead Bay. "I tell [landlords] I have pets. I think 10 is reasonable."

But Berger — who pays just \$153 per-month for her rent-subsidized home — is running out of time to find a new place to live.

A housing court judge is scheduled to hold an



File Photo by Elizabeth Graham

CAT FANCY: Barbara Berger is searching for a new home that will let her keep her 10 cats she claims she can't live without.

eviction hearing on June 4, and the emergency transfer voucher that Berger obtained from the city to help pay for a new apartment expires in mid-July — meaning that Berger could soon wind up on the streets.

Berger's friend Andrew Kent said the cat lover's situation is getting dire.

"We're hoping she can find a new apartment soon," said Kent, who's helping with the search.

Berger moved into her apartment near Neptune Avenue with 15 cats in 2007, but the number quickly ballooned to 45 as she took in strays off the street and accepted unwanted kittens from neighbors and friends.

Herald Realty Group threatened to evict Berger from her apartment in December if she didn't get rid of 43 of the cats.

She began unloading her kittens with the help of a Gravesend Petco and the Brooklyn Rescue Umbrella group, whose founder put 22 of the pets up for adoption before having a falling out with Berger last month.

Berger missed a May 13 deadline to downsize her brood, and has insisted all along that she would rather be homeless than part with her 10 favorite kitties.

"I don't want to give up the cats that I love," Berger said.

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ROSY OUTLOOK: Jenna Rose belted out several songs at the free, day-long festival.



JAWS AND ARMS: Gavin Grinberg measures a lemon shark's jaw that the New York Aquarium brought to the festival. (Right) Members of the United States Merchant Marine Academy band opened the festivities on May 20.

Photos by Steve Solomonson



BayFest draws record number of fans

BY DANIEL BUSH

More than 100,000 fans attended the Bay Improvement Group's annual street festival on Emmons Avenue on May 20, according to the police and civic president Steve Barrison — setting a new record for the neighborhood's most popular outdoor event of the year.

"Emmons Avenue was a sea of people," said Barrison. "To have so many come out and celebrate the community was a tremendous success."

The day-long music fest between E. 27th Street and Ocean Avenue featured performances by the United States Merchant Marine Academy's drill team, Jay



ALL SMILES: Michael Meyers, 3, of Sheepshead Bay, had a blast at this year's larger-than-ever BayFest.

& the Americans — who penned the smash hits "Come A Little Bit Closer" and "Cara Mia" — and 23 other bands.

Gymnasts from Aviator Sports Center gave a demonstration, and Borough President Markowitz, Assemblywoman Helene Weinstein (D-Sheepshead Bay) and Assemblyman Steven Cymbrowitz (D-Sheepshead Bay) were also on hand, along with representatives of the Brooklyn Nets, who hawked merchandise for the borough's new pro basketball team, which is moving into the Barclays Center this fall.

Residents said they went for the free live music, but stayed to rub elbows with neighbors and friends.

"The bands were great,"

said Dennis Neil. "There was a lot of action out there."

The festival's 100,000-plus visitors broke its previous record high in 2002.

BayFest started as a two-hour guitar concert in 1992 that attracted just 50 people.

Since then, the event has grown into an entertainment extravaganza.

Stars to grace the BayFest stage included Richie Ramone, the former drummer for the iconic punk band, Ticket2Ride, a well-known Beatles tribute band, and the Brighton Ballet Theater Company.

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ARTS AND CRAFTS: Logan Vitolo sports a temporary tattoo — and a brand-new Brooklyn Nets hat.

Hynes to fight bullies — on video

BY COLIN MIXSON

District Attorney Charles Hynes doesn't like bullies, and he wants to honor kids who fight bullying on all fronts.

To that end, he's asking students in grades four through nine to participate in his second anti-bullying contest and submit a 90 second video explaining why bullies have no place in Brooklyn. Entries must be in by June 1, Hynes said.

"The goal of the contest is to raise the consciousness of not only children, but teachers, administrators, and parents to the re-

ality of bullying and how each of them has to step up and be a part of solving this problem," Hynes said. "If more young people were to take a stand against bullying, then the phenomenon would likely diminish over time."

The videos will be judged for creativity, so all filmmakers are encouraged to utilize music, dancing, pictures, and whatever other techniques they can imagine to dispel the rumor that bullying is a fact of life and needs to be tolerated.

Hynes said that bullying has a serious effect on its

victims and often leads to depression and suicide.

According to some statistics, about 60 percent of middle school-age children say they have been bullied. About 160,000 students across this country stay home from school each day because they are being bullied.

The winner of the contest will serve as "DA for a Day," and will be invited to tag along with Hynes for

an afternoon.

Nairan St. Phard and Jeremiah Hyde, who created a rap video about bullying, won the contest in 2010 and were given a chance to relay their rap at a press conference when they were named DA for the day.

Contestants are asked to submit their videos as a reply to the Brooklyn DA's YouTube video at <http://youtu.be/Y0dZHPc1PyM>.



FIGHTING BULLIES: District Attorney Charles Hynes poses with Bairan St. Phard and Jeremiah Hyde, who won the 2010 Anti-Bullying video contest.

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CONEY ISLAND—BRIGHTON BEACH—SEAGATE

Property apocalypse

Cops arrested two women, ages 21 and 19, for going on a rampage inside a woman's Surf Avenue apartment on May 19 — destroying more than \$250 worth of property.

The victim told police that she was inside her home near W. 30th Street at 1:40 pm when the women entered and damaged her TV, computer, cable box, table, desk, and clothing by allegedly using bleach.

Hennesy horror

A 30-year-old man was arrested for public intoxication on W. 25th Street on May 19.

According to the arresting officers, the man was between Mermaid and Surf avenues at 2 am, drinking liquor out of an open bottle. Witnesses told the officers that the man had thrown an empty bottle of Hennesy on the ground.

Criminal allure

Two men, ages 20 and 17, were arrested for robbing a man on Surf Avenue on May 18, after luring the victim to the scene by posing as a woman on tagged.com.

The victim told police that he went to meet a woman, Jenny S — who he'd met on the dating web site — at her apartment near W. 21st Street at 8:55 pm. However, when he got there, he found that the apartment number she gave him didn't exist.

As he was exiting the building, the two men approached him, drew a pistol, and took his cash and Samsung cellphone.

Lexus lost

Police arrested a 23-year-old man for stealing another man's car on Surf Avenue on May 17.

The victim told police that he'd parked his 2004 Lexus between W. Eighth and W. Fifth streets at 5:50 pm, and when he returned later, it was missing.

Officials arrested a suspect after the vehicle had been reported stolen, and an officer saw a man driving the missing car without a license plate.

61ST PRECINCTSHEEPSHEAD BAY—HOMECREST—
MANHATTAN BEACH—GRAVESEND**Flat fiend**

A 63-year-old man was arrested for puncturing the tires of a man's car on E. 27th Street on May 20.

A witness told police that he was inside his apartment between Avenues Y and Z at 4:15 am when he heard a popping noise coming from outside. He looked out the window and saw a man deflating the tires of a 2004 Chevrolet pick-up truck.

Driving drunk

Cops arrested a 28-year-old man on the

**POLICE
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Shore Parkway on May 20 — for driving under the influence.

The arresting officer was near Bedford Avenue at 5:19 am when he saw a driver blow through a red light in his 2004 Infiniti FX35.

When he pulled him over, the driver smelled of alcohol and showed visible signs of intoxication — including blood-shot eyes.

Purse snatcher

A 42-year-old woman was arrested for walking away with another woman's purse inside of a Coyle Street grocery store on April 27.

The victim told police that she was inside the market between Avenues U and V at around 3 pm when she set her bag down and left it unattended.

Police say a woman then told an employee at the market that she had lost her bag, and the manager gave her the victim's purse.

Safe away

Police say a 35-year-old man for robbed a McDonald Avenue autobody shop on May 6 — and managed to walk out with the safe.

Surveillance footage from the shop between Avenues W and X shows a person entering through a window at 3:55 pm — then grabbing the safe and walking out the door, cops said.

62ND PRECINCT

BENSONHURST—BATH BEACH

New York's lowest

Two imposters posing as the city's finest robbed a man on Bay 29th Street on May 18 — taking \$450 and the man's cellphone.

The victim told the real police that he was leaving his friend's apartment between 86th Street and Benson Avenue at 2:45 pm when he was confronted by the two crooks wearing NYPD golden shields around their necks.

The thieves ordered the victim to lay on the hood of a car while they removed his valuables before fleeing.

Ransacked

A thief pillaged a 73rd Street apartment on May 17 — leaving it in shambles.

The victim told police that she left her home between 17th and 18th avenues to go to work at around 9 am, and returned later to find her front door open. Inside,

she found her apartment in shambles, with various draws and cabinets ransacked, and an unknown amount of property taken.

Bracelet bust

A crook stole a bracelet from a woman's Bay Ridge Parkway apartment on May 17.

The victim told police that she left her home between 20th and 21st avenues at 9:30 am, and when she returned, she found that the chain on her door had been locked from the inside and that she couldn't get in to her apartment.

When she finally managed to get inside, she found that her dresser drawer was left open and her golden bracelet was missing.

Knife to meet you

A knife-wielding thug slashed a man's arm on Cropsey Avenue on May 19 — following a heated argument that took a turn for the worst.

The victim told police that he was between 19th Avenue and Bay 22nd Street at around 8:20 pm, where he and the blade-toting goon got into a disagreement.

Eventually, the crook drew his weapon and slashed the victim's left arm.

Jewelry heist

A thief robbed a 21st Avenue apartment on May 17, taking jewelry.

The victim told police that the crook entered his apartment between 76th and 77th streets through the front door sometime after 7:20 am, taking various jewelry.

MacBook procured

A thief stole a pair of diamond earrings and a laptop from an 85th Street house on May 17.

The victim told police that she left her home between 19th and 20th avenues at 10 am, and returned later to find her living room window ajar. Inside, she found that she was missing her earrings and MacBook Pro.

Big steal

A crook burglarized a Bay Seventh Street apartment on May 19, taking around \$10,000 worth of electronics and jewelry.

The victim told police that she left her home between Bath and Benson avenues at 9:30 pm, and returned later to find that her front door was damaged and the lock had been removed. She then discovered her items missing.

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Parking problems

A 26-year-old man was arrested for attacking another man's car on Ocean Avenue on May 20 — because he wanted the driver's parking spot.

The victim told police that he was in his car, which was parked near Parkside Avenue, with two other passengers at 8:55 pm when the suspect and four other men began yelling at him to move the car.

Eventually, the suspect and his cohorts began kicking and punching the victim's car, with the suspect going so far as to jump on to the hood and kick the windshield repeatedly, officials said.

Closet case

Cops arrested an 18-year-old man for robbing a private parking garage on E. 18th Street on April 16.

The suspect admitted to police that he entered the garage between Newkirk and Foster avenues at around 10 pm, and took more than \$1,000 from a closet.

Wino

A 48-year-old man was arrested for striking another man with a wine bottle on Marlborough Road on May 18, after ramming the victim's car with his 1998 Mercedes Benz.

The victim told police that he was near Beverly Road at 3 pm when the suspect rear-ended his BMW, causing him to spin into three other parked vehicles. The suspect then allegedly grabbed an unopened wine bottle and struck the victim on his neck.

Jewel thief

Police arrested a 25-year-old man who they say robbed an E. 27th Street apartment back on Jan. 16 — and threw a tenant down a flight of stairs in the process.

The victim told police that she was returning to her apartment between Avenues N and O at 6 pm, when she and her husband found a man ransacking their bedroom.

When the intruder tried to flee, one of the victims attempted to detain him and ended up being thrown down a flight of stairs, cops said. The suspect took jewelry and designer sunglasses, cops said.

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BERGEN BEACH**Tough girl**

Police arrested a 22-year-old woman who they say robbed a man on Flatbush Avenue on May 17 — taking the man's cellphone.

The victim told police that he was between Avenues T and U at 1 pm when the woman began punching him in the face. She then snagged the phone from his hand and fled, said cops.

— Colin Mixson

Man gets 41 years for posing as dead mom

A man accused of dressing up like his dead mother in a harebrained attempt to keep his Park Slope home was sentenced to 41 years in prison on Monday.

Thomas Prusik Parkin was facing 83 years for scamming the federal government out of more than \$44,000 in Social Security benefits meant for his deceased mother, who died in 2003.

Judge Vincent Del Giudice said he couldn't believe Prusik Parkin's elaborate charade.

"It borders on the ludicrous that you expected to get away with it," Del Giudice said.

Prusik Parkin has been jailed for nearly three years since his arrest in 2009. He refused to plead guilty and demanded a trial, which ended earlier this month with a guilty conviction.

Prosecutors claim that Parkin dressed up like his dead mother to keep his house from foreclosure.

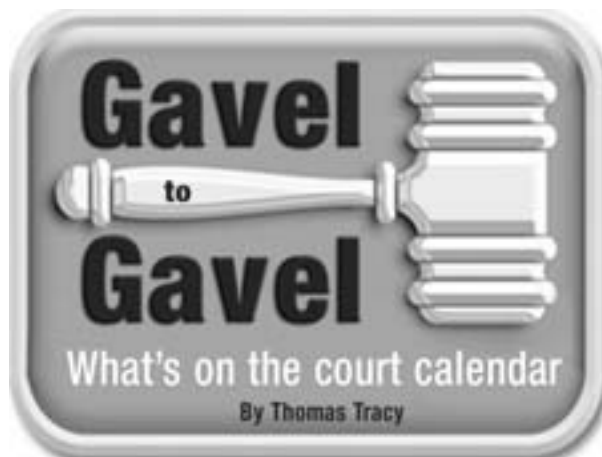
Irene Prusick, who died at 73, deeded the home on Sixth Avenue near 12th Street to Parkin, but the failed entrepreneur soon couldn't make the \$200,000 mortgage he took out on the home after a real estate venture he was working on failed, investigators said.

The house went into foreclosure and was purchased by Samir Chopra at auction.

But instead of mourning his mother's death, Prusik Parkin allegedly seized the opportunity, as well as the elderly woman's wardrobe, prosecutors claimed.

Pretending to be his mother, he filed several lawsuits against Chopra claiming that the deed he had purchased, the one with her "son's" name on it, had been forged.

He propagated the fraud further by collecting monthly Social Security benefits for his deceased mother over six



years, as well as an additional \$65,000 in rental assistance from the city's Human Resource Agency.

Prosecutors allege that Prusick Parkin would apply for the assistance dressed in a wig, dark glasses, and his mother's clothes, or through a friend who pretended to be Prusick's "concerned nephew."

25 years for disgraced cop

A dishonored NYPD cop who pleaded guilty to helping a robbery crew commit more than 100 heists was sentenced to 25 years in prison on May 9.

Emmanuel Tavarez, an eight-year veteran of the

NYPD, admitted that he was part of a crooked team that raided known drug dens throughout the city and Philadelphia.

The thieves would suit up in their NYPD regalia, force their way inside, and "arrest" drug traffickers. They would restrain their victims "with handcuffs, rope, and duct tape," and make off with cash and drugs, according to court documents.

"In addition, crew members often brandished firearms or physically assaulted their victims," federal prosecutors claim.

The robberies began as early as 2001. The crew of 15 was ultimately brought to justice in March 2009, but not before netting more than 250 kilograms of cocaine and \$1 million in drug proceeds, prosecutors charge.

Tavarez, a Queens housing cop, was the only member of the violent robbery crew with any affiliation to the NYPD.

But Tavarez's badge gave the crew an amazing amount of legitimacy — especially when he flashed it around moments before handcuffing his victims.

Tavarez was also responsible for supplying his teammates with NYPD jackets, equipment, and doctored search warrants to make the robberies, at least at the outset, appear to be part of an official investigation, prosecutors said.

Tavarez decided to plead guilty after realizing the "crushing weight" of the evidence prosecutors had against him, defense attorney Raymond Colon explained. More than five members of the crew had already pleaded guilty — and some were going to testify for the prosecution.

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Sheepshead Bay Republican wants to succeed Rep. Ed Towns

BY DANIEL BUSH

A Republican Sheepshead Bay T-shirt maker has his sights set on taking over a longtime Democratic congressional seat that now contains conservative-leaning neighborhoods such as Marine Park and Bergen Beach.

"My odds are really good now," Alan Bellone said about succeeding Rep. Ed Towns (D-Canarsie). "Republicans have a shot to take this seat."

Bellone, who owns A Stitch Above in Downtown and ran unsuccessfully against Assemblywoman Helene Weinstein (D-Sheepshead Bay) in 2008 and 2010, said the seat could be his because residents in neighborhoods added to Towns's expansive Central Brooklyn district earlier this year have backed Rep. Bob Turner (R-Sheepshead Bay) and GOP state senate



Ed Towns

candidate David Storobin.

The 49-year-old father of two also said he'll be the favorite in Southern Brooklyn.

"Knowing those neighborhoods will give me an advantage," said Bellone, who's launching his candidacy later this month and promised to focus his energies on jobs, housing, and education if he's elected.

Bellone will be going up against either Assemblyman Hakeem Jeffries (D-Fort Greene) or Councilman

Charles Barron (D-Canarsie), who are squaring off in the June 26 Democratic primary. Towns represented Central Brooklyn for more than a quarter of a century before announcing his retirement last month.

Southern Brooklyn has long been considered a democratic stronghold, but that changed last fall when Turner beat Assemblyman David Weprin in the race to replace former Democrat Rep. Anthony Weiner. Republican David Storobin beat Councilman Lew Fidler (D-Marine Park) in an extremely close special election to replace prison-bound ex-pol Carl Kruger last week. The vote was so close a recount has been ordered.

Brooklyn Republican Party Chairman Craig Eaton said the GOP will back Bellone in the hopes of scoring another upset.

"We're going to be spending a lot of time and effort on this race," Eaton said.

Southern Brooklyn politicians said a strong Republican challenger could beat the Democratic nominee in Southern Brooklyn — especially since Jeffries and Barron have no connections to those neighborhoods.

"Southern Brooklyn residents don't want liberals," said Democratic District Leader Michael Geller (D-Sheepshead Bay). "People are looking for alternatives."

Still, Bellone has an uphill climb: he hasn't raised any money for his congressional run.

He also managed to capture a pitiful 21 percent of the vote against Weinstein two years ago after spending less than \$1,000 on his Assembly campaign.

Jeffries has just under \$400,000 cash on hand.



GOP HOPE: Republican Sheepshead Bay T-shirt maker Alan Bellone says he has what it takes to win a general election for retiring Rep. Ed Towns's congressional seat. Photo by Steve Solomonson

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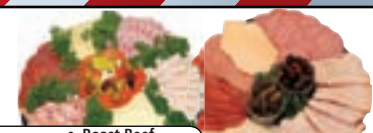
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Dog lovers bark over bused-in pups

Dyker residents complain outsiders bring violent hounds to their dog run

BY WILL BREDDERMAN

Professional dog walkers are ferrying pooches into the Dyker Beach Park dog run from all corners of the borough and ruining the leash-free lot for local canines, say pup-owning residents who are getting tired of the interlopers.

Neighbors say hired dog walkers often exceed the posted three-pup-per-person limit at the bark park at the corner of Seventh Avenue and 86th Street — sometimes bringing more than a dozen at a time — which they claimed causes crowding and nasty dogfights.

Bonnie Diaz, who lives across the street from the run, said that a group of pooches being overseen by professional dog walker Beth Sampson — who admitted that she trucks in dogs from Ditmas Park — once ganged up on her pet Marley.

Today, Marley takes off whenever Sampson or another dog-sitter arrives with a crew, Diaz said.

“The second somebody pulls up with a lot of dogs, I leave,” Diaz said, adding that the walkers tend to group around the picnic tables by the entrance, making it tough at times to escape without some kind of trouble.

James Gheida of Bensonhurst, who’s been visiting the run for nearly eight years, said that the privately-hired dog-sitters often bring as many as 18 animals to the park at a time, forcing him and his dog Woody to the far corners of the fenced-in lot — or

out of it entirely.

“I don’t want to stick around. There’s no way they can control that many dogs,” said Gheida, adding that he’s seen packs of the animals attack single dogs that were at the lot with their owners and reported the incidents to Community Board 10.

CB10 District Manager Josephine Beckmann said she’s heard plenty of complaints like Gheida’s every month.

“People are saying dog walkers bring in huge groups of dogs and that many of them are vicious,” said Beckmann, adding that residents are further infuriated because 311 doesn’t accept complaints about dog-on-dog violence.

A 311 representative con-

firmed that the city helpline only responds to reports of dog attacks on people, but couldn’t explain why.

But professional dog walkers said the charges against them are untrue.

Sampson confessed that she often brings five or six dogs to the park, but vets her animals for personality problems before bringing them inside the dog run. She also says her dogs never fight with the other canines.

Keeping the peace among her pooches is essential to staying in business, she said.

“If the dogs come back to their owners with marks from fighting, you aren’t going to be a dog walker for long,” Sampson said.

Another professional dogwalker — who refused to give her name — said she brings dogs to Dyker Beach



DOGFIGHT: The Dyker Beach Park dog run has become the site of clashes between neighborhood dog owners and professional pooch walkers — not to mention between the animals themselves.

Photo by Derrick Lytle

Park from Park Slope, but said she hires helpers to manage the animals.

She says she never had a problem controlling her pack, suggesting that some dog owners mistake loud

play for violence.

“They hear barking and growling and see them chasing each other and they think the dogs are fighting,” she said. “Really, they’re just having fun.”

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LOOKS HEAVY: U.S. Marshall Kenny Torres poses with a battering ram at this year's career day, presented to Muslim kids by NYPD, FBI, and Homeland Security officials at Kingsborough College.

Photo by Stefano Giovannini

Enforcing good behavior

BY ELI ROSENBERG

Top guns from the NYPD, the FBI, the Department of Homeland Security, and the U.S. Marshalls showed off their gear and technology to about 400 children on May 19 in Manhattan Beach in an effort created to win the hearts and minds of the city's Muslim population — but unlike last year's event, the security brass left their guns at home this year.

Children last year got to check out such advanced weaponry as a bazooka, but the kids who attended this year's event — the majority of whom were brought to the event by Islamic schools

and institutions — only got to check out such technology as underwater gear from the FBI's immersion unit, a presidential-style armored limo, and a metal battering ram from the U.S. Marshalls.

Organizers said the event was a smashing success, even though the weaponry was toned down.

"The youth, they enjoyed the things brought here and I think it was fun for them and everybody," said Hassan Raza, the program director at the Council of People's Organization, a Midwood-based group that works with South Asian immigrants and organized

the event for the second year in a row.

"The purpose was to bridge the gap between these agencies and the Muslim youth so our youth can be part of the system here."

The NYPD has come under fire this year for a controversial program of surveillance in Muslim communities as far away as New Jersey, but Raza argued that the organization was not at odds with the Muslim community.

"Muslims should be part of all these agencies — when they are part of the agencies they can minimize the misunderstandings, and it will help," he said.

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French hail WWII vet for saving them

Norman Wasserman gets Medal of Honor for his service during Battle of the Bulge

BY NATALIE O'NEILL

Better late than never.

A well-meaning group of soldier-boosters from France awarded a Brooklyn Heights World War II veteran a prestigious medal of honor — 68 years after he fought to save their country.

Norman Wasserman, 87, received a coveted French Legion of Honor award last week for fighting Nazis in one of the war's bloodiest battles, surviving sniper bullets, bombs, and land mines — not to mention a post-war career in public relations — before taking home the honor.

The medal symbolizes “France’s infinite gratitude and appreciation” for his bravery, according to the Consulat General De France.

“It feels wonderful — it was a very touching ceremony,” Wasserman said.

Wasserman helped Allied troops as a teenager during the notorious Battle of the Bulge by watching for the flash of gunfire

and using hidden microphones to listen for the sound of enemy artillery.

The six-week offensive by German forces took place on a frozen chunk of ground in Luxembourg, France, and Belgium, resulting in nearly 90,000 American casualties.

War vet Ed Marinello, who served in Wasserman’s battalion, said the award is important despite its tardy arrival.

“It means a lot — he was a great soldier and we were really in the thick of it,” he said.

An official from Consulat General De France didn’t return calls seeking comment.

Wasserman said the medal’s timing is linked to the now-more-friendly relationship between the United States and France.

And Marinello — who is also in his eighties — said it’s good the French finally got around to it.

“They probably want to recognize us while we’re still around,” he said.



A LITTLE LATE: The French awarded Norman Wasserman a medal of honor for his service in World War II — only seven decades late!
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HORSESHOE ARENA: The Barclays Center's seating chart for the Islanders vs. Devils preseason game shows a horseshoe configuration where hundreds of seats would be off-limits. Barclayscenter.com

BARCLAYS U-TURN

Experts: New arena on thin ice for hockey

BY DANIEL BUSH
The Barclays Center will debut an unconventional horseshoe-shaped seating configuration for a preseason hockey game this fall — raising questions about whether the undersized arena could truly accommodate an NHL franchise.

A dozen sections behind one of the goals will be closed off when the Islanders take on the hated New Jersey Devils on Oct. 2, according to a seating chart that shows what hockey might look like in a \$1-billion arena that would be the smallest stadium in the National Hockey League and the only arena without wrap-around seating.

The Islanders are in the hunt for a new home when its lease at the Nassau Coliseum ends in 2015 — but the team could be forced to relocate sooner if an asbestos cleanup at the remote, 40-year-old venue stretches beyond the start of the

hockey season this fall. A deal with the league requires the Islanders to play on Long Island, which includes Brooklyn at its western tip. But a move to the future home of the Brooklyn Nets is anything but a sure shot, considering the 18,000-seat Barclays Center can only fit 14,500 fans during hockey games — and none behind one of the goals.

Still, some sports experts say the under-construction arena on Flatbush and Atlantic avenues remains the leading option for the squad, claiming the cramped quarters and odd seating arrangement may benefit a team that only averaged 11,000 spectators per game last year.

"It eliminates some very viable seats especially in the lower half of the venue," said Ray Katz, a managing partner of Source1 Sports and a Flatbush native who teaches sports management at Columbia Univer-

sity. "But it wouldn't be the worst thing in the world for that team to have limited seating. It would still be a great thing for Brooklyn." The team could even turn lemons into iced lemonade by using some of the arena's dead space to sell ads and merchandise, Katz said. But the horseshoe-shaped seating configuration might make the stadium look empty on TV — and its effects could be felt on the ice as well. During games, one goalie would face fans across the rink while the other would look out onto an empty space behind the opposing net — similar to the center field backdrop in baseball — that could cut down on distractions, said sports consultant Michael Neuman. Nets spokesman Barry Baum confirmed the seating arrangement, but declined to provide further details.

BEASTIE BOY NAME GAME

Push is on to rename Downtown park after Brooklyn-born rapper Adam 'MCA' Yauch

BY ELI ROSENBERG
No sleep till ... Brooklyn Heights music lovers rename a park to honor recently deceased Beastie Boy Adam Yauch.

That's the mission of a group of Heights residents who are demanding the city change the name of Squibb Park to pay tribute to MCA, a beloved rapper and native son who passed away on May 4 at the age of 47, rather than a 19th-century pharmaceutical innovator.

The Beastie backers, whose efforts began in the comments section of the Brooklyn Heights Blog, say it makes perfect sense to change the name of the tiny recreation area by the Promenade, considering the monikers of other parks in the neighborhood.

"It would be a fitting tribute to name it after Brooklyn Heights native, musician, [and] humanitarian Adam Yauch," supporters wrote on Facebook. "Adam Yauch Park sits directly across the street

from the Harry Chapin Playground, which is also named after a great Brooklyn Heights resident, musician, and humanitarian."

The group has garnered more than 450 "likes," proving plenty of Heights music lovers support renaming the open space, which boasts a small skate park and will one day serve as the entryway for a bridge linking Brooklyn Heights with Brooklyn Bridge Park.

But other Squibb Park neighbors say it's impossible to honor one community legend without dishonoring another: inventor and pharmaceutical pioneer Dr. Edward Robinson Squibb, who opened his first laboratory on the site of the green space.

"While it may be appropriate to honor Brooklyn Heights native son Adam Yauch, renaming Squibb Park may not be the right opportunity," said Rob Perris, the district manager of Community Board 2.

Yauch was born in the borough in 1964 and raised in Brooklyn



LICENSE TO BE REMEMBERED: Some want to name Squibb Park in honor of Beastie Boy rapper Adam "MCA" Yauch (far right).

Heights before attending Murrow High School in Midwood, helping found the Beastie Boys, and changing the course of modern music.

Squibb was born in Delaware

in 1819 and served as Navy surgeon during the Mexican-American War before campaigning to make medicines more pure, setting up a lab in Brooklyn Heights, finding a

better way to distill ether, and establishing the company that is now Bristol-Myers Squibb before his death in 1900.

That's a legacy that must be remembered, said Julie Golia, the public historian at the Brooklyn Historical Society.

"Honoring an emcee is catchy and interesting, but Brooklyn has a long history as an innovator in the pharmaceutical industry," Golia said. "That may not sound sexy but it's pretty significant in all of our lives."

Squibb's work kick-started the borough's pharmaceutical industry and his creations helped a nation dealing with the physical ravages of the Civil War — but his creative output isn't as cherished as MCA's, according to some Promenade visitors.

"Pharmaceuticals?" said Brad Buehring when informed of Squibb's legacy. "Doesn't seem as important as what MCA contributed to the world."

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Canarsie HS axes football coach

BY ZACH BRAZILLER

Canarsie football coach Mike Camardese has been sacked!

The 56-year-old coach and retired physical education teacher who led the Canarsie Chiefs for nearly three decades was given an unsatisfactory rating by school administrators and dismissed on May 7.

A job opening for a new coach has been posted, but a replacement has yet to be named. Junior varsity coach Joseph Brown is running spring practices, sources say.

Today, Camardese can't walk two steps without being stopped by a student who's heard the news.

The longtime Canarsie football coach said he just smiles and nods when a student walks up to console him.

"It's like a funeral around here," he said.

But the mourning may soon end: Camardese, the longest-tenured and most

victorious football coach in the city, said he's appealing the unsatisfactory rating with the United Federation of Teachers, but that could take up to eight months.

Camardese declined to elaborate on the basis of his unsatisfactory rating, claiming that it could hurt his appeal. He did say his dismissal had to do with "little irrelevant things."

"It's no scandal," he said. "It's all nonsense."

Camardese has been faulted for having alumni in the locker room with the team. He's also been blamed for allowing assistant coaches to park in unauthorized parking spots.

Canarsie High School Athletic Director Dale Wilson referred all comments to Department of Education spokesperson Margie Feinberg. Feinberg wouldn't comment on Camardese's personnel record.

Camardese said Canarsie High School has changed ever since it was phased out

and turned into a series of smaller schools known as the Canarsie Educational Campus.

The coach claims he's butted heads with new school administrators on a variety of issues since the new campus opened.

"For 30 years I never had a problem with anybody," said Camardese, who led the Chiefs to four city championship games — the last one in 2007 — and prepared countless athletes for college teams, including NFL players Leon Williams and Lance Schulters.

"I'm here for the kids. It's the kids who are getting hurt."

Camardese said the athletic budget was virtually taken away and the program only remained alive because of donations from the Canarsie Chiefs Parent Football Club.

Club president Joan Boreland was stunned that coach Camardese had been let go.



ARE "U" KIDDING ME?: Canarsie High School football coach Mike Camardese plans to fight the U rating school administrators gave him in the hopes of retaining his position. Photo by An Rong Xu

"I've known him since 2004 and he's always looked out for the kids, always did right by them," she said. "To me, that's all that matters."

There isn't a single par-

ent of a football player that isn't upset with the news, Boreland said, adding that several parents were looking into taking their children out of the school.

Like Camardese, the

parents are unhappy with the current administration, Boreland said.

"This administration has not proven to me to be supportive of student athletes," she said.

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Golfers toast Marine Park rehab

BY COLIN MIXSON

Let there be golf.

Borough President Markowitz spoke at the Marine Park Golf Course before an audience of civic and business leaders on May 15, using characteristically optimistic language to describe the borough's future at a reception flaunting the renovations that continue to enhance the city's largest

public golf course.

"The Marine Park Golf Course is the 'people's golf course' and Brooklyn's very own public country club," said Markowitz. "In a sport known for attracting the elite, this green jewel in south Brooklyn makes it possible for the average working man or woman to learn the game, and, thanks to the new renovations, the

greens have been transformed into one of the premier courses in New York City. And who knows — the golf legends of tomorrow may be hitting the links at the Marine Park Golf Course today."

The course renovations, which are scheduled to be completed within the next three to four years, seek to add a country club aes-

thetic to the public course, and there are hopes that the course will become the future home to world-class golf tournaments.

"Better golfers right now will get in their car and leave Brooklyn to go to Long Island, and our goal is to keep them close to home and keep those dollars in Brooklyn," said golf course co-owner Adam Giordano.

PUTTER PARTY!: (Above) Borough President Markowitz tests out his swing while (far left) Christine and Kyle Dugan of Cobble Hill have a bite to eat and (center) Fred Ranzoni of Park Slope and Tanja Odom of Canarsie toast the Marine Park Golf Course's rehab.

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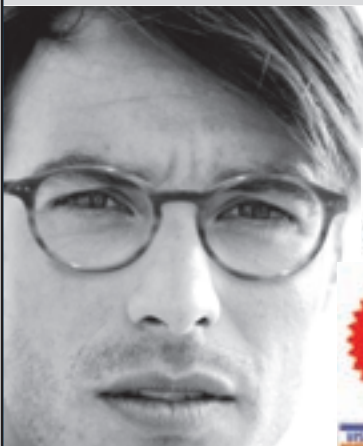
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The bold and the beautiful: Members of Company XIV flaunt their burlesque-style costumes for "Judge Me Paris," a burlesque opera about a beauty contest among the divine. Photos by Corey Tatarczuk

SOPRANOS IN STOCKINGS

Greek mythical opera, 'Judge Me Paris,' gets burlesque infusion

By Colin Mixson

Is it classy burlesque, or saucy opera?

Don't be surprised if the "fat lady" is a sultry 20-something and her "Viking armor" is more lacy than it is lance-proof, in Company XIV's "Judge Me Paris," an opera infused with a contemporary burlesque aesthetic, directed by Austin McCormick and hitting Bond Street starting May 17.

"The costumes are so much fun to dance in, there's so much sparkle on that stage," said Laura Careless, who plays Helen of Troy. "For the dancers, we're mostly in stylized underwear, so we have a lot of freedom of movement and the audience has a lot of freedom of vision."

This sexy opera is an interpretation of the classic Greek myth, "The Judgement of Paris," which begins at a divine wedding bash hosted by Zeus, in honor of Peleus and Thetis' engagement, to which all gods, goddesses, heroes, and demigods are invited — all except for Eris, the trouble-making Goddess of Strife.

Eris, true to her nature, decides to avenge herself for Zeus's social slight by sending the golden "Apple of Discord" to the banquet, which she inscribes with the words, "For the fairest." A squabble ensues between Juno, Venus, and



He's judging you judging me: Jeff Takacs as Zeus looks on at Sean Gannon as the divinely picked Paris, and Amber Youell as Zeus's wife Juno, in "Judge Me Paris."

Pallas Athena, who all presume themselves the prime divas of divinity and, as a result, history's first beauty pageant ensues, to which Zeus appoints the eminently honest Trojan, Paris, as arbiter.

All of this happens as Helen — the beauty that launched

a thousand battleships — watches.

"The action on stage bleeds into the action in the changing area and vice versa, so for me I'm viewing the action as a 3000-year-old Helen who has seen Troy burn to the ground, partly because of her, and then I re-enter that story as a sort of apocalyptic character," said Careless.

The ancient myth has been retold countless times throughout history, but never quite like this. McCormick, who specializes in the Baroque style of dance, has made a habit of injecting burlesque styles into his more recent productions, and "Judge Me Paris" is no exception.

And the burlesque additions may be most obvious in the opera's costume design, but the set design also evokes a burlesque aesthetic and, in a novel twist, the changing room is actually on stage.

"In reference to the iconic burlesque costuming and props, we've designed the show so that everything is exposed; you see the back stage changing areas, the costume changes, and the choreography is designed to be in line with the art of the striptease," said McCormick. "You will see some skin, that I can promise."

"Judge Me Paris" at 303 Bond Street Theater [303 Bond St. between Union and Sackett streets in Carroll Gardens, (800) 838-3006, www.companyxiv.com] May 17–May 27, 8 pm. \$40.

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Louisiana boil

By Eli Rosenberg

Come grub some mudbugs! Sycamore Bar and Flowershop in Ditmas Park is throwing a Louisiana-style crawfish boil to kick off the summer and celebrate the end of the fishing season for the cajun crustaceans — but don't expect to go hungry eating the small creatures.

"We order like 300 to 350 pounds of live crawfish from a farm in Louisiana," said Justin Israelson, the owner of Sycamore, who grew up with the boils in Texas. "We'll be serving them in buckets."

The buckets of the small creatures, which look like miniature lobsters and are referred to lovingly as "mudbugs" due to fresh water and often swampy areas they thrive in, will be paired with Louisiana-based Abita beer.

And you might meet some transplanted Southern-folk-turned-Brooklynites while you're at it.

"The people that show up are the Texas and Louisiana people who come out of the woodwork to do their thing," said Israelson. "It's all about the party at a crawfish boil, if you do it back at home, people just eat a few just to have a good time."

The Crawfish Boil at Sycamore Bar and Flowershop [1118 Cortelyou Rd. between Westminister Road and East 11th Street in Ditmas Park (347) 240-5850, www.sycamorebrooklyn.com] June 2 at 2pm. \$25.

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Trip wires

By Daniel Bush

Think globally, surf the Internet locally. The web is controlled by brick-and-mortar networks that could break down if savvy users start shopping for web service the same way that they do for food, Wired journalist

Andrew Blum argues in his new book, "Tubes: A Journey to the Center of the Internet."

"I wouldn't rule out the idea of a Park Slope Internet Coop, not in the next year or two but in the future," said Blum, a Prospect Heights resident who's reading from his forthcoming book at the Greenlight Bookstore in Fort Greene on May 30.

Blum became interested in the Internet's infrastructure after discovering that little had been written about the physical system of fiber optic cables, regional hubs, and massive international Internet exchange points that power the World Wide Web.

"The web is a network of networks that have to be physically connected," Blum said. "'Tubes' is a travel book to the Internet."

To research his behind-the-scenes expose on the oft forgotten physical side of the Internet industry, Blum visited Google and Facebook's data centers, the Los Angeles room where the web sprang to life, and a fiber optic cable hub in Portugal that connects Europe to West Africa, among other places.

Andrew Blum, "Tubes: A Journey to the Center of the Internet," at Greenlight Bookstore [686 Fulton St. at South Portland Street in Fort Greene, (718) 246-0200, www.greenlightbookstore.com]. May 30 at 7:30 pm. Free.

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Flute duo from the future

By Eli Rosenberg

These flutes have cut loose from the classical scene and are throwing a party.

A duo of flutists who call themselves Flutronix are spurning their classical roots in favor of electronically inflected flute tunes that sound more like scores from the future than traditional flute concertos.

"Our roots are really classically oriented," said Nathalie Joachim, one half of the group which will perform on June 2 in Clinton Hill. "But we are lovers of more than just flute music. We're into hip-hop and indie rock and R&B and we try to bring all those flavors into what we do. It's flute music that's not just for flute players."

Not that the flutists, who compose the industrial beats they then play flute over, don't have classical pasts.

Nathalie Joachim studied at the Julliard School and her counterpart Allison Loggins-Hull works with the Brooklyn Philharmonic — but they say that the versatility of the flute facilitates such genre cross-over that is surprising for an instrument typically thought of in one light.

"The flute lends itself to lots of different sounds," said



Nathalie Joachim and Allison Loggins-Hull of Flutronix will bring their unique blend of electronic music and classically trained flutes to Free Candy on Atlantic Avenue.

Courtesy of Flutronix

Joachim. "There's a particular thing about the flute's sound waves that blend well.

We really are able to recreate the sounds that electronic musicians love."

Flutronix, which is based in Crown Heights, will play a show alongside a few other musicians — and a handful of hip-hop DJs — at Freecandy, an artspace in the burgeoning arts community around Clinton Hill, Crown Heights and Bedford-Stuyvesant, a

location choice they say was conscious.

"There's been a huge resurgence of culture in Prospect Heights, Clinton Hill, Bed-Stuy and Crown Heights but there is a void in that area of live music venues," said Joachim.

"We want to make it a big party, because that's what we're all about!"

Flutronix at Freecandy (905 Atlantic Ave. between Grand Avenue and St. James Place in Clinton Hill, www.freecandy.tv). June 2 at 9 pm, \$10.

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Sound artist tunes in to mother nature's music

By Natalie O'Neill

If Mother Earth got a record deal, her hit single would sound like this.

A radical sound engineer is exploring how humans connect with the earth by recording nature's soundtrack — then using dance movements to

morph audio frequencies and images, creating a piece of art that merges body, light, sound, and stage.

"When the surface area of her body shifts, so does the sound," explained audio artist Liz Phillips. "The idea is that your presence has an effect on other things."

The performance — which includes video footage and audio from a stunning wildlife sanctuary — showcases

a dancer that activates a sound with each gesture using an old-school synthesizer. Phillips is teaming up with Mariko Endo Reynolds, a Japanese Butoh dancer, whose graceful and controlled movements "act as a human antennae."

The multi-media performance includes pre-recorded sounds of bamboo cracking, water hitting rocks, and raindrops pounding. It also features impromptu audio using radio frequencies and video footage on a dome-shaped screen.

"We're really tuning in to nature's rhythms," Phillips said.

Biyuu at Roulette [509 Atlantic Ave. at Third Avenue in Downtown, (917) 267-0363, www.roulette.org] June 2-3 at 8 pm. Tickets \$10.



The sound of movement: Liz Phillips's interactive installation combines dancing with sounds and video footage from nature.

Courtesy of Liz Phillips

Kentucky grass

By Will Bredderman

Talk about Southern comfort.

The true story of a cartel of Kentucky-fried marijuana growers who fell prey to the largest weed bust in American history — a story that took author James Higdon from his adopted home in Williamsburg back to the hills of his native state — is one of the featured books at a WORD bookstore event in Greenpoint, May 30.

At the heart of "Cornbread Mafia" is Johnny Boone, who used his skills as a tobacco farmer and moonshiner to become the reputed "King of Pot" — until he was caught with an estimated 182 tons of marijuana in 1987, taking with him several parents of the author's second-grade classmates.

"Suddenly the parents of kids I went to school with were going to jail, and I didn't understand why," Higdon said.

Almost 20 years later Higdon met Boone — released from prison in 2002 — who was initially unwilling to talk.

"It took 14 months to get him to come on the record," recalled Higdon. And the triumph was short-lived.

In 2008, Boone was caught growing marijuana again and, looking at a life in prison without parole, fled from justice. Higdon, meanwhile, was left staring at a federal subpoena and a potential 18 months in jail for refusing to testify about a location where he had met with the backwoods druglord.

"I was ready to go through with it and do the time for contempt of court," Higdon said. Fortunately, the author's attorney got him off the hook.

Higdon said authorities are still searching for Boone.

"He could be in some international locale with no extradition treaty with America, or he could be 15 miles from home," said Higdon, noting that the ex-con had plenty of time to make connections during his decade and a half in prison.

James Higdon, "Corbread Mafia," at WORD [126 Franklin St. at the corner of Milton Street in Greenpoint, (718) 383-0096, www.wordbrooklyn.com]. May 30 at 7 pm. Free. RSVP first.

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BROOKLYN EATS

FOOD FOR THE LIGHTHEARTED

Star chef adds twists to traditional Italian meals

By Sarah Zorn

Transforming traditional dishes into haute cuisine can be a tightrope act. Michelin-starred chef Antonio Morichini — formerly of Bottega de Vino in Manhattan and Acquolina and Glass Hosteria in Rome — is currently walking the line at Bevacco in Brooklyn Heights, finding a happy medium between highfalutin Italianate experiments (deconstructed lasagna with basil gelee and ricotta foam perhaps?) and tried-and-true war horses like chicken parmigiana.

“My food is a step ahead of conservative and a step behind innovation,” Morichini said. “It reflects the Italian tradition because it’s simple and fresh, but is open to new technology and techniques.”

At one-year-old eatery Bevacco, that might mean smoky, grilled octopus over warm potato salad and panzanella-stuffed cherry tomatoes, homemade gluten-free tomato gnocchi with asparagus flan, eggplant croquettes, and parmigiano fondue, or the house-special branzino skewers, threaded on fresh spears of asparagus and sided with vibrant, beet-infused mashed potatoes.

“We make everything in-house, from



Beet these potatoes: Chef Antonio Morichini holds a branzino skewer with beet mashed potatoes, sautéed spinach, asparagus and green pea sauce at Bevacco in Brooklyn Heights. Photo by Elizabeth Graham

foccacia to pasta to dessert, and our food is very light,” Morichini said. “I always say my job as a chef finishes the day after your dinner — if you feel great, you come back to my restaurant. If you have heartburn for two days after, you say forget it.”

One taste of Morichini’s branzino skewers and you’ll have to agree — Bevacco definitely warrants a return trip.

Bevacco [60 Henry St. between Orange and Cranberry Streets in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 624-1444].

BRANZINO SKEWERS WITH SPINACH, BEET MASHED POTATOES, AND PEA SAUCE

Courtesy of Chef Antonio Morichini • Serves 4

INGREDIENTS

For the fish skewer:

- Branzino or striped bass, one 10 oz filet portion per serving
- 8 spears of medium asparagus
- 2 red peppers, cored and cut into wide strips
- 1 red onion, halved and cut into strips
- 8 fresh bay leaves
- Extra-virgin olive oil
- Flour for light dusting

DIRECTIONS

Pre-heat oven to 360 degrees.

Discard the skin from the fish filets. With a small, sharp knife, make a small hole in each fish filet, red pepper strip and onion strip.

Using the asparagus as a skewer, alternate fish, red pepper, onion and bay leaves.

Factor two skewers per person.

In an ovenproof pan, heat oil until just hot. Lightly dredge skewers in flour, gently shaking off any excess (this prevents the skewers

from sticking to the pan).

Cook one side lightly on top of stove, and finish in oven for six or seven minutes depending on thickness of fish.

INGREDIENTS

Sautéed Spinach:

- 1 pound of washed baby spinach
- 4 cloves of garlic, smashed
- 6 Tablespoons of extra virgin olive oil

DIRECTIONS

Heat oil in sauté pan with smashed cloves of garlic. When the garlic turns golden, remove and set aside. Add the spinach to the flavored oil and sauté until wilted.

INGREDIENTS

Beet Mashed Potatoes:

- 1 pound Idaho potatoes
- 1 small boiled or roasted red beet, peeled
- 2 ounces of grated parmesan cheese
- 6 ounces of milk
- 2 ounces of butter

DIRECTIONS

Boil potatoes until tender.

Combine and heat milk and butter until warm (do not boil).

Place potatoes, beet, milk, butter and cheese in food processor.

Pulse until smooth.

INGREDIENTS

Green Pea Sauce:

- 2 shallots, chopped into fine dice
- 4 Tablespoons of extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 pound of fresh or frozen green peas
- 2 cups of vegetable stock
- One sprig of mint leaves

In a deep sauté pan, sauté shallot over low heat until translucent.

Add peas, vegetable stock to cover, mint, salt and pepper to taste.

When the peas are soft, blend all the ingredients and strain. This will be a concentrated sauce.

DIRECTIONS

Plate fish skewers with a serving of spinach and potatoes, and drizzle with pea sauce.



RESTAURANT GOSSIP

BY SARAH ZORN

Gowanus and Greenpoint get baked, Red Hook goes terminal, and Bay Ridge is done with the club scene but all about charcuterie in this week’s Blue Plate special of gossip!

Italian import: This news is hotter than a Calabrese sausage — an outpost of D.Colucchio and Sons is headed to 86th Street and Third Avenue in Bay Ridge. Chef Michael Kogan (of the nearby wine bar, The Owl’s Head,) informs us that he will be providing prepared goods for the renowned importer and distributor, which he expects will open in August. Just in time to winter-proof our pantry with, and plenty of high-quality olive oil!

’Neck of the woods: The guys behind Gowanus’ favorite new shuck shack are at it again, as Eater reveals that the Littleneck team (uber-restaurateur

when the first retail location of Pie Corps — a two-woman operation that’s quickly won over artisan food market-goers with quirky, sweet and savory flavor combinations — opens on Driggs Avenue in early June. Look for elevated creations like their chocolate pudding pie with rosemary caramel.

It takes a village: Grub Street reports that a 75,000 square foot event space called the Brooklyn Terminal Project will open along the Red Hook waterfront on June 3rd. The behemoth will boast a “killer sound system, world-class lighting, visuals and productions, and interactive art installations,” but they had us with their promise of a “food and vendor village.” Positively Smurfy!

Do does noodles: How will the down-the-rabbit-hole eatery, Do or Dine, celebrate its first anniversary? By recreating the original menu from David Chang’s Momofuku Noodle Bar, of course! Eater gets word that on June 3rd, the eccentric Bed Stuy boite will ditch cheddar and sour cream-topped potstickers, Dr. Pepper-glazed frogs legs, and banana split-pea soup for ramen, pork buns, and pickled radishes.



Legendary kitchen maestro Alan Harding is opening a new restaurant with his colleagues at Littleneck called “The Pines.”

Photo by Stefano Giovannini

Alan Harding included!) will open a land-lubbing restaurant called The Pines just down the street in early July. Angelo Romano — formerly of Roberta’s and the recently shuttered but well-reviewed Masten Lake — will head up the kitchen.

Set in stone: Go, go Gowanus — the up-and-coming foodie destination will soon have primo baked goods to go along with its lobster rolls and elk burgers. Eater reports that Smorgasburg favorite Runner and Stone (owned by Blue Ribbon Brasserie’s executive chef Chris Pizzuli, and former Per Se and Bouchon head baker, Peter Endriss) will be in brick-and-mortar business at 285 Third Ave. by summers end.

Pie-eyed: Greenpoint will also join the upper crust

Hold your likker: Fans of the delightfully oddball (but sadly shuttered) Queens Hideaway in Greenpoint have reasons anew to rejoice. Grub Street reports that owner Liza Queen will open Potlikker in Williamsburg on June 1st, serving food with “rural and working class roots.” Look for adventurous, regional eats seldom seen around these parts, like a beef-tongue reuben.

Something new: The 7,000 square foot Bay Ridge space that once housed Level nightclub (shut down in the wake of noise complaints from neighbors), and the never-got-off-the-ground Ibiza (which swiftly folded after being denied a liquor license by CB10), will see new life as Nouveau; a Spanish/Asian fusion eatery. Not exactly sure what cuisine “Pan-Roasted Salmon with Green Beans and Corn Tricky Sauce” falls under, but neighbors are bound to appreciate the recently installed soundproofing pointedly showcased on the restaurant’s Facebook page.

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EVENTS

FRI, MAY 25

WINNING BOOKS ON EXHIBIT:

Three students, Brooklyn students, who were awarded top honors in the 26th Annual Extra Jack Keats Bookmaking Competition will be on exhibit from May 2 to 31 at the Brooklyn Public Library. Brooklyn Public Library's Central branch [Flatbush Ave. at Eastern Parkway in Grand Army Plaza in Park Slope, (718) 230-2100], www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org/branch_library_detail.jsp?branchpageid=265.

FLEET WEEK: Celebrate the men and women in the US Armed Forces at the 25th annual gala. Participants climb aboard the tall ships, watch movies, and live entertainment; check the museum's fleet week calendar for a complete listing of all events. \$24 (\$20 seniors, students; \$19 youth 7-17; \$17 veterans; \$12 children 3-6; Free for Active Military and Retired US Military). 10 am-5 pm. The USS Intrepid [700 W. 46th St. at Twelfth Avenue in Midtown West, (212) 245-0072], www.intrepidmuseum.org.

ART, MARK TRIBE, RARE EARTH: Solo exhibition of works by Mark Tribe, video and print artist and performer, featuring photographs of lush landscapes found in contemporary video games and a video of a militia training ground in Upstate New York. Free. 6 pm - 9 pm opening reception. 12 pm - 6 pm. Momenta Art [56 Bogart Street in Bushwick, (718) 218-8058], www.momentaart.org.

FOOD, FOOD IS THE NEW SEX: Fondue Me — Cheese, Chocolate & Beer: Join us for SHAG's Food is the New Sex Series, hosted by Chef Carla Contreras (of Red Clog Kitchen). Taste hot gooey cheeses, warm dripping chocolate, and sweet toe-curling caramel... learn the exotic art of Fondue! \$75. 7pm. Shag [108 Roebling St, at N 6th St in Williamsburg, (347) 721-3302], shop.weloveshag.com.

THEATER, "A COMEDY OF ERRORS": Family friendly production of Shakespeare's play about mistaken identity, love and marriage. Theater 2020 uses actors and puppets in this fast paced 90 minute version of the classic. \$18. 8 pm. The Cranberry Street Theater Space [55 Cranberry

St. between Henry and Hicks streets in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 624-3614], theater2020.com.

ENTERTAINMENT, THE WATERFRONT FOLLIES, A WATERFRONT VAUDEVILLIAN STAGE: Singing sirens, soaring trapeze, seductive cabaret dancers, and other acts are featured at this return to the golden age of vaudeville, promising unexpected twists and turns. \$20. 10 pm. Galapagos Art Space [16 Main St. at Water Street in DUMBO, (718) 222-8500], www.galapagosartspace.com.

MUSIC, GALA BROOKLYN: 'Global Art = Local Art': Finding an uncommon cure for the common musical event, GALA Brooklyn presents an ambitious, genre-breaking and affordable performance series at the Brooklyn Lyceum. GALA Brooklyn is anchored and developed by the Juilliard-trained cellist and composer Mike Block. Hailed by Yo-Yo Ma as "The ideal 21st century musician," Block brings together diverse and talented artists from different countries and musical styles to find common ground in the language of music and creativity. \$15/Advance and \$18/At The Door. 10PM. Brooklyn Lyceum [227 Fourth Ave. at President Street in Park Slope, (718) 857-4816], www.brooklyn-lyceum.com.

SAT, MAY 26

TOUR, NAVY YARD TOUR: Tour Brooklyn's Navy Yard with the well-read folks from Urban Oyster, because one of the only places history has stopped repeating itself is the Navy Yard. \$18 and up. 1 pm, 2:30 pm. Brooklyn Navy Yard Center [63 Flushing Ave. in Navy Yard, (718) 907-5992], bldg92.org.

FLEET WEEK: 10 am-5 pm. See Friday, May 25.

CELEBRATE: 20th Anniversary Spring Pier Show: Join the Brooklyn Waterfront Artists coalition for a Saturday gallery tour, then come back Sunday for a performance by pianist Braxton Hicks. Come back June 17 for a performance by German vibraphone virtuoso Stefan Bauer. 3 pm. Brooklyn Waterfront Artists Coalition [499 Van Brunt St., near Reed Street in Red Hook, (718) 596-2506], www.bwac.org.



Brooklyn spirit: Delphine Fawundu will be one of the photographers present at the Brooklyn Museum's Block Party on June 2 — images of participants will be projected live at the event.

Photo by Delphine Fawundu

ART, MARK TRIBE, RARE EARTH: 6 pm - 9 pm opening reception. 12 pm - 6 pm. See Friday, May 25.

SUN, MAY 27

TOUR, NAVY YARD TOUR: 1 pm, 2:30 pm. See Saturday, May 26.

THEATER, "A COMEDY OF ERRORS": 3 pm. See Friday, May 25.

MUSIC, MUSICAL, "MY FAIR LADY": 3 pm. See Friday, May 25.

CONCERT, PIANIST CONCERT AT THE PIER: Pianist Braxton Hicks will be performing. Free. 3:00 pm. The Pier [499 Van Brunt Street in Gowanus, (718)-596-2506/7], www.BWAC.org.

MUSIC, BAROQUE BURLESQUE OPERA: 8 pm. See Friday, May 25.

PARK SLOPE FLEA MARKET: 8 am-6 pm. See Saturday, May 26.

WINNING BOOKS ON EXHIBIT: See Friday, May 25.

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND: 9 am-9 pm. See Saturday, May 26.

ART, BROOKLYN WATERFRONT ARTISTS COALITION PRESENTS "CELEBRATE": 1 pm. See Saturday, May 26.

DISCOVER TOUR: Take a walk with a naturalist and watch for animals while investigating little known facts about the park. Free. 3 pm. Prospect Park Audubon Center [Enter park at Lincoln Road and Ocean Avenue in Prospect Park, (718) 287-3400], www.prospectpark.org/audubon.

CELEBRATE: 20th Anniversary Spring Pier Show: 3 pm. See Saturday, May 26.

NYC ZOMBIE CRAWL INVADES BROOKLYN FOR ITS 6TH

YEAR! It's that time of year, the ground is thawing out and the zombies will rise once again! The NYC Zombie Crawl is taking over Williamsburg on Sunday, May 27th! This crawl event is presented by the new horror video game Resident Evil® 6 (in stores 10/2/12) and we'll have some trailers from the game and more surprises! This year also brings on Sailor Jerry Rum and Pabst Blue Ribbon for some great drink specials to be announced! Free, Over 21. 7 pm. Trash Bar [256 Grand Street, Brooklyn in Williamsburg], www.nyczombiecrawl.com.

MON, MAY 28

WINNING BOOKS ON EXHIBIT: See Friday, May 25.

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND: 9 am-9 pm. See Saturday, May 26.

145TH ANNUAL KINGS COUNTY MEMORIAL DAY PARADE: Celebrate those who served and sacrificed to protect America at the Memorial Day Parade. 11 am. Office of Councilman Vincent Gentile [8703 Third Avenue, between 87th and 88th streets in Bay Ridge, (917) 873-1508], www.brooklynmemorialdayparade.com.

BLACK VETERANS FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE, INC. ARE HOSTING BEDFORD STUYVESANT'S FIRST MEMORIAL DAY PARADE AND THE UNVEILING OF IT'S VETERANS' MEMORIAL: Opening ceremony at 11:30, steps off at 12 pm from 1360 Fulton Street in Restoration Promenade under the tent. Marching up Marcy Ave. to Willoughby Ave. turning on Willoughby and concluding at BVSJ

Memorial Dedication at 2 pm, at BVSJ Headquarters, 665 Willoughby Ave. Free. 11:30 am. Restoration Promenade [1360 Fulton Street in Bedford Stuyvesant, (718) 852-6004 ext 263].

MEMORIAL DAY AT GREEN-WOOD CEMETERY: Concert and trolley tour. Free. 2:30 pm. Green-Wood Cemetery [Fifth Avenue and 25th Street in Green Wood Heights, (718) 768-7300], www.green-wood.com.

ART, MARK TRIBE, RARE EARTH: 6 pm - 9 pm opening reception. 12 pm - 6 pm. See Friday, May 25.

BINGO NIGHT: Bring your luck. \$3. 6:45 pm. St. Columba RC Church - Auditorium [2245 Kimball St. Avenue U and Avenue V in Marine Park, (718) 338-6265].

TUES, MAY 29

WINNING BOOKS ON EXHIBIT: See Friday, May 25.

SINGALONG: Come clap, dance, sing or just watch! \$2.50. 11:00. The Moxie Spot [81 Atlantic Ave. between Hicks and Henry streets in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 923-9710], themoxiespot.com.

FLEET WEEK: 10 am-5 pm. See Friday, May 25.

BINGO NIGHT: 11 am. See Monday, May 28.

ART, MARK TRIBE, RARE EARTH: 6 pm - 9 pm opening reception. 12 pm - 6 pm. See Friday, May 25.

WED, MAY 30

DANCE, TANGO TIME: Ballroom program with the Federation of Italian American Organizations of Brooklyn. "Free". 6-9 pm. Beacon Community Center at 15 96 [99 Ave. P at 11th Street in Gravesend, (718) 232-2266], fiapo-brooklyn.org.

WALTER MOSLEY READING AT POWERHOUSE ARENA: Acclaimed mystery and thriller writer Walter Mosley will share selections from his pair of new novellas "Gift of Fire" and "On the Head of a Pin," his first ventures into the genres of fantasy and science fiction. RSVP required. Free. 7 pm. Powerhouse Arena [37 Main St. at Water Street in DUMBO, (718) 666-3049], www.powerhousearena.com.

GOTHAM DANCE FESTIVAL: The Gotham Dance Festival returns for two weeks, representing five programs that feature the work of more than ten choreographers including a program celebrating the choreographic work of American women, both established and emerging talents. Tickets are \$10-\$39. 7:30 pm. 212-242-0800, www.joyce.org.

TRIO TRITITICAL DEBUT CD RELEASE PARTY AT THE BROOK-

LYN CONSERVATORY: Trio Trittical performs selections from their debut CD, Issue #1, taking the string trio to new territories, covering musical ground from Winnipeg to Bali, Buenos Aires to Cairo, and everywhere jazzy in between. \$10/\$5 Students. 7:30pm. Brooklyn Conservatory of Music [58 Seventh Ave. between Lincoln Place and Seventh Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 622-3300 or email: rfrank@bqcm.org], www.bqcm.org.

NEW ORLEANS SUSPECTS AT BROOKLYN BOWL WITH GALACTIC: New Orleans newest super-group, New Orleans Suspects, featuring members of legendary veteran touring acts The Radiators, The Neville Bros., and The Dirty Dozen Brass Band, will open for GALACTIC at The Brooklyn Bowl. \$15. 8:00 PM. Brooklyn Bowl [61 Wythe Ave. between N. 11th and N. 12th streets in Williamsburg, (718) 963-3369], www.brooklynbowl.com.

THURS, MAY 31

WINNING BOOKS ON EXHIBIT: See Friday, May 25.

ART, MARK TRIBE, RARE EARTH: 6 pm - 9 pm opening reception. 12 pm - 6 pm. See Friday, May 25.

BROOKLYN BREWERY BEER GARDEN AT BHS: Enjoy a cold, refreshing Brooklyn Brewery beer on the patio of Brooklyn Historical Society's beautiful landmark building. Our friends from Brooklyn Brewery will be on hand to pour and talk beer (if you like). As part of the evening's entertainment, BHS is proud to present a musical performance by The Tres Amigos, one of Brooklyn's hottest folk bands. \$5 drink tickets. 6:30 pm. Brooklyn Historical Society [128 Pierrepont St. at Clinton Street in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 222-4111], www.brooklynhistory.org.

THEATER, "A COMEDY OF ERRORS": 7 pm. See Friday, May 25.

GOTHAM DANCE FESTIVAL: 8 pm. See Wednesday, May 30.

FRI, JUNE 1

THE PARK SLOPE SINGERS' 2012 SPRING CONCERT SERIES-BAYRIDGE PERFORMANCE: The Bayridge performance of the Park Slope Singers' spring concert will be held at 7:30 PM, Friday, June 1, 2012 at the Church of the Good Shepard (4th Avenue & 75th Street), Bayridge, Brooklyn, as part of the Arts on the Corner series. Suggested contribution is \$10. Tickets will be available at the door. Suggested \$10.00. 7:30. Church of the Good Shepard [4th Avenue & 75th Street, Brooklyn in Bayridge, Brooklyn, (718)

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ART, MARK TRIBE, RARE EARTH: 6 pm - 9 pm opening reception. 12 pm - 6 pm. See Friday, May 25.

DANCE, CHOREOGRAPHY SHOWCASE: Student and director perform original dance routines, as well as the works of young choreographers ages 9-14. \$5. 7:30 pm. BAX - Brooklyn Arts Exchange [421 Fifth Ave. in South Slope, (718) 832-0018], www.bax.org.

DANCE, CPR PRESENTS: Spring Movement: Center for Performance Research is putting on its bi-annual multimedia movement festival featuring dance and experimental performance. On the evenings of June 1st and 2nd, Spring Movement will present works by 10 local and international emerging and established choreographers. \$12. 7:30 pm. Center for Performance Research [361 Manhattan Avenue in Williamsburg, (718) 349-1210], www.cprnyc.org.

EAST COAST PROFESSIONAL WRESTLING: Come see Viscera take on Val Venis and Greg "The Hammer" Valentine try to take down Brooklyn-native champion Tony Biella--plus four, count 'em, four undercard battles. 7:30 pm. Saint Finbar Church [138 Bay 20th St., between Benson and Bath avenues in Bensonhurst, (718) 331-2090].

THEATER, "A COMEDY OF ERRORS": 8 pm. See Friday, May 25.

GOTHAM DANCE FESTIVAL: 8

pm. See Wednesday, May 30.
DANCE, SPRING CELEBRATION GALA 2012: Dancewave's spring gala celebrates its unique partnership between world-renowned choreographers and the next generation of artists, with a VIP reception at 6 pm featuring performance and food and drinks followed by the gala performances at 8 pm. \$25 (Gala ticket VIP \$80-\$125). 8 pm. Kumble Theater at Long Island University [DeKalb and Flatbush avenues in Downtown, (718) 488-1624], www.brooklyn.liu.edu/KumbleTheater.

SAT, JUNE 2

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Creating an
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Keeping your
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MAKE SURE ALL YOUR ADVISORS ARE ON THE EXACT SAME PAGE

By Yale S. Hauptman

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As I am fond of saying, navigating through the long-term care system usually requires a team of advisors. While the elder law attorney is, no doubt, a pivotal person, the accountant, financial advisor, and insurance specialist are equally important. And when one piece isn't properly in place, it can be catastrophic.

Betty and Tom decided to sell their home in which they raised their four children. They invested the majority of the proceeds in annuities and decided to rent and live off of the income from their investments and Social Security. Tom, however, had exhibited some slight signs of dementia.

After the sale of their home, Tom's condition deteriorated rapidly. He became restless and, at times, physical with Betty, who weighed 100 pounds less than Tom. She could no longer keep him at home. She came to us for help, thinking she could get Tom on Med-

icaid. She didn't realize that the \$300,000 she invested in annuities was now a countable asset and would have to be spent down to \$109,560 before Tom could get Medicaid.

"I am only 65. How can I live on \$100,000?" she asked me. I told her not to worry. She could cash in the annuities, buy another home with that money, and keep it as an exempt asset. After Tom qualifies for Medicaid she could then resell the home if she wanted, to reinvest for income again.

Then we examined the annuities. That's when I discovered the surrender charges of seven percent that Betty would have to pay. While they did have a provision that waived the charges if the owner needed to cash them for long-term care expenses, the problem was that Betty, and not Tom,

was the owner. Betty told me that Tom had definitely been diagnosed with dementia at the time that these decisions were made but couldn't recall any conversations about long-term care or how to provide for it. Big mistake.

We were able to help Betty get Tom into a quality nursing home. She privately paid for seven months, cashed in the annuities, paid a surrender charge, and bought a home. We helped Betty preserve the majority of their savings, money she will need to provide for her own care down the road. But, there are lessons to be learned here.

The result could have been much better had Betty come to us before she sold her home and before she bought the annuities. We might have suggested she wait to sell her home until Tom entered the nursing home. We also would have cautioned Betty about purchasing investments that could easily be liquidated if a large expense

(ie. nursing home care) became necessary. Buying the annuities wasn't the problem. It was the fact that she couldn't sell them without paying a penalty. No one thought to ask what would happen if Tom needed care sooner rather than later. And that's why having a team of advisors working together is so important. All tax, financial, and legal aspects of any decision should be analyzed carefully, and that's more than any one advisor is capable of doing.

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ESTABLISH AN 88 PLAN NOW

It's the best way to ensure you can afford long-term care later

By Yale S. Hauptman

It seems more and more to me that dementia and Alzheimer's disease are everywhere, but then, maybe as an elder law attorney, I am more tuned in to it. In the last year, three celebrities died or were diagnosed with dementia or Alzheimer's: actor Peter Falk of "Columbo" fame; "Rhinestone Cowboy" singer Glen Campbell; and NFL football Hall of Famer, John Mackey. Mackey's case is a particularly illustrative one.

Mackey was a tight end for the Baltimore Colts in the 1960s and early 1970s after having played college ball with some great Syracuse teams in the early '60s. He later became the first president of the NFL Players' Association and was instrumental in efforts to

secure pensions and other benefits for retired and ailing players. Football is a violent sport and, like many players, Mackey began to suffer from dementia. In his last years he needed to be cared for in an assisted-living facility.

Mackey played in the days before athletes made millions. His wife, Sylvia, therefore, had to go back to work as a flight attendant to pay their bills and because they needed the health insurance. As the disease progressed, however, the Mackeys realized what many of our clients come to learn: that traditional health insurance won't cover long-term care. That's when Sylvia and other wives and children of former NFL players pursued the NFL and its Players' Association



The sooner you start planning your long-term care, the better off you'll be.

to establish the 88 Plan.

Named in honor of John Mackey, whose uniform number was 88, the plan provides up to \$88,000 a year to cover long-term care for former NFL players with

dementia. Much has been written about the connection between football and brain injuries — although the NFL still insists there isn't any higher incidence of dementia in football play-

ers than there is in the general population. Maybe the 88 plan is just the NFL recognizing what I have been saying for a long time: that long-term care is a big problem in this country, and the owners and players are doing what we all should — implementing a plan to solve the problem.

The Mackeys' story is instrumental. It's a story of a wife who suffered along with her husband, supporting him physically, financially, emotionally, and psychologically the best she could. It's also a lesson about being unprepared. The Mackeys didn't have a plan, but they were lucky. They convinced John Mackey's former employer to come through with the 88 Plan. The question then is, "who's going to provide

your 88 Plan?" Chances are you'll have to do it yourself, so the sooner you get started the better off you'll be, unless you're thinking that the NFL is going to help us all out — just as soon as it figures out how to solve its lockout and save the coming season. Yeah, right.

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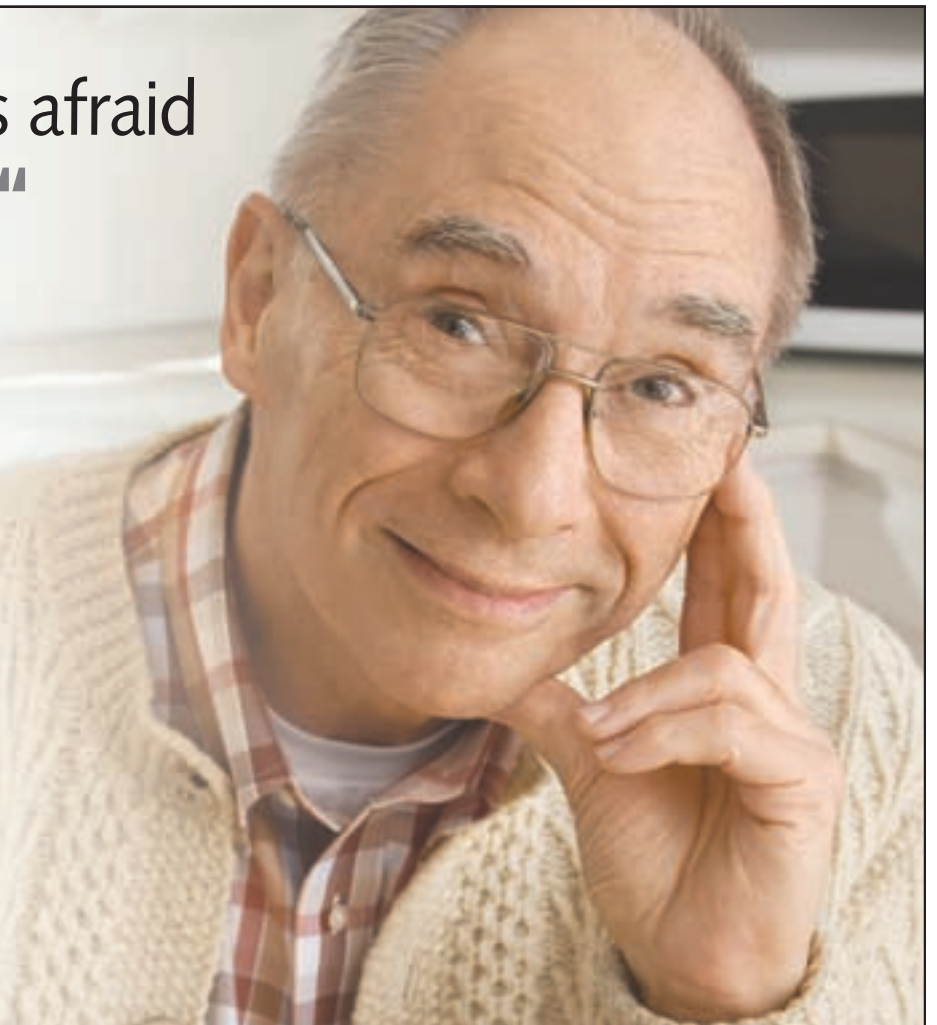
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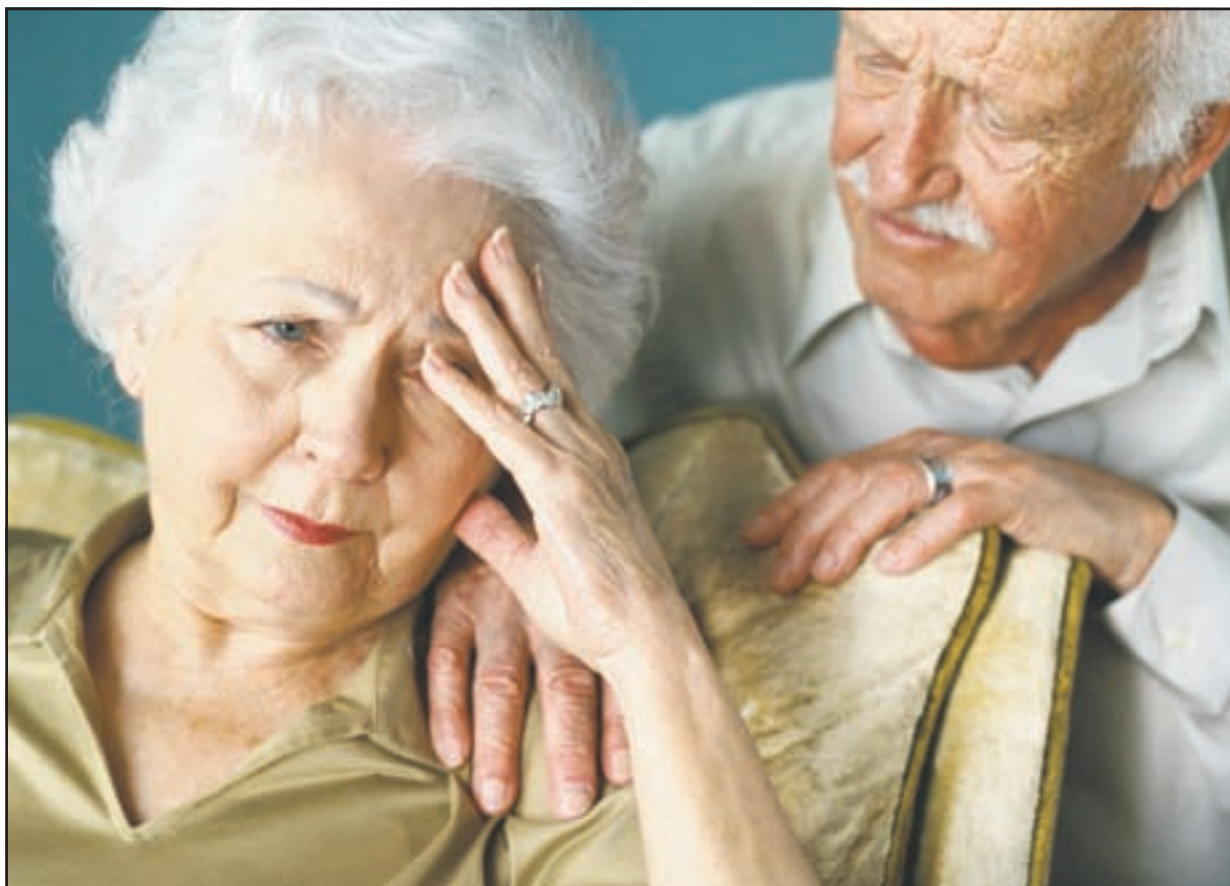
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If your parents have been withdrawing cash for their spending needs, how hard is it going to be to prove, going back as many as five years, what they spent that money on?

MEDICAID: GUILTY UNTIL PROVEN INNOCENT

Understanding what your parents need to do to get Medicaid

By Yale S. Hauptman

Your parents were always big believers in paying cash for everything and warned you not to buy on credit. That's a pretty sound financial approach, but it can get Mom and Dad into hot water when it comes time to apply for Medicaid. That's because the Medicaid system works very differently than the criminal system.

First of all, you need to understand some basics about how Medicaid works. In order to qualify, one must spend down assets first. When essentially all your money is gone (in the case of a married couple, the healthy spouse gets to keep a small amount), then Medicaid will kick in. However, if you have made transfers for less than fair value, what most people would call gifts, then you won't be eligible for Medicaid. The greater those transfers, the longer your ineligibility period.

And before the government will

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step in and pay for your care, it will insist that you show it how you spent your money. And by "show," I mean on paper, by producing each and every financial statement dating back to what will soon be five years from the date you apply for benefits.

Everyone knows from grade school the concept of "innocent until proven guilty." With Medicaid, however, that concept is turned around. You are guilty until proven innocent when it comes to transfers for less than fair value. If you can't prove what you have spent your money on, then Medicaid will consider it a transfer for less than fair value, a "gift" in essence, causing a denial of benefits.

Cash is hard to trace. If your parents have been withdrawing cash for their spending needs, how hard is it going to be to prove, going back as

many as five years, what they spent that money on? All they'll see on their bank statements are cash withdrawals. No explanations. Who keeps all those receipts? Hardly anyone. But that's what Mom and Dad need to do in order to preserve their eligibility for government benefits.

So how do they avoid this potentially catastrophic result? They need to better prepare themselves for the possibility of needing long-term care, well before they need it, and consult with a knowledgeable elder law attorney who can tell them how to spend down their assets and establish a clear paper trail, while preserving their ability to qualify for government benefits.

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Throw out logic when applying for Medicaid

By Yale S. Hauptman

Entering the world of Medicaid often means throwing out logic and lifelong habits, which can actually get you in trouble when attempting to obtain Medicaid benefits. I explain to my clients that much of what I tell them to do may seem counterintuitive to what they have done their whole lives, but it is necessary because they are entering the "bizarro" world of Medicaid.

I had a conversation last week with a married couple for whom we are preparing a Medicaid application. John is in a nursing home and his wife Mary is healthy and living at home. I explained to them that Mary can keep half of their countable assets — in their case \$75,000 — but that they must spend down to below that dollar amount by the last day of the month directly preceding the month John wants to qualify for Medicaid.

I have had this conversation numerous times with clients in John and Mary's situation, and know all too well that this simple instruction is not always followed. The largest part of most spend downs typically goes to the nursing home. But, as most people do, myself included, clients wait until they get a bill before they pay it. It makes sense: if I owe you money, I'm not going to chase after you for a bill. Whenever you get around to it and invoice me, then I'll pay it. The longer the money stays in my bank account, the happier I am.

However, this can get you into big trouble and cost you tens of thousands of dollars if you wait for the nursing home bill. If John wants to be eligible for Medicaid next month, and he and Mary owe the nursing home \$20,000 for the past two months of care, but Mary hasn't

been presented with the bill, it makes no matter whether they legitimately owe the facility money. If that \$20,000 is still sitting in their bank account next month, causing their balance to exceed \$75,000, John cannot qualify for Medicaid. Even worse than that, John will have to wait until the following month, which means they will owe the facility another \$10,000, leaving Mary with \$65,000 to live on.

Entering the world of Medicaid often means throwing out logic and lifelong habits.

That is why it is so important to change your habits when applying for Medicaid, which isn't easy to do. Their entire lives, John and Mary have paid their bills after the vendor presents them with an invoice. However, I tell them that they must go bother the nursing home to bill them ASAP. That's the way it goes in the bizzaro world of Medicaid, and why entering this strange land without a knowledgeable guide can literally cost you tens of thousands of dollars.

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THE CONTINUATION OF MEDICAID — THE OTHER MEDICAID

By Joanna Leefer

Anna was worried about her 84-year-old mother living alone. Her mother's arthritis made getting around her apartment difficult. She could no longer get out of bed without assistance and she was unable to prepare dinner because her hands were too swollen to open food containers. Anna and her family could not be with her mother night and day, and their finances did not allow them to hire full time help. Anna was beginning to think a nursing home was the only solution.

Anna dreaded this option. The thought of her mother leaving her home was heartbreaking. Just as frightening, she discovered her mother would need to exhaust her savings before she would be eligible for Medicaid assistance. This meant the money her mom had put aside for her grandchildren would be lost to nursing home payments.

The good news is this is not necessarily true. Here in New York state, there are two kinds of Medicaid: Institutional Medicaid, which covers nursing home care, and Community Medicaid. Here is the difference:

Both plans have the same maximum income and asset requirement, but that is where the similarities end. Institutional Medicaid requires that any financial transfers must be made five years prior to going into a nursing home, or there is a substantial financial penalty. This period is called the "look back period."

Community Medicaid, on the other hand, does not have a look back period. Money and property can be transferred and the applicant is immediately eligible to receive Medicaid assistance. Even better, Community Medicaid does not require a person to be admitted into a nursing home, which allows the applicant to get health care services in the comfort of her own home!

To be eligible for Medicaid in 2012, a single person can retain up to \$14,250 in savings (assets) and have an income of no more than \$792 month. A couple going on Medicaid can retain as-

sets and savings of \$20,850 and income of \$1,159 per month. In both instances, an additional \$20 is exempt from income or assets requirement. An applicant can also deduct the pre-paid cost of a funeral, car, personal effects, and his home, as long as he or his spouse lives in it.

Community Medicaid is available to individuals 65 years old and older who are legal U.S. residents and need assistance with

between Medicaid's maximum income, which would be \$208 (\$1,000 - \$792 = \$208), and still receive Medicaid.

The Medicaid regulations also allow for creative ways to receive home services. Take this example: Andrew's parents needed home care but found their present home was not suitable for their current living situation. They sold their home, transferred their money to Andrew, and moved into an

assisted-living facility. His parents received a retirement income of less than the \$1,159 maximum requirement, so they were not concerned about a spend-down. Andrew paid their rent out of the savings they transferred to him. Because Andrew's parents' income and asset resources did not exceed the Medicaid limit, they were able to apply for Community Medicaid and get home health care in their new location.

Although there is no penalty or look back period for transferring assets for Community Medicaid, be aware that there will be a penalty should Institutional Medicaid

be needed for nursing home care within the five-year look back period. For example, if Anna's mom or Andrew's parents are admitted to a nursing home within five years of transferring assets, they will not qualify for Institutional Medicaid. So, if you decide to go the home care route, it is wise to make sure the transferred money is not spent for at least five years, otherwise you may find yourself in a terrible situation.

Community Medicaid also has a program for people who do not wish to transfer money to an individual or family member. These people can set up a "Pooled Income Trust." The Trust is similar to a banking account, but it is administered by a non-profit trust company. The pooled income trust offers a way of putting aside money for medicine, rent, and utilities that the Medicaid maximum income requirement might not cover.

Institutional Medicaid vs Community Medicaid

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2. Available to individuals 65 years old and older who are legal U.S. residents and need assistance with activities of daily living, such as dressing, walking, bathing, toileting, and eating. The applicant must meet the Medicaid asset and income requirements, but she can transfer excess savings and resources to a family member or another third party and be eligible for Medicaid sponsored home care the following month.

neys but understand the process of applying for Medicaid. They can assist with filling out the proper forms and advise you of your rights. These services are a fraction of the cost of an elder law attorney, but they are unable to help you with complex estate planning procedures. If you decide to contact one of these firms, be sure to inquire if they are certified by New York City Medicaid and trained by the Human Resources Administration Department of Social Services, and make sure they are aware of current changes in Medicaid rules and regulations.

Some not-for-profit social services are an additional resource for applying for Community Medicaid programs. Some of these agencies employ social workers and attorneys that can help you fill out simple applications and get you enrolled in a home care program.

For many elderly people, like Anna and Andrew's parents, Community Medicaid has been a huge blessing. It has allowed them to safely and happily remain living in their own homes. If not for this program, they would have lost their independence much sooner.

Basic Medicaid is a joint federal, state, and city health care program that provides medical assistance for individuals with low incomes and limited assets. There is no age requirement. Individuals who have complicated estate or financial plans should consult an elder law attorney on how to shelter their assets. To find a list of elder law attorneys in your area, log on to the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys, Inc., at www.naela.org and click on "Find an Attorney."

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Some come from a place of limited opportunities with the dream of having a career in the healthcare field. Others yearn for a career change, or an opportunity to make a difference in someone's life. All of them leave with valuable skills to land jobs as home health aides and certified nurses' assistants.

Jairite Anderson Cole, Founder and CEO of Cudley's Training Program, is a registered nurse who also holds a Masters Degree from Teachers College-Columbia University. As an executive nurse, she fully understands the philosophy of caring and is deeply connected with the needs of the homecare community. Throughout her career, Anderson Cole has been steadfast in her commitment to serving the needs of those who are less fortunate. She believes very strongly in providing the highest level

of patient care and she instills this belief in each of her staff. Anderson Cole believes that this dedication to helping and caring for others is what sets Cudley's Training Program, Inc. apart from other programs. She states that the future of home care will require a diligent, reliable team of individuals to help care for our growing elderly population. "We at Cudley's accept the challenges to come."

The economic downturn has affected people in all walks of life. Many people never expected to be among the unemployed, let alone the homeless of our society. Cudley's Training Program is an example of how someone can turn an unfortunate situation into a chance to provide a better future for himself. Aside from the financial reward of being employed in a stable field, obtaining valuable skills and helping people

who are sometimes in their most desperate time of need is immeasurable.

The United States Department of Labor expects job opportunities to be excellent because of rapid growth in home healthcare and high placement needs because of our aging population. It also states that many of these workers can work part time, weekends, or evenings to suit the needs of their clients. In addition to rewarding careers helping people in their homes, jobs are also available in hospitals, extended care facilities, group homes, adult day care centers, and assisted living facilities for the elderly. Home health aides and certified nurses' aides have also worked in summer camp programs for children with disabilities.

In the past, news reports sometimes depicted the negative attributes of

a small number of people in the home health aide industry. These stories, although true, portray the field in a negative light. For every frightening event regarding a home health aide or an unscrupulous business owner in the news, there are hundreds of stories about dedicated workers taking care of our parents, grandparents, and children.

Due to the vast changes in government-sponsored public assistance programs, the recipients are now required to work in order to receive social services. One area that many women and now men are turning to is homecare training and nurses' aide training. The training program is short and obtaining a job is almost guaranteed. Ancillary staff in homecare, nursing homes, assisted living, and hospitals are a great asset to

the medical team. Due to the nursing shortage nationwide, ancillary staff can make the difference in supporting the goals of all healthcare environments. Participants will be trained to take care of the sick, elderly, disabled, children with disabilities, and the mentally ill.

Training at Cudley's provides students with a comprehensive list of skills to handle many medical circumstances within their scope of practice including difficult behavior, Alzheimer's care, and end of life issues. Over the years, Anderson Cole has trained many home aides and nurses aides that have gone on to advanced training in nursing and other healthcare professions. The demand for nurses is high everywhere. Salaries are competitive and benefits are among the best offered in the healthcare

industry. According to Debra Auerbach, a writer for CareerBuilder, the average salary for a home health aide is \$28,173 and a registered nurse is \$71,692. Nursing can be practiced anywhere in the world and there are many specialties available, such as caring for children, patients with special needs, and working in the military or schools.

Sir Wilfred T. Gentrell once stated, "The service we render to others is really the rent we pay for our room on this earth. It is obvious that man is himself a traveler; that the purpose of this world is not to have and to hold" but "to give and serve." Start your journey to helping others at Cudley's.

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One hundred thousand miles — it's a milestone for any car odometer, enough for four trips around the equator. If you've ever had a car hit that magic number, it's likely that you've had to put real care into its maintenance. The average 65-year-old American has also put in almost 100,000 miles, but on his feet. Unimaginable as it may seem, between exercise, walking, and even the simple movements you make around the house, by your 65th birthday, you've taken about two billion steps.

"Your feet contain over a quarter of the bones in your body," says Ronald L. Soave, DPM, chief of podiatry at New York Methodist Hospital, "and by age 65 those bones, as well as the ligaments, muscles, and nerves that lie in your feet, have absorbed over seven million tons of pressure. Over time, that pressure causes your feet to wear down, making you far more susceptible to foot pain. Aside from the inconvenience it causes, foot pain can also be indicative of diseases that are common in older peo-

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W'burg fired up over BYOB BBQ rule

Cooper Park visitors can bring their own grills – and neighbors aren't happy

BY AARON SHORT

Williamsburg residents fear that where there's smoke, there's going to be, well, more smoke.

Some neighbors of Cooper Park were already fired

up about charcoal fumes, trash, and crowds in the green space after the city installed a barbecue pit with eight grills — and now they're up in flames over the fact park rules will al-

low patrons to bring their own Webers.

"I think it's totally irresponsible that they are allowing an unlimited number of grills and smokers," said Carrie Perry, who

lives near the Maspeth Avenue park. "I will be smelling barbecue in my living room."

The city implements a bring-your-own-grill policy at parks that boast grill pits, such as Prospect Park and Red Hook's Coffey Park — a fact that many anti-grilling activists only realized as they protested summer searing at three community meetings last week.

"When we held our ground at zero [grills, the city] dropped the bomb that anyone can bring grills anyway — so what negotiation were we really having when the number of grills on any given day is unlimited!" said Perry. "What a joke."

Visitors can now bring as many grills as they want to Cooper Park, so long as they stay in the designated area in the northeastern corner and don't come in groups of 20 or more (larger crowds require permits



FIRE PITS: Controversial grills in the northeast corner of Cooper Park are the first part of the park's \$2.6-million renovation plan.

Photo provided by Department of Parks and Recreation



DIG IT: Scores of volunteers installed eight new grills and six picnic tables in Cooper Park on May 6.

Photo provided by Malcolm Sanborn-Hum

from the city).

North Brooklyn Parks honcho Stephanie Thayer and an aide to Councilwoman Diana Reyna (D-Williamsburg) told residents at a recent community meeting that the city originally planned to add 10 grills — then reduced the number to eight due to neighborhood opposition.

But the city may add two additional grills later this summer, and the Parks Department is preparing to add another eight grill sta-

tions next year as part of a \$2.6-million Cooper Park renovation if the cooking equipment proves popular.

Fans of outdoor food preparation, including residents from Cooper Park Houses who lobbied for the grills, flocked to the green space to debut the cookware last Saturday — and they promised to fight for more grills.

"I'm disappointed we got only eight," said grill fan Karen Leader. "We had an agreement for more."

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Boardwalk battle continues in our pages

To the editor,

I have spoken to many people since my thoughts and opinions concerning the concreting of the Coney Island Boardwalk were published and debated on your Letters to the Editor page.

Everyone I spoke to agrees that wood is preferable to concrete, but only if it can be properly maintained and replaced when necessary to prevent all the many dangerous situations for the millions of visitors to our beautiful Coney Island resort.

Everyone commented about the wood sticking up, the nails and screws protruding, and the overall poor and weak condition of our beloved Boardwalk. Waiting for grant money each and every time something happens to planks is totally unacceptable and ridiculous by anyone's standards. To that point we are all on same page and in total agreement. It costs many times more to settle medical and accident lawsuits occurring from poor conditions than it costs to build a completely new Boardwalk — wood or concrete. It is pretty obvious that what is needed is for the maintenance staff to have proper training and permits to do the work themselves. Who can argue that point? Until that happens (and now it is probably too late anyway), we are whistling Dixie, and just fantasizing and dreaming, which in a strange and ironic twist is just what an amusement park is all about.

The biggest difference in my viewpoint, and that of those who still are opposing concrete, is a question of how much time do you let go by before you throw in the white towel of surrender and say fix it once and for all, and stop with the wood already!

I waited 30 years, and think that displays amazing patience, but others disagree. So be it.

The Council has voted and decided not to continue with the wood. For now this is etched in concrete, but I will continue to keep an open mind.

Ron Kriegel
Coney Island

Bottle battles

To the editor,

Carmine Santa Maria ("Big Screecher"), I take Ecotrin coated aspirin, and have also used Bayer, but neither have had push-

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

down-and-turn caps ("Carmine's had it with bottles of aspirin," April 26).

Here's something helpful and less frustrating than carrying around an ax — wrap an ordinary rubber band several times around the screw cap (I don't know how it would work with the push-down-and-turn caps, which I have only seen on prescription drug bottles).

The rubber band helps immeasurably — even on jars of spaghetti sauce, and bottles of juice and soft drinks. I have muscle weakness as a side effect of a prescription medication I stopped taking years ago — hence my need for help in opening bottles and jars.

Bryna Millman
Kensington

Stan's 'wrong'

To the editor,

Stanley Gershbein ("It's Only My Opinion") is wrong — many "Occupiers" have jobs, but want to protect income inequality ("Stan takes on jobless occupiers," April 12).

He also doesn't like legalizing marijuana. At a meeting of the U.S. and Latin American countries, they agreed that the war on drugs is a failure. Tobacco kills 400,000 people each year, while marijuana has been found to be less harmful.

Legalizing it would stop drug cartel violence and drug smuggling. Drugs are legal in Norway, and regulated. Also, in his April 26 column, "Stan once again cleans his pockets," he protests workers' high wages. Corporations don't create jobs, consumer-buying does. There are 40 million working poor in this country. Isn't that enough?

Jerome Frank
Coney Island

Marine 'Lark'

To the editor,

The forthcoming Marine Park field house had an original price tag of \$5.5 million to build. Seven years later, we are up to \$16 million, and the "green building" still ain't finished! It's cost taxpayers \$5,000 per square foot, to date. Government confiscates the wealth created in the private sector of our free-market capitalism.

Bureaucrats have spent \$5 trillion since 2008, and where are the jobs? Follow the Reagan-Friedman blueprint for jobs!

Tod Davis
Marine Park

Joan's two cents

To the editor,

Why haven't Jesse Jackson and Al Sharpton spoken out about the low blow against a white man by drunken Detroit Tigers' outfielder Delmon Young, who spewed

anti-Semitic remarks at a yarmulke-wearing man in a midtown hotel? Could the reason be that they are probably as prejudiced as Young, and speak out only when it's a white person who is in the wrong?

I pray there's lots of community service in the future for Delmon Young, like cleaning garbage off the streets of the city.

Joan Applepie
Mill Basin

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To the editor,

There have been two anti-Semitic incidents recently: Detroit Tiger Baseball Player Delmon Young lapsed into an anti-Semitic rant, and students at Northport High School on Long Island allegedly harassed a Jewish student and the school administration did nothing to stop it.

These incidents prove that anti-Semitism is alive and well-functioning in society. As far as Northport goes, who will the administration have address the graduates next month? Delmon Young or Mel Gibson? I would suggest that they read Laura Z. Hobson's "Gentleman's Agreement," or see its 1947 Oscar-winning film. Ditto for the films "Crossfire," also in 1947, and "Schindler's List" (1993).

This disgusting outburst of hatred can't be tolerated. It just shows that we can never let our guard down. I would like to see our politicians commenting on this, or do they continue to do what's politically expedient?

Ed Greenspan
Sheepshead Bay

'Despicable' Bam

To the editor,

I find it disgusting and despicable that President Obama went to Afghanistan to address this nation in what can only be characterized as another campaign speech. There was no reason to spend an obscene amount of taxpayer dollars on that trip when that speech could have been made from the White House at far less of a burden on an already overburdened taxpayer base.

As I recall, "Candidate Obama" stated in 2007 that if elected President, his first order of business would be to bring our troops home. Yeah, right. This man has no shame. His party ran an attack advertisement in which Bill Clinton praised President Obama as a great wartime leader who made the tough decision to take out Osama bin Laden. Then a trailer ran under the video that asked whether Mitt Romney would have done it. That is way out of line, even for this administration.

Obama does rate the credit for giving the order, but then that's his job. He's the commander-in-chief, it goes with the turf. I hope he enjoys his 15 minutes of fame,

because that's about the only thing he did right as president.

He must also take the heat for his massive investments in his green agenda that went bust, as were ObamaCare, runaway spending, the massive debt, the bailouts, the pipeline deal, the ban on drilling in the Gulf of Mexico, the czars, the loss of our credit rating, the failure to deal with the illegal aliens, Fast and Furious, the appointments of all the cronies, buffoons, criminals, incompetents, communists, socialists, and left-wing zealots who are destroying the republic, the insults to our best allies, and the butt-kissing of our enemies, Medicare, Social Security, the glaring lack of transparency in his bloated government, and last but certainly not least, not passing a legally mandated budget for the third year in a row!

Knowing this gang, they'll wait until after a presumed re-election of Obama so he won't have to worry about the political backlash. To vote for another four years of this carnival barker's conniving would be insane.

David Podesta
Marine Park

Election buzz

To the editor,

Is Ron Paul in bed with the Nazis? A video of him standing under the Confederate flag talking about how the wrong side won the Civil War was put out by a group of hackers who have been going after Paul under what they call "Operation Blitzkrieg."

Even more shocking is that Mitt Romney may be part of this mix, according to articles printed about him on the Internet.

Looks like this is going to be one heck of an election!

David Raisman
Bay Ridge

Gotta luv 'Gotts'

To the editor,

I am responding to a letter from Stu Gotts ("Gotts: 'Gotcha', May 4). I almost choked at the end of Mr. Gotts' letter, while eating my *sfogliatelle* and *affogato*! Being a divorcee living alone, that would not have been good.

Apparently, another writer previously questioned the legitimacy of the Gotts name. I was buying Stu's explanation until the end of his letter when he mentioned how his surname was shortened from "Gotzenghooler." Very funny!

I love this bantering and horsing around. He has written interesting and thought-provoking letters before. I hope he will continue — he is good.

Anita Cumare
Homecrest

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You want gripes? Stan's got gripes.

A few weeks ago, somebody who calls himself "Chicken Underwear from Park Slope" suggested that I could just whine about everything.

Now I don't know "Chicken Underwear." I don't think I ever met her (or him) but, just like you, I have my own pet peeves and dislikes. Still, I took her (or his) suggestion seriously, and the following is a partial list of things that bug me.

Whose idea was it to place a gummy label on every piece of fruit? I occasionally forget to remove it before I bite into a peach and it sometimes gets stuck in my teeth. Next stop — the Waterpik.

I dislike reading about welfare recipients winning the lottery. If they're on welfare they shouldn't be playing the lottery.

I get really angry when I see my government wasting taxpayer money on ridiculous projects like \$148,000 for two men's suits in Michigan.

I get annoyed with the woman who holds up the candy line at the movies while she fumbles in her oversized bag for a few pennies. That's the same woman who pays by check at the supermarket and holds us up when she stops to balance her checkbook. I politely asked her to step aside so that the rest of us can get moving. She opened a mouth for the world to hear: What's your g-----f----- hurry!

What's my hurry, I reminded her, was really none of her business, but whatever it is, she was keeping me from getting there. She wasn't the least bit embarrassed when the rest of the line applauded me.

I don't particularly care for restaurants that don't tell us that they have added an 18 percent tip to the bill and then leave an empty space on the charge slip for a tip. Many of us have fallen for that scam once — only once — then never again.

I don't like hearing that the Tea Party is dead.

Look at the results of the Senate primary in Indiana.

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I get bugged by messages left on my telephone answer-



IT'S ONLY MY OPINION

Stanley P. Gershbein

ing machine without a name. "Hi. It's me. Call me back." Now who the heck is me?

I really am bothered by the idiot bank employee who asks in a very loud voice that everyone can hear "Do you want to go into the vault?"

That's great. Now every person is wondering if I'm putting my wife's jewelry in or taking it out.

In her recent column, my friend and colleague, Joanna DelBuono, informed us that she doesn't like it when people use the word "like" over and over again. How about those who say "you know" in every sentence?

I dislike it when people excuse the bad things that Bill Maher says and does "because he's a comedian." If he's a comedian he's not a very good one. Maher is a very clever, extremely intelligent voice of the left.

I am skeptical about store ads that advertise "Buy one get one free" without putting a price in the ad. I'm always afraid that they're doubling the price of one to give me the second one "free." Sometimes they do.

And finally, I have absolutely no problem with a reader who writes to disagree with my opinions. I find fault with his personal, distasteful comments. I am StanGershbein@BellSouth.net reminding him of the Ronald Reagan quote, "You can disagree without being disagreeable."

Kennedy suicide a sad reminder

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A BRITISHER'S VIEW

Shavana Abruzzo

It's a silent killer that's always on the prowl, yet suicide remains one of the least discussed topics of our time, only to momentarily resurrect itself from the tomb after a celebrity commits the deadly act.

May is National Suicide Prevention month, but that didn't stop Mary Richardson Kennedy, the estranged wife of Robert Kennedy Jr., from hanging herself on May 16. Nor did it prevent Florida mom Tonya Thomas from killing her four children and herself the day before. Or New Hampshire cop Gary Norton from ending his life with a self-inflicted gunshot wound two days later. Or Gary Zalevsky from committing a murder-suicide the week before in the lobby of a Queens hotel. Or ex-New England Patriots linebacker Junior Seau from crossing over to the point of no return at the beginning of the month.

Men, women, and children have been taking their own lives ever since they were first able to experience feelings of sorrow. For about as long, philosophers, psychiatrists, and behavioral experts have been trying to figure out a way to stop them. Today, we're none the wiser about this dirtiest of our laundries, even though a suicide attempt happens every min-

ute of every day, and someone dies by suicide every 16 minutes in the U.S. according to the National Center for Health Statistics.

Suicide wasn't always a cultural taboo: the ancient Egyptians didn't consider self-murder an abuse of the spiritual or legal code, but simply a way to end their unbearable suffering. Talk first surfaced about its morality when Socrates philosophized that humans were the property of the gods and didn't have the right to take their own lives — a debate that would travel through the ages after he was forced to commit suicide for being impious.

More mention of the word "suicide" is enough to grip the heart. That's because other fatalities are more justifiable for they aren't self-inflicted. The person killed by a stray bullet is in the wrong place at the wrong time, and the chronically ill patient is destined to die, making their deaths unfortunate yet reconcilable. But anyone touched by the

suicide of a loved one knows only too well the horror involved. Shock, anguish, anger, sadness, and regret are assailed by towering waves of self-doubt: "How could I have not seen this coming?" "What could I have done to prevent it?" "Why?"

The good news is that New York City has a confidential, suicide prevention hotline manned by volunteer "befrienders" trained in proven listening and crisis intervention strategies. The Samaritans of New York, an offshoot of the British suicide prevention support network, provides a sympathetic ear to the troubles of strangers, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. As a former befriender, I have experienced first-hand the torment of callers unable or unwilling to transcend a potentially fatal moment — that sordid speck of time when helplessness and desperation conspire to overthrow a life.

More than 30 years ago, a national awareness and prevention campaign was launched about another unmentionable threat of our time — AIDS. Suicide requires like-minded focus because it's a grim fact of life, not just a skeleton in our closets to be aired once in a while.

The Samaritans of New York, (212) 673-3000, www.samaritansnyc.org.

Spoiler alert: 'House' finale stunk on ice

As FOX closed the door and turned the key and on its very long-running and very profitable series "House" and I watched as the two doomed doctors rode off into the sunset, the only thing that comes to mind is "phooey" and "why?"

How does a nearly crippled, pill-popping, higher-than-a-kite doctor who falls through a floor, inhales smoke from a burning warehouse filled with toxic fumes for an hour, wind up surviving and a escaping the blaze as the building collapses around his head, by sneaking out the back door and then miraculously switching medical records with the real dead guy only to run away with his best bud Dr. Wilson?

Through the magic of special effects and a very weird staff of writers, that's how.

I confess I am a lapsed "House" fan — I stopped watching after Dr. Cuddy (Lisa Edelstein) left the show — but I decided to tune in to the series finale, sacrificing a night of "Eureka."

What a waste of a sacrifice. I would have enjoyed it more had Dr. Gregory House really died. All this slight of hand, plot twisting, mumbo-jumbo was just too much for me to swallow and an insult to every



NOT FOR NUTHIN'

Joanna DelBuono

"House" fan out there.

I was always impressed with the show's honesty through the many years that I was a fan. Week after week, patients died, doctors were flawed, mistakes were made, people hurt. It was real, no sugar coating, no apology for human frailties, and even though it seemed that cures were (drum roll please) pulled out of a hat, each show ended realistically within

the boundaries of the circumstances.

But this? Come on now. There is no way House could have survived. No one, in fact, could have survived, not even Superman (but that was a different show).

House, high on pills and breathing toxic smoke for the entire show, except for the times when, through the clever use of back-and-forth poop, he was in the hospital caring for the dying ex-stock broker and heroin junkie who ended up dead, falls through the flaming floor down at least two stories onto his bad leg, only to be knocked senseless and lay in a smoke-filled room, to then arise like the phoenix from the ashes, walk to the front door, appear to Drs. Wilson and Foreman, have the upper floor collapse around him in a blazing ball of glory and escape through the back door. I couldn't breath and I was on the other side of the tube.

Can we all say "Oksie doksie, rap-skie upskie?"

The end of "House" certainly beat out the fade to black "Soprano's" when it comes to taking the cheesy way out, by at least a bottle or two of Vicodin.

Not for Nuthin™, but I wish I'd downed a pill or two and not sacrificed Sheriff Jack and crew for this.

Here's why Carmine is worried about the economy

I'm madder than that dope at Warner Bros. who okayed an \$80-million budget and hired Kevin Costner to make the movie "The Postman" — then saw it take in less than a quarter of that at the box office, over the fact that nobody — and I mean nobody — knows how to deliver a package to yours truly.

Look, you all know ol' Carmine was a hard-working member of the United States Postal Service for more years than I would like to remember, so there is nobody out there better suited to rate delivery services than me. I walked the walk, baby, so I can talk the talk.

And this week, keeping in mind the fact that I've already knocked FedEx for it's inability to get me a cellphone before my sister's birthday, I now nominate the United Parcel Service as the worst deliverer of things to me.

Now, I know what you're thinking: "Carmine, how could the United States Postal Service, FedEx, and UPS all be the worst delivery services?" You wanna know how? Because I said so. And here's proof.

But before I give you the proof, I want to get something else off my chest: if UPS doesn't shape up, the entire economy of this county



BIG SCREECHER
Carmine Santa Maria

will go down the toilet! That's because guys like me — who drive around on scooters instead of walking (and there are more and more of this silent, motorized majority every year) — tend to like to order stuff directly to our homes. But ordering stuff requires companies like UPS and FedEx and the Post Office to actually get off their hands and deliver the darn things. Now, I have no problem ordering from QVC or the Home

Shopping Network, or any number of infomercials I see late at night or early in the morning on the Zenith in the living room (I especially like to order from Omaha Steaks, especially since Big Mike's Meat Market on 17th Avenue closed down), but if I can't be sure those steaks are going to be delivered posthaste, I might not make that order. And if I don't make that order, the whole system could collapse!

Look, I'm going to make a long story endless: I ordered something from Staples and expected it to be delivered by May 10. It wasn't. I made some calls and they said it was being shipped by UPS, and should be there any day. It never came. I called again, and they told me it would be at my house on May 14. Well, May 14 came and went, and there was no package. That's when I really started to get screechy.

So on Tuesday, May 15, I again called UPS to inquire where my package was. They told me it wasn't delivered because there was no apartment number, but the delivery man had been instructed to deliver it to the building manager's office (opposite the mail boxes). I called my manager

several times to see if the package came, but it never did.

Next, via the U.S. Mail I received a card from UPS informing me that they were unable to deliver the package and gave me an address where I should go pick it up.

This reminds me again of the Scarlet Pimpernel poem that I have modified for you: "*We seek him here, we seek him there, we frustrated customers seek him everywhere. Is he in heaven, he belongs in hell, that non delivering UPS delivery man ... that never rings your bell.*"

During the last call I made to UPS, I asked if they could deliver my package to my home, in my building 150 yards opposite the building where the office manager's address was. The customer service rep said that they wouldn't allow a change of delivery point without an additional charge. That did it! I demanded to speak to an intelligent supervisor, or the president of UPS.

My rage that was melting the telephone wires when the next guy in line told me that the package had been located and someone would deliver it to the manager's office within two minutes. Rather than screaming again and possibly missing the delivery of the

elusive package, I whistled for *Tornado*, who whisked me to the other building in record time.

I called the porter who informed me that the delivery had not come yet.

Finally, the UPS delivery man appeared with a hand truck full of packages.

I asked him, did he have a package for me, Carmine Santa Maria, and he said "No!"

"Are you sure?" I asked him. "It's from Staples!"

He pulled out a package from Staples addressed to "T. Durham." I looked at it and it said Big Screecher, that's me. I showed him my column in the Brooklyn Graphic with my photo on it as proof!

Look, I don't blame that delivery man. He was delivering a package that was so jammed with labels it was practically undeliverable. But this proves that the UPS delivery service is terribly flawed, and practically nonexistent to apartment houses that don't have concierges to accept mail. So whenever you see a commercial or infomercial to buy something, and you choose to do so, don't expect it to be delivered, expect to go pick it up yourself!

Screech at you next week!



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FAMILY FIRST: Bill Hennessy and his granddaughter, Briana Labararino, marched for their country.



RED, WHITE, AND BLUE: Isha Kashif, 6, of Sheepshead Bay marched in the Sheepshead Bay's joint Armed Forces and Memorial Day parade, which featured (center) a line of classic cars and (right) the Bikers of Brooklyn, including member Mark Gottlieb, who revved up his two-wheeler before the parade got underway.



DOING THEIR DUTY: Members of the Fort Hamilton High School ROTC program participated in the Memorial Day parade on Emmons Avenue on May 19.

ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY PARADE IS A BIG SMASH

BY DANIEL BUSH

More than 450 residents marched in the Sheepshead Bay-Plumb Beach Civic Association's annual Memorial Day Parade on May 19, putting their civic pride on display in recognition of the neighborhood's service members who made the ultimate sacrifice.

The Marine Corps Color Guard, Knights of Columbus, Fort Hamilton High School Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps, and Bishop Kearney High School marching band led the parade down Emmons Avenue from its starting point at Ocean Avenue 10 blocks away to the veterans memorial near Haring Street, where participants gathered for a flag-raising ceremony.

Parade organizer Tom Scalese said the turnout was the highest its been in several years.

"Everybody's so patriotic here," Scalese said. "We're all to-

gether no matter who you are and where you're from."

State Sen. Marty Golden (R-Marine Park) and Assemblywoman Helene Weinstein (D-Sheepshead Bay) were also on hand to help distribute prizes to students from PS 52 and St. Mark's School, who won a Memorial Day-themed drawing competition.

Sheepshead Bay residents who've marched in the parade for decades said the event never gets old.

"The neighborhood's been doing this a long time," said Cliff Bruckenstein. "We're proud of our heritage."

The parade started during World War II, but participation lagged by the 1960s, when the Sheepshead Bay-Plumb Beach Civic Association took over the event, Scalese said. The event now draw several hundred residents each year.



ATTENTION: Mike Rodriguez, a Vietnam veteran and member of the Flatland American Legion Post, saluted the American flag.



Photos by Elizabeth Graham

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VIKINGS ON PARADE: (Above) Glen Eric Helberg donned imitation armor just for the Norwegian Day Parade as (top Left) Amanda Bernsten – aka Miss Norway – greeted onlookers. (Top Right) Vikings sailed across Third Avenue while little Vikings (far right) Leahnya Regester of Coney Island and (right) Seaphina Duclayan of Windsor Terrace showed off helmets.

Photos by Elizabeth Graham and Bryan Bruchman



BAY RIDGE CELEBRATES ITS NORDIC ROOTS

BY WILL BREDDERMAN
Vikings invaded the streets of Bay Ridge and the fields of Owls Head Park as the neighborhood celebrated its Scandinavian roots on May 19 and 20.

The Norwegian Independence Day Parade — which commemorates the nation's declaration of freedom from Sweden on May 17, 1814—broke with nearly 40 years of tradition on Sunday when it rolled its longships and Nordic beauty queens down Third Avenue from 86th to 69th streets instead of following Fifth Avenue. The parade's committee said it made the move to boost sponsorship and increase participation in the cavalcade, which has seen flagging numbers as the Norwegian population has shrunk over the past four decades, and chairwoman Arlene Rutuelo said it was a success.

"We accomplished our goals in triple amounts," Rutuelo said, claiming the parade got its biggest crowd in more than a decade

and pointing to the Norwegian flags displayed in front of stores all up and down the thoroughfare. "Business owners who didn't have an ounce of Norwegian blood in them wanted to be a part of it."

Rutuelo also credited the success to the Brooklyn Norwegians Facebook page created six months ago, which she said drew visitors from both the old country and the American midwest.

"It's pretty cool how social media has upgraded and made our parade more successful," Rutuelo said, adding that she served several tourists at her store Nordic Delicacies, which sits on Third Avenue between Ovington Avenue and 71st Street.

Victoria Hofmo — who runs the Scandinavian East Coast Museum on Ovington Avenue between Fourth and Fifth avenues — said that plenty of out-of-towners came to this year's Viking Fest on Saturday, which she has helped organize in Owls Head



Park for the past decade. "It's great that people are hearing about it, and we got a great turnout," said Hofmo, who added that she met people from Vermont at the park, where several historical re-enactment groups showed off ancient Scandinavian battle armor, dance, and refreshment. Hofmo said she believes that newcomers and longtime residents alike will keep the heritage events alive even as Scandinavians leave the borough or dissolve into its melting pot, thanks to the many churches, civic organizations, and now social media groups Norwegians founded in the area. "It's not about how many of us are left. It's about our voice, and showing what we did here, and acknowledging the people who went before us," Hofmo said.





Three cheers for our pal Sonia

BENSONHURST

It's three cheers for **Sonia Valentin Fernandez**. She's the tops, she's the cream of the crop. She's also this year's nominee for the **State Senate 2012 Women of Distinction** award. **State Sen. Marty Golden** presented our pal Sonia at an event held in the State Capital. Why not here? Who



knows, go figure. Sonia is a busy gal — she is a member of **Community Board 11**, an appointee of the **62nd Police Precinct**, a founder of the **Friends**

of **John H. Carty Park**, president of the **Benson Avenue Block Association**, and just about the best supporter for every good cause that there is in the community. Sonia was nominated for the accolades by the Benson Avenue Block Association. Golden told standing O, "I was honored to welcome an extraordinary Brooklyn woman to Albany, to honor her as part of the State Senate's Women of Distinction Program." Hey, all the women in Brooklyn are extraordinary. The senator added, "I know that she will continue her work to improve and better the neighborhood." Standing O seconds the motion.

PARK SLOPE

Omnes grando alumni

Laudes, honors, and glory to St. Saviour HS seniors **Dianisbeth Acqui** and **Guadalupe Terrones**, sophomore **Imani Greeves**, and juniors **Gabby Curasco**, **Hanna Loff**, and **Kathleen Shea**. The outstanding students have all achieved high marks and accolades for their achievements. Acqui is going to Harvard, with her grades it's no surprise. Acqui won the distinction of earning a perfect score on the National Latin Exam two years running, a very near impossibility for your average teen, but not for our pal. Terrones has also sharpened her Latin by earning a perfect score on the first year National Latin exam. Greeves and Curasco will be attending Cooper Union Summer Research program, and Loff and Shea are going to participate in the Manhattan College Summer Program for women.

Jeeze Louise, with so many awards, Standing O is finding it hard just to keep track.

St. Saviour High School [588 Sixth St. between Eighth Avenue and Prospect Park West in Park Slope, (718) 768-4406].



A BIG THANK YOU: (From left) Registered nurses **Lucy Domagala**, **Marguerite Corda**, **Robin Prince**, **Anne Blum**, **Elizabeth Esmarelda Elizes**, **Lisa Cohen**, **Shorna McKenzie**, **Jennifer Reiser**, **Lorraine Smith**, **Marry Ellen Cann**, **Kathleen Rogers**, **Mary Anne Gallagher**, **Mary Walsh**, **Michael Willis**, **Alwin Simon**, and **Mark Roberts** were feted by Beth Israel Medical Center during National Nurses Week.

Honoring our outstanding nurses

MARINE PARK

They do so much for us that a whole week has been dedicated just to honor them; nurses that is. **Beth Israel Medical Center** recently honored 65 of the angels of mercy at a special breakfast that kicked off National Nurses Week with certificates of recognition of each of their levels of knowledge in specialized fields. Two of the outstanding Florence Nightingales with the most certificates were **Michael Willis**, APRN, MSN, CWCN, CCRN, CEN and **Mark Roberts**, RN, MSN, Director, case management, PRI, bereavement, HERT-B. The rest of the nurses with just as many initials are **Lucy Domagala**, RN, AS (PRI); **Marguerite Corda**, RN, MSN, VP of Patient Care Services (Alumnus CCRN); **Robin Prince**, RN, BSN (Med-Surg); **Anne Blum**, RN, AS, (Emer-

gency Nursing); **Elizabeth Esmarelda Elizes**, RN, BSN (CCRN); **Lisa Cohen**, RN, MSN, Director of Nursing (NEC), and **Shorna McKenzie**, RN, AS (Med-Surg); **Jennifer Reiser**, RN, BSN, MS, Nurse Education Manager (CWON & Med-Surg); **Lorraine Smith**, RN, BSN (Med-Surg); **Mary Ellen Cann**, RN, AS (CCRN); **Kathleen Rogers**, RN, BSN, Nurse Manager (NEC); **Mary Anne Gallagher**, RN, MA (Pediatric Nursing); **Mary Walsh**, RN, MSN, VP of Patient Care Services & Chief Nursing Officer, Beth Israel Medical Center (NEA-BC & CEN); and **Alwin Simon**, RN, AS (Med-Surg).

All Standing O can say is, "OMG, we have run out of initials."

Beth Israel Medical Center [3201 Kings Highway, between E. 41st Street and Troy Avenue in Marine Park, (718) 951-9565]

CROWN HEIGHTS

Snip, snip, hooray!

Borough President Markowitz has been one busy bee this past week. Along with **Scot Medbury**, president of the **Brooklyn Botanic Garden**, and a host of other hoi-polloi dignitaries, he snipped the ribbons at the grand opening of the new Visitor Center at the Garden. Now, everyone can enjoy the blossoms. Borough President Markowitz told standing O, "Now we can say, a 'Building Grows in the Garden.'" What a mensch!

Brooklyn Botanic Garden [1000 Washington Ave. between Empire Boulevard and

Eastern Parkway in Crown Heights, (718) 623-7200].

BOROUGH WIDE

What, no pickles?

Standing O's biggest fellow booster, **Borough President Markowitz** celebrated star and creator of a "**Jew Grows in Brooklyn**," **Jake Ehrenreich**, with a sandwich naming at Carnegie Deli, in that other borough, Manhattan, as well as declaring May 17 as "A Jew Grows in Brooklyn Day." The gastronomic delicacy is a whopping tower of corned beef, pastrami, turkey, lettuce, and Russian dress-



Photo by Steve Solomonson

MARLBORO

It's a slam dunk

Sending out bowers of baskets to **Yakim Brown**, the player with the most hours. It's center circle for this giving 12 year old, who logged in the most volunteer hours to the **Flames Basketball League**. He's no dead ball when it comes to giving of his time, talents, and dedication. He's one alive shooter and a great assist. "Yakim is one of the most mature young men in the league," said league founder **Gerard Papa**. Out pal Yakim received a shirt with the Flames logo and a well deserved pat on the back at the 38th annual awards night held at Dewey High School. The gala was dedicated to **Tom Bergen**, who was one heck of a booster and an angel to the league in the early days of the organization. Papa added, "Yakim helps with the games, scoring, and does some coaching." Not bad for a seventh grader. Standing O says, "May your free-throws always be fair."

Flames Basketball League [John Dewey HS, 50 Avenue X between Stillwell Avenue and Avenue X in Marlboro, (718) 236-6100].

ing on rye, topped with a broccoli flower. Oy, you should only know — the sandwich is so big it could feed all the hotels in the Catskills. But thankfully, if you can't finish it off in one sitting you can always get the rest to go.

"A Jew Grows in Brooklyn" is in for the duration, or at least until August, at the Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis Theater in Manhattan at 120 W. 46th Street. Standing O had the chance to go and see the show this past weekend. Let me tell you, A "Jew" is so good that Borough President Markowitz should give the production a permanent home at Borough Hall, or at least a special showing at his Seaside Summer concert series.





CHA-CHA-CHA: John “Cha-Cha” Ciarcia lost his bar on the Boardwalk, but he’s coming back with a new bar, nightclub, and amusement park on Surf Avenue. Photo by Elizabeth Graham

Cha-Cha’s

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for families that belong in Coney Island,” said Ciarcia, who closed Cha-Cha’s Bar last November. “My park won’t be a rich South Beach extravaganza like the one the city wants to turn Coney Island into.”

Entrance to the park will be free, and rides will cost \$3 to \$5, Ciarcia said.

The prices will be on par with Central Amusements’s two-year-old Luna Park, which sells tickets on swipe cards and charges between \$3 and \$6 for rides. Ciarcia’s park will be cheaper than the Scream Zone, which charges between \$7 and \$25 for amusements.

Like Luna Park, the

new fun zone will open on Memorial Day and close on Halloween.

Cha-Cha’s, a beloved watering hole known for its live music and gritty old-school Coney Island feel, was a member of the “Boardwalk Eight” — businesses that fought to stay open after Central Amusements, the company the city picked to handle its properties, petitioned to boot them from the iconic

walkway.

Ruby’s Bar and Paul’s Daughter were allowed to return, but Cha-Cha’s and four other shops were evicted last year.

Ciarcia thumbed his nose at the slap in the face by opening a restaurant on Surf Avenue. He then went to Coney Island’s other major landlord, developer Joe Sitt, and inked a deal to turn one of his empty lots into the amusement park.

Barbra

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Ticketmaster has seats starting at \$385.90 for both shows.

More than a dozen ticket

holders are trying to flip Streisand tickets on Craigslist — with some asking for as much as \$750 per seat. The online ticket seller StubHub has tickets to the Oct. 11 and Oct. 13 shows starting at \$119 and \$129, respectively.

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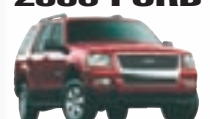
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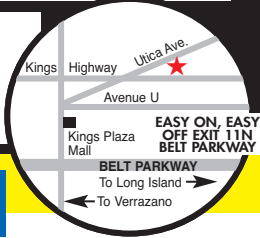


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— Berkeley Carroll's Ian Miller

● 'We all come together at the end of the day.'

— All-Star Leroy "Truck" Fludd

Lopez overlooked as Grand Street champ

BY ZACH BRAZILLER

Brooklyn's Scout Scrimmage on May 12 — an annual showcase in front of several Major League Baseball scouts — featured the city's top high school baseball prospects, but there was one notable absence: Grand Street Campus senior Ernesto Lopez, arguably the best offensive player in the city.

Lopez is leading the Public School Athletic League Class A with 26 RBIs and five home runs and is second with a .625 batting average for Grand Street, which has repeated as Brooklyn A East champions.

Yet he is still often overshadowed by the Wolves' Maryland-bound stars Jose Cuas and Kevin Martir, not to mention speedy junior center fielder Basael "Ralph" McDonald — something that Grand Street coach Melvin Martinez doesn't understand.

"It's crazy," Martinez said. "He's a triple-crown candidate."

But, instead of letting it get to him, Lopez takes out his frustrations about not being recognized on the field, in pre- and post-game workouts.

"I use it as motivation," the Louisiana State University-Eunice-bound senior said. "I would've loved to be there, but I don't let it bother me. I just keep playing, prove to everybody what I can do."

Lopez has done it all this spring at the plate by being more patient and relying on his quick wrists.



GRAND STREET SLUGGER: Grand Street's Ernesto Lopez is leading Public School Athletic League's Class A Division in RBIs and home runs this spring.

Photo by Christina Santucci

His power numbers have increased as a result — pitchers have been forced to come to him because he won't chase pitches out of the strike zone.

Martinez considered Lopez his MVP, quite a compliment considering Cuas, Martir, and McDonald have all produced consistently.

"He's definitely the No.

1 offensive player in New York City," Martinez said. "When people play Grand Street Campus, they're throwing their best players at us and he's just mashing everybody. The numbers and stats he's putting up — those are numbers you can only get playing video games."

His success this spring

began last summer, when he played with the summer program Hank's Yanks and continued during the off-season. Every day he hit in a park nearby his Bushwick home. There were times in the rain and the snow he was out there, hitting off of a tee or taking dry swings.

"When I was hitting I was always thinking other people are at home right now and I'm getting my work in," he said. "Last year I wasn't like that, but now that I'm getting older and looking at my future, I don't want to fail. I want to be better than I was yesterday."

Remarkably, Lopez's big year has included some upheaval. Grand Street's starting catcher he has split time behind the plate with Martir, who transferred into the Public School Athletic League dynamo this fall.

Lopez has spent a lot of time recently either as designated hitter or at third base because of a sore arm.

"As long as I'm playing in the field, hitting, I don't mind," he said. "I'll do anything to contribute."

Martir's arrival, in fact, pushed Lopez to work even harder.

"I'm just glad I had a great year, but it's not over," he said. "We still have the playoffs and the championship game."

Reminded that Grand Street has never reached the finals under Martinez, and has a lot of work to do to get there, the humble Lopez retraced his statement.

"That's where I'm hoping to get to," he said.



BASEBALL ECSTASY: Berkeley Carroll celebrates its 2-1 victory over St. Ann's.

Photo by Denis Gostev

Berkeley sluggers defeat St. Ann's

BY ZACH BRAZILLER

Berkeley Carroll reclaimed its perch as American Collegiate Intramural Sports champions on May 16 following a 2-1, eight-inning win over rival St. Ann's at MCU Park in Coney Island.

The Lions earned the lofty title in 2010, but was never given a chance to defend it when foul weather pushed the American Collegiate Intramural Sports championship game back so it coincided with another tournament that Berkeley Carroll had to attend.

In fact, team administrators are still cursing Mother Nature.

"It bothered me as a competitor to see other people calling themselves champions without having beat us," coach Walter Paller said.

But Paller is smiling now.

His players Jacob Udewitz and Ian Miller combined to allow just four hits and Adam Kochman drew a bases-loaded walk to send the Lions to victory.

"It's definitely sweet,"

Kochman said as he was swarmed by jubilant teammates. "It feels a little bit like retribution."

The extra-inning victory was especially satisfying because the Lions lost twice in similar fashion to St. Ann's (9-6) and Ivy Prep League foe Fieldston. Berkeley Carroll has now won five games in a row, but it was those defeats that helped the Lions last Wednesday.

"We have the grit to win those tight games now," Miller said.

Paller's plan for the finals was to piece the game together with a series of pitchers. He wasn't even sure who was going to get the ball until Udewitz text-messaged him last Tuesday night asking for it.

The soft-tossing left-hander turned in his best performance of the year, allowing three hits, one unearned run and striking out five over five solid innings of work.

"Jacob was the man today," Paller said.

Miller, the sophomore ace, took over in the sixth.

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Brooklyn's dream team

Lincoln coach compiles All-Star basketball team

BY ZACH BRAZILLER

The Public School Athletic League has its own Brooklyn AA All-star team — with one of the borough's most loved, and feared, coaches at the head.

Jaquan "Son Son" Lynch said that whenever he saw Lincoln coach Dwayne "Tiny" Morton, his blood boiled. The Thomas Jefferson star wanted to beat him and the Railsplitters at all costs.

Leroy "Truck" Fludd of Boys and Girls felt the same way, but now he and Lynch are playing for the renowned coach, who was tapped to lead the Juice All-Stars Amateur Athletic Union program — and they're not alone.

Lynch's Jefferson teammates Patrick "Stink" Brown and Kareem Johnakin are also on the team, which features Lincoln standouts Isaiah Whitehead and Shaquille Davis.

And Morton couldn't be happier.

"That's what I want Juice to be," Morton said. "Most of the guys are friends. They are from the same neighborhoods, they just wear different uniforms."

That hasn't been the case in recent years, but everything will jell together this summer, Morton said.

Fludd, whose father played with Morton at Lincoln when the two were in high school, left the Metrohawks for Juice because the Nike circuit doesn't allow current high school seniors. He also attended Morton's middle school. Jefferson coach Lawrence "Bud" Pollard, close friends with Morton, suggested to his players they play with Juice as well.

"During the season everybody is my enemy," said the uncommitted Fludd. "Now we're all friends."

The group has gotten off to a solid start on the Amateur Athletic Union circuit and had another productive day on May 19.

The team reached the Nike Spring Classic quarterfinals after picking up a pair of wins over the Raising Champions and New Jersey-based Playaz Club-Seniors. The second victory was impressive, beating a team that featured Florida International University-bound forward Jerome Frink and St. John's commit Darrick Wood. Fludd led the way with 19 points, Davis had 17, and Lynch eight.

"We all come together at the end of the day," Fludd said. "We all know each other's game and we



RIVALS IN ARMS: Boys and Girls' Leroy "Truck" Fludd is spending the summer playing with many of his rivals on the Juice All-Star team. Photo by Denis Gostev

know each other's plays."

The crux of the team spent the winter looking to beat one another, but the transition toward playing together hasn't been difficult, Morton said. They all know one another well, have a mutual respect for each other, and complement one another. Lynch has been able to work on his point guard skills with finishers like Whitehead and Fludd and his 3-point shooting has opened up the floor for Davis, a slashing guard.

"When I see Truck dunking, I remember when he did that on us; when Isaiah is hitting 3-pointers and gets in a groove, I remember that, too," Lynch said. "When I'm

scoring, I'm sure they think the same thing."

There is plenty of trash-talking that goes on. Fludd has told everyone to call him "31" — because he won three city championship and one state crown. Lynch counters that his Jefferson teammate Thaddeus Hall dropped 30 on him twice during the year. And Morton said part of those championships still belongs to Coney Island, because Fludd is a Coney Island kid.

When the summer ends and the players go back to their respective schools, everything will go back to the way it was. Lynch, Brown, and Johnakin will see Morton, Whitehead, and Davis as the enemy.



STEPPING UP: Leon Goldstein's Kim Salkin was elevated to third singles because of star Becky Shtilkind's foot injury, and cruised to a straight-set win. Photo by Denis Gostev

What a racket! Dolphins victorious

BY ZACH BRAZILLER

Leon Goldstein's tennis team seized its second-straight city title on May 18 — without its No. 1 singles player.

Becky Shtilkind stepped on a glass in her home a day before the match, pushing an untried Kim Salkin into the No. 3 singles spot for the Dolphins — just a day after she made her spring return after missing six months of team play with an infection in her right elbow.

Salkin may have been nervous, but she didn't show it as she cruised to a 6-3, 6-2 win in third singles over Cardozo's Arielle John — the pivotal win for No. 1 Goldstein, which edged the second-seeded Cardozo Judges 3-2 at the United States Tennis Association Billie Jean King National Tennis Center in Flushing.

Salkin said her victory was a team effort.

"The whole team was very supporting of each other," Salkin said. "We just helped each other, honestly. I'm ecstatic. I haven't played this good in a long time."

Elizabeth Tsvetov topped Rebecca Fakas in second singles, 6-2, 6-1, and Nicole Druzhinsky and Maria Shabashkevich clinched the title in first doubles by knocking off Olivia Poon and Steliana Fakas, 6-2, 6-3.

In first singles, Cardozo's Sabrina Xiong made quick work of Goldstein's Destina Gunin, 6-0, 6-1, and in second doubles the Judges' Nakia Miller and Abigail Rojas prevailed, 6-2,

6-1, over Ruta Pranaityte and Michelle Borovskoy.

"This will be the team next year, as of right now," Goldstein coach Victoria D'Orazio said. "The future is bright."

It was a far more dramatic victory than last year, when the Dolphins cruised past the Judges, 5-0. Shtilkind, of course, was in the lineup then. The top seed in the Public School Athletic League individual tournament, she played through intense pain in last Thursday's semifinals, but couldn't go on Friday.

Doctors removed the glass, which came from the shard of a broken lamp in her bedroom. It created a deep cut, though the real pain was the helpless feeling she felt watching her teammates play without her.

"I was about to cry," she said. "I didn't want to let them down."

After Druzhinsky and Shabashkevich completed their match in straight sets, the senior felt better.

"I felt my pain go away," she said, smiling. "It was a load off my shoulders."

Shtilkind is hopeful she can compete in the Public School Athletic League individuals, which began this week. She plans to be on the court in early June for the Mayor's Cup, the annual competition among the top public, private, and Catholic teams in the area.

Goldstein nearly upset Catholic High School Athletic Association dynamo St. Fran-

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Baby kicks

Young teams upend veterans at McCarren Park

BY AARON SHORT

Forget the rookie of the year — this is the year of the rookies.

Brooklyn Kickball League's newby teams slaughtered several veteran squads on Sunday at McCarren Park, proving that the borough's game of summer is as unpredictable — and as exciting — as ever.

New squads including Bodega, #1 Dad, the Newtown Creeps, and the Perfect Strangers all recorded impressive wins over longtime kickball powers.

Bodega adjourned People's Court, 4-2, and knocked out Bangarang in a 3-0 victory, as Perfect Strangers finished a perfect day against People's Court, 3-2, and Booze on First, 5-1.

The Newtown Creeps cleaned up with two impressive 10-0 wins over Bruisers and Kickball Fever, while #1 Dad put the Pony Boys out of its misery with a gritty 1-0 final.

Top-ranked Milk Believe, a first-year team that has flooded the league with its offensive prowess, had the weekend off.

League Commissioner Kevin

Dailey says the new clubs have kicked things off with a successful mix of veteran leadership and youthful energy.

"Anything can happen in this league and I'm rooting for it to not be predictable," he said.

Teams such as Perfect Strangers are still getting to know each other — and the rest of the league.

"We're discouraging friendships — we're trying to be perfect, and strangers," said infielder Steve "Stranger Danger" Bruno. "We're just kicking the s--- out of the ball."

Venerable squads Salute Your Jorts and American Blood continued their undefeated early season campaigns with solid wins over respectable kicking clubs.

The Jorts sobered up Booze on First, 5-2, and then standardized the Mathletes in a close 2-1 night game — throwing out what would have been the tying run in a play at the plate.

"They're establishing themselves as an elite team and it's good to see them go up a level," said Dailey.

"They're able to beat fellow veteran teams, they tied the New



JORTS, NOT SKORTS: Salute Your Jorts is one of the league's most promising teams this year. Photos by Stefano Giovannini

Frontiersmen last week. They're doing fine."

The Blood solved the Mathletes, 5-1, and drained the New Frontiersmen, 3-2, in their nightcap, thanks to late-game heroics from infielders Lizzy "Fizzy" Martin and Adam "Adrock" Hildebrand.

"No one could get on kicking to Adrock at third — he's an animal over there," said Blood's Peter "Nightlife" Anzelone. "And Lizzy holds down the middle of the in-

field and always finds a way to get on base."

Expect to see the Blood battle the Jorts in a titanic contest in the coming weeks.

But other traditional titans are having a tough year.

The Mathletes' failed chemistry cost them two games to Salute Your Jorts and American Blood, while the typically strong New Frontiersmen dropped a game to American Blood due to fielding errors after gutting the Bacon Bits, 11-1.

"We self-destructed on the field in the last inning," said Frontiersman utility man Matt "Marquis De" Sadewitz. "Lots of fielding errors. They just got in our heads I think."

Some new teams still have to work out their kinks — particularly the Bruisers, who gave up 15 runs on Sunday.

"The poor Bruisers," said Dailey. "I don't think they've scored a run yet this season. They could use a W."

Lions

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He allowed a leadoff single to Gideon Davidson, but retired the next eight batters he.

Robert Graham walked with one out in the eighth off St. Ann's Ivan Zeavin-Moss, who was brilliant in defeat with seven strikeouts and just two hits allowed. Graham went to second on an error and advanced to third on Yanai Feldman's single. After Miller struck out, he scored when Kochman took four straight pitches out of the strike zone.

"I will take it with pleasure," he said.

"I saw him losing the zone. Coach gave me the green

light, but I was taking."

Graham was mobbed at home plate. The Lions kept celebrating for a good five minutes after the victory, jumping and dancing until Paller reminded them there was work left to be done. So much of this young team had never experienced winning a title before, coach Paller said. All the team knew was heartbreak, when it fell to Poly Prep in the New York State Association of Independent School Athletic Association final last May, he explained.

"Our guys are so young," Paller said, "they don't know how to celebrate."

As Paller reminded his players during their celebration, this is just the first step. The Lions (17-3), the fourth

seed in the upcoming New York State Association of Independent School Athletic Association playoffs, have made a name for themselves in the private school state tournament, upsetting Poly Prep three years ago and nearly doing the same last spring.

It won't be an easy road back to the finals. Fifth-seeded Horace Mann and its two high Division I prospects Harrison Bader (Pittsburgh) and Jesse Roth (Virginia) are up first on Saturday. No. 1 Poly Prep would likely be up next in the semifinals.

"We're not going to give an inch," Miller said. "This team is going to fight. We're going to throw everything at you."

Goldstein

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cis Prep last spring, but the Terriers rallied for a 3-2 victory to extend their 13-year-long winning streak, which now stands at 201 consecutive matches.

"Right now we're celebrating here," D'Orazio said. "We are looking very much forward to seeing them again in a rematch."

Shtilkind is confident the result will be different. For one, she'll be on the court, unlike Friday.

"If we could win this championship two years in a row, one with me not playing, we can beat St. Francis," she predicted.



VICTORY: Leon Goldstein won its second-straight Public School Athletic League Class A girls tennis title on Friday.

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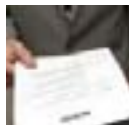
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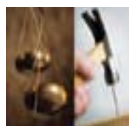
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Use this plan to ensure that you will be on a path toward success.

- Assess likes and dislikes

Many people change careers because they dislike their job, boss, company, and so forth. Identifying the dislikes is often the easier part of this step.

You will not know what direction to go in unless you examine your likes. What do you really like doing when you are working, when you are at home, and in your spare time? What excites you and energizes you? What is your passion?

- Research new careers

Once you have discovered your passion, spend some time researching the types of careers that center on your passions. Do not worry if you are feeling a bit unsure or insecure; it is a natural part of the career-change process.

- Transferable skills

There are many skills that are transferable and applicable to what you want to do in your new career. You may be surprised to see that you already have a solid amount of experience.

- Training and education

If the skill you need to learn is one you could use in your current job, see if your employer would pick up the tab. Take a course or two to ensure you really like the subject matter.

If you are going for a new degree or certification, make sure you check the accreditation of the school. Get some information about placement successes.

- Networking

One of the real keys to successfully changing careers will be your networking ability. People in your network may be able to give you job leads, offer you advice and information, and introduce you to others.

You can also broaden your network through joining professional organizations in your new field and contacting alumni from your college.

Set positive goals for yourself, but expect setbacks and change. Do not let these things get you down. You might also consider a lateral move that could serve as a springboard for a bigger career change.

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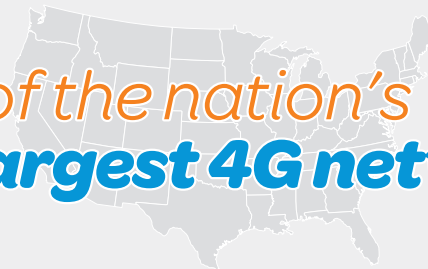
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