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Barclays getting the gold

BY ELI ROSENBERG

They've already won the gold, but now a team of Olympians are going to face their toughest judges yet — the crowd at Brooklyn's new arena.

The Fierce Five — Gabby Douglas, Aly Raisman, Jordyn Wieber,



Kyla Ross, and McKayla Maroney — will celebrate taking home four individual medals and beating Russia for team gold in London with a show at the still-being-built

BROOKLYN BOUND: Gabrielle Douglas and the gold medal-winning U.S. Olympic gymnasts are coming to the Barclays Center.

Barclays Center on Nov. 19.

Organizers say the Brooklyn show will be a performance of champions fitting for the borough of kings.

"The only judges will be the spectators," said Jordan Dillon, a spokeswoman for the USA Gymnastics team.

"Brooklyn is currently the last stop on the tour so I am sure we will want to finish with one of our best performances," she said.

Brooklyn fans of the Fierce Five

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LOCKED UP IN THE LOCK SHOP



SERVING HARDWARE TIME: A trip to buy bolts became a harrowing experience for Windsor Terrace resident Mike Brennan (left), who wound up locked up inside a hardware store until shop owner Abdul Motin arrived and freed him.

Photo by Paul Martinka

Man trapped inside home repair shop

BY DANIELLE FURFARO

A Windsor Terrace man found himself under lock and beside key-cutting machine when a hardware store employee closed up shop for a prayer break, trapping the unlucky customer inside.

For 45 harrowing minutes, Mike Brennan was stuck inside Brooklyn Hardware Supply last Friday after the shop's lone employee pulled down the Prospect Avenue store's roll gates so he could visit a nearby mosque.

It all started when Brennan made a mid-afternoon visit to the store to buy some bolts. As he walked in, he saw a worker lowering the gate over the window, but Brennan paid it no mind.

He spent a few minutes wandering the tiny store, and the next thing he knew, he heard another

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DITMAS PARK BLOOMS

Botanic Garden says street in leafy hood is boro's greenest block

BY ELI ROSENBERG
Ditmas is earning the "park" in its name. The tree-filled neighborhood is now even greener — and the floraphiles at the Brooklyn Botanic Garden are taking note.

The area recently took home two out of the Garden's six "Greenest Block in Brooklyn" awards — a long overdue acknowledgement of the hard work residents have put in to spruce up their neighborhood.

"This is a product of both longtime residents and brand-new residents," said Robin Redmond, the executive director of the Flatbush Development Corporation, a neighborhood group that helped organize a major greening effort in Newkirk Plaza in May. "People are very invested here and they have a vision for the place for it to be gorgeous."

The Brooklyn Botanic Garden selected Newkirk Plaza and the nearby Cortelyou Road stretch between Westminster and Argyle roads as co- "greenest commercial" blocks. The plaza's award marks a surprising transition for an area that residents used to associate with urban neglect.

"Newkirk Plaza used to have, like, chain-link fence, and it had tar black-top," Redmond said of the makeover in which volunteers installed 21 planters, 11 trees, and benches in the area around the Q train subway stop. "It's been a tremendous change for that space and a change that's been a long time in the making."

The stretch of Cortelyou Road that shared the award



HOW DOES YOUR GARDEN GROW?: (Above) Arielle Harris, 9, waters a new flower box in Newkirk Plaza. (Top, right) Robin Redmond, Bob Pandolfo, Nicole Francis, Jason Kellman, Leon Kogt, and Samuel Moskowitz all helped organize Newkirk Plaza's neighborhood greening effort. (Right) The lush plants wowed the Brooklyn Botanic Garden.

Photos by Elizabeth Graham



with Newkirk Plaza is home to such popular businesses as Mimi's Hummous, the Castello Plan, and T.B. Ackerson Wine Merchant — but residents said the block's transformation was also a recent development.

"I've heard people say they think people in Dit-

mas Park take the beauty for granted, but Cortelyou Road was not beautiful until somewhat recently," said Jan Rosenberg, a broker at Brooklyn Hearth, which took home the "greenest storefront," title from the Garden. "It is just wonderful to see people on the

streets now using the farmers market. It creates more of a community."

Still, Rosenberg admitted that it was the neighborhood's historical character that ultimately helped inspire the recent efforts to incorporate plants into the streetscape.

"One of the things that is very unusual here is that there's a strip of grass between the sidewalk and the street," said Rosenberg. "It was consciously built as a suburban neighborhood and this continues that. But, also, this is a neighborhood where people care."



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A bronze tale

Brooklyn is the world! The international hub that is our borough gave rise to two Olympic medalists, and, fittingly, they represented different countries. Lia Neal, a 17-year-old swimmer from Flatbush, made America proud when she took home a bronze in the 4×100-meter freestyle relay. Meanwhile, runner Lalonde Gordon — who trained in Red Hook Park — took home two bronze medals in the 400-meter dash and another in the 4×400-meter relay while representing Trinidad and Tobago.



Double-parking trouble on Dean Street

BY ELI ROSENBERG

Motorists flagrantly break the law by double-parking on Dean Street, say angry cyclists who claim the rampant rule-flaunting puts their lives in peril.

Drivers routinely double-park between Sixth and Carlton avenues, partly blocking traffic and forcing passing motorists on the one-lane street to veer into the bike lane, according to bicyclists.

And it's not just during alternate-side parking hours, when double-parked motorists tend to get a free pass from traffic enforcement officers — double-parking happens at all hours on Dean Street, according to biker Will Van Zee.

"They have to police over here — the double-parking is dangerous," said Van Zee, who regularly commutes on the street and claims he broke his collarbone last year when he got "doored" after swerving around a double-parked car. "Cars get frustrated and try to speed past you over maybe a small delay. The worst thing for a motorist is that they're late to work — but for a cyclist,



LANE PAIN: Cyclists claim double-parking is out of control on Dean Street between Sixth and Carlton avenues — and they say it's putting their lives in danger.

Photo by Stefano Giovannini

they could be dead."

A multi-day investigation by this newspaper confirmed that numerous cars double-park along the block — sometimes forming a long row of vacant vehicles — with no apparent correlation to the street sweeping schedule.

In fact, it seems to be at its worst between around 5:30 pm and 8:30 pm, when many parents double-park to watch youth baseball at the Dean Street Playground.

But longtime Prospect

Heights residents say double-parking extends beyond sports leagues.

Many neighbors claim the roadway gets particularly crowded when parishioners use the traffic lane for parking during church services.

"When church members come, they'll just double park. It's just become a habit," said Vanessa Naidla, a secretary at the Temple of Restoration church. "I've been here for 10 years, this street has always been crazy with parking."

Some drivers who live on Dean Street say double-parking is part of the culture of the block — and it's necessary because of the lack of available spots nearby.

"There's almost no spaces here," said Raul Bernal. "Where are we going to park if we don't double park?"

Motorists who aren't accustomed to the street's strange parking practice say the nearly constant double-parking is a hassle.

"The couple of times I've parked here I couldn't get out because someone was double-parked," said a construction worker who is working on a project in the neighborhood. "I wouldn't do that, because I have courtesy for other people."

Cyclists claim a few traffic tickets would stop the double-parking epidemic.

Police at the 77th Precinct did not return calls for comment — and bike riders say it may be because they're part of the problem.

"I see cops double-parked every day," said Van Zee. "How are they going to police it when they're the number one people who do it?" — *with Alfred Ng*

Boro's tech scene gets Kickstarted

BY DANIELLE FURFARO
AND ALFRED NG

The internet fund-raising darling Kickstarter will leave Manhattan for new offices in an old pencil factory in Greenpoint — marking the biggest coup for North Brooklyn's burgeoning tech community so far.

The web company will bring its 45 employees to the landmarked Eberhard Faber Pencil Company building on Kent Street next year, a designer for architect Ole Søndresen said. And the move won't just give the "crowd-funding" company more space for its growing staff — Kickstarter's arrival could help turn Greenpoint into a tech mecca, neighborhood boosters claim.

"It proves that if these companies can find the space, this is where they want to be," said William Harvey, a sculptor, designer, and longtime champion of development in North Brooklyn. "Kickstarter shows that we have everything these companies want."

Greenpoint is more famous for its smoked sausages and sewage plant than its Silicon Valley-style businesses — but the arrival of a brand as well known as Kickstarter could change all that, said neighborhood tech advocate Andy Smith.

"Kickstarter is moving to Greenpoint for the same reason so many start-up companies are springing up here: it's unique, it al-

lows for innovation, and has space for companies to grow," said Smith, of the Nassau Avenue co-working space the Yard — where many Greenpoint web workers share office space.

"With a high-profile company like Kickstarter coming here, it's a real catalyst for Greenpoint's growth," he said.

In fact, the arrival of the company — which earned fame for streamlining the way people donate money to creative projects — could open a third front in Brooklyn's tech civil war.

DUMBO has long been the borough's leading digital district, but rising rents and a lack of available space have steered some would-be tenants to Downtown. City officials have pushed to make Downtown more desirable for tech companies, but some businesses seem to prefer hipper quarters further north.

"Greenpoint is more exciting and innovative than DUMBO," said Smith. "You don't need a crystal ball to see that we're the future."

Kickstarter has already won the approval of the city's Landmarks Preservation Commission and plans to add an interior courtyard while retaining the structure's industrial aesthetic, according to CityLandNYC. A Kickstarter spokesman declined to comment, but the New York Post reports that the company plans to spend \$7.5 million acquiring and fixing up the building.



THE KICKER: Kickstarter's decision to move to Greenpoint may convince other tech brands to come to North Brooklyn, neighborhood boosters say.

By Elizabeth Graham



FACTS OF THE FALL: A building at the corner of Wythe Avenue and S. Ninth Street was slated for demolition before it gave way on Aug. 9. Firefighters were quickly on the scene to assess the damage.

Photos by Paul Martinka



Williamsburg building collapses

BY ELI ROSENBERG

A South Williamsburg building crumbled to the ground on Aug. 9, leaving behind a giant pile of rubble and a crowd of bewildered onlookers at the corner of Wythe Avenue and S. Ninth Street.

Nobody was injured when the structure gave

way at around 11 am, the fire department said.

And the collapse may have given building owners a leg up — developers were already in the process of demolishing parts of the structure, which stretches all the way to Kent Avenue, according to city records.

Builder Isaac Hager,

who could not be reached for comment, bought the property for \$42.6 million in 2007 with plans to turn the warehouse building into several apartment towers, the Real Deal reports.

Neighbors complained to the city as recently as June about workers conducting demolition without proper

permits at the site.

But inspectors from Department of Buildings found no evidence of any wrongdoing.

The building — which was the former home of the clothing store Domsey's Warehouse — was vacant when it gave way, according to NBC New York.

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Hall-elujah in Park Slope

BY NATALIE O'NEILL

Brooklyn is getting another whiff of Cologne thanks to a massive new beer hall inspired by the German city.

A 200-seat pub opened for business on St. Marks Place near Fourth Avenue under the name Die Koelner Bierhalle — the borough's second tribute to Germany's fourth largest metropolis.

The new venue boasts 30 draft beers, 40 bottled beers, and a wine list in a converted Park Slope warehouse that's roughly the size of a basketball court.

"[It] transports patrons to a traditional German beer hall without requiring a passport," said manager Andre Jordan.

Like many German-influenced beer halls, Die Koelner Bierhalle boasts traditional German food and communal seating at long wooden tables.

But it's not to be mistaken for Brooklyn's other Cologne-inspired beer bar, Fort Greene's Der Schwarze Kölner. Managers at both



PROST! Eby Harvey serves up a cold Ettaler Dunkler Doppelbock at Die Koelner Bierhalle. Photo by Stefano Giovannini

beer halls were quick to point out that the bars have no affiliation — despite reports erroneously linking the two because their names include the words "Kolner" and "Koelner," which mean "Cologne" in German.

Despite concerns and complaints about other beer bars with outdoor seating nearby, some St. Marks Place residents say they're excited about the new watering hole.

"We're a little different from normal Park Slope people, we've been waiting for a while for the bar to open," said bar neighbor Weina Dorsky. "I'm really excited. I like different choices of imported beer, and it's close to home."

Die Koelner Bierhalle [84 St. Marks Pl between Fourth and Fifth avenues in Park Slope, (347) 227-7238, thekbh.com].

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The crypt sweepers

French folks come to Green-Wood to clean

BY ALFRED NG

Talk about French cleaners!

Five volunteers flew all the way from Paris to tidy up the Brooklyn grave of an obscure 19th century wine importer.

Pourquoi? Because he was French.

Preservationists gave Jacob Tartter's Green-Wood Cemetery resting place a much-needed makeover last week, spending an hour scrubbing the multi-tiered gray granite gravestone and applying coats of wax to bronze detailing installed after the wine seller's death in 1885.

The volunteers knew little about Tartter other than his country of origin — and that the obelisk marking his grave towered over the neighboring tombstones in the cemetery's French Masons lot.

But after this newspaper conducted a bit of cursory Googling and informed them of the deceased's trade, they said he must have made their country — and his adopted borough — proud.

"He must be very important to Brooklyn," said 18-year-old volunteer Somia Toyb. "Wine is one of the main elements of French culture."

The Green-Wood Historic Fund cleanup is an annual event that draws eager preservationists, many of them French, across the Atlantic to do a charitable act and see the borough,



WAX ON, WAX OFF: French volunteers Sonia Toyb and Camille Poezevara apply a wax coating to the bronze features of 19th-century French wine merchant Jacob Tartter's gravestone in Green-Wood Cemetery.

Photos by Elizabeth Graham

according to Green-Wood Cemetery president Richard Moylan.

That explains why the group tidied Tartter's tomb.

"We try to find one project each year that they can relate to," he said.

By refurbishing the wine merchant's grave, the volunteers helped celebrate French history in the cemetery and French culture in the city — and there's plenty of that to go around.

"The yard that they're cleaning right now is dedicated to French masons, but we also have another area dedicated to French chefs," Moylan said.



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MAN WITH A VAN: Leroy Morrison, who runs Alexis Van Lines, wants the city to include "dollar vans" in a new program that will allow car services to pick up passengers off the street.

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W'burg bazaar sold for \$18 million

BY DANIELLE FURFARO

A Williamsburg plot of land went from flea market location to real estate market darling when a developer scooped it up for a whopping \$18 million.

A buyer with a plan to build luxury housing purchased a warehouse at the nexus of Meeker Avenue and Richardson and Frost streets that housed the Meeker Avenue Flea Market until it closed down last year, according to a real estate agent involved in the deal.

The sale price might sound high for a chunk of real estate bordering the Brooklyn-Queens Expressway, but broker Robert Kline, who represented both the buyer and the seller, said the site drew top dollar because it's the last large parcel of land in Williamsburg that's available.

"People are chasing projects," said Kline. "They aren't making any more dirt and the spaces are getting tighter and tighter. A lot of develop-

ers are looking for large tracts of land and there's nothing left."

The buyer, who is listed on public records as 88 Richardson LLC, plans to tear down the existing structure to build 11 stories of housing on the site, according to Kline.

Most of that will likely be high-end rentals, but the developer plans to set aside some of the space for tenants paying below market-rate rents, Kline said.

With 160,000-square-foot of buildable space, the price works out to \$112 per square foot — making it "a steal," according to apt-sandlofts.com president David Maundrell.

"Other stuff out there is selling for \$150 to \$180 per square foot," said Maundrell, who agrees that the former flea market is a great buy thanks to the size of the plot.

"A lot of the land has been gobbled up in the past year and a half as the rental market has increased," he said.



LANDLOCKED: The developer who purchased this warehouse near the Brooklyn-Queens Expressway plans to an 11-story rental tower.

Photo by Stefano Giovannini

Road rage!

Dollar vans covet taxi plan

BY ELI ROSENBERG

Dollar van drivers who zip up and down Flatbush Avenue between Downtown and Mill Basin say they want to horn in on the city's controversial plan to give livery cabs the right to accept street hails — but claim that the Taxi and Limousine Commission is thwarting their attempts to legitimize their illegal, yet accepted, practice of picking up customers who flag them down at bus stops.

The Taxi and Limousine Commission is poised to sell 6,000 street hail permits that would allow car service drivers to pick up customers at the curb instead of waiting for passengers to call for rides.

But dollar van drivers — who cannot legally pick up street hails — say they aren't included in the city's plan, even though they claim Taxi and Limousine Commissioner David Yassky promised they would be.

"The chairman of the Taxi and Limousine Commission is playing with us," said Leroy Morrison, the manager of Alexis Van Lines, who's driven a commuter van for 25 years.

"Commissioner Yassky needs to wake up and think about these guys who have a family and want to make a decent living!"

Dollar van drivers throughout the borough are outraged that they will not be able to make a bid for a \$1,500 permit, according to Morrison.

But even if they were allowed to get one, many dollar van drivers won't be able to afford the costly fee, advocates say.

"It's unfortunate that we can't find a way for these small businesses to perform at their optimal capacity," said Councilman Jumaane Williams (D-Flatbush), who noted that the city asked dollar van drivers for their assistance during 9-11 and Hurricane Irene.

"We were led to believe that they were going to be grandfathered into any plan. If we can clear a path for these people, we can focus on getting rid of the illegal road vans that are out there."

Yet Commission representatives say commuter van drivers can join the street hail plan — which has been sidelined as oppo-

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Man attacked

A violent group of perps assaulted a man and stole his phone and keys on Maurer Street on Aug. 6.

The victim told police that he was near Leonard Street at 9:25 pm and was slipping his iPhone into his pocket when three men walked up to him, threw him to the ground, and started punching and kicking him.

One of the thugs then put his hands into the victim's pockets and stole his phone and keys. Cops canvassed the area, but did not arrest anyone.

Coin collection

Two teenagers stole \$100 in quarters from a Roebling Street laundromat on Aug. 7, and then assaulted an employee when she tried to stop them.

The victim told police that she was at the business between S. Second and S. Third streets at 2:15 pm when the punks grabbed the coins.

She chased them to the door, but they threw her to the ground, scratching her shoulder and wrist, police said. The pair then jumped on bicycles and fled toward Metropolitan Avenue.

Laptops lifted

A couple woke up to find someone had entered their S. Eighth Street apartment and stolen their laptops sometime overnight on Aug. 7.

The man of the house told police that he went to bed at 4 am without locking the door to his apartment between Berry Street and Bedford Avenue.

But when they awoke the next morning to go to work, they found both of the laptops — a silver MacBook Pro and a black Gateway Netbook — had vanished. Neighbors didn't see anyone enter the apartment.

Withdrawal stolen

A man snatched an elderly woman's purse out of her hands as she exited the Bank of America on Graham Avenue on Aug. 6 — running off with her freshly withdrawn \$1,000 in cash.

The 78-year-old woman told police she had just taken out money at the branch between Varet and Moore streets at 4:30 pm and put the cash in her pocketbook when the thief grabbed it and fled.

Leonard threat

Two men pointed a gun at a woman and stole her phone on Leonard Street late at night on Aug. 8.

The victim told police she was near Devoe Street at 11:30 pm on her way home when the men ran up behind her. One of the perps grabbed her phone out of her hand and ran up the street, while the other pointed a gun wrapped in a towel at her and said, "Don't say anything, ma'am."

**POLICE
BLOTTER****Registers raided**

A pair of thugs stormed a Checkers Restaurant on Broadway just as it was closing on Aug. 9, pointed guns at the employees, and stole money out of the registers.

The victims told police that they were cleaning up for the day at the eatery between Havemeyer Street and Marcy Avenue at 2:30 am when the two thieves ran through the front doors — one of them carrying a handgun.

The armed robber ordered everyone to get on the floor and the men emptied the cash registers into a plastic bag. As they were fleeing, one of the thugs struck an employee in the head with the gun, causing pain and swelling that needed treatment at the hospital.

Supermarket slashing

An unknown assailant who claimed to be a security guard at a Manhattan Avenue supermarket accused a man of stealing and slashed him on Aug. 8.

The victim told police he was at Food Bazaar between Varet and Moore streets at 5:30 pm when the knife-wielding lunatic approached.

"You came here yesterday and stole," the perp with the knife shouted, before slashing the victim and fleeing.

94TH PRECINCT

GREENPOINT-NORTHSIDE

Wore out his welcome

A guy visiting an acquaintance's Greenpoint Avenue apartment for a birthday party tried to abscond with a canvas bag full of the host's expensive cologne on Aug. 4, police said.

The victim, who lives between Eckford Street and McGuinness Boulevard, told police the obnoxious guest got drunk and passed out on his couch as the rest of the party guests made their way to the backyard.

When the host returned inside, he found the guest on his way out — carrying one of his bags filled with cologne, as well as the victim's credit card and MetroCard, according to police.

The host then took the bag back and kicked the lousy guest out of the house, NYPD records indicate.

Punched

A thug attacked a man on Havemeyer Street as he was on his way home from the bar on Aug. 2, taking the victim's cell-

phone, driver's license, and debit card.

The victim, who had been drinking, told police that he was near N. Sixth Street at 2:15 am when he was attacked.

The brute approached him from behind, punched him in the head, and knocked him to the ground, police said. The man lost consciousness and when he came to, his Motorola cellphone, license, and debit card were gone.

Massive attack

A group of men attacked a victim on Conselyea Street on Aug. 8, police said.

The victim told police he was between Graham Avenue and Humboldt Street at 11:40 pm when between six and eight approached him and one stuck a gun in his face. They took his wallet, which contained his debit and credit cards.

Police arrested one suspect later on Lorimer and Boerum streets when an officer reported seeing him stuff a gun in a backpack. The 18-year-old resisted arrest and gave a fake name, officials said.

Cops say some of the same men may have been involved in another attack a half an hour later, when a group approached another victim at the corner of Driggs and Leonard streets, punched him in the stomach, grabbed his iPhone, and ran.

Movie shoot

A pair of thugs intruded on three artists working on a film on Commercial Street, holding them up at gunpoint and stealing their equipment, on Aug. 11.

The victims told police that they were shooting a scene near Box Street at 10 pm when a man came up from behind their truck, pointed a gun at them, and demanded they get down on the ground.

The robbers then gathered up all of their video equipment — including a Canon camera, a Canon lens, and a Manfrotto tripod — and raided the truck, taking a moment to slap the buttocks of the woman hiding inside.

The louts then took the victims' cellphones and smashed them on the ground before they ran away.

Not too young to rob

A group of young men assaulted a N. Seventh Street restaurant owner who refused to give them cigarettes on Aug. 5, police said.

The owner of a restaurant between Bedford and Driggs avenues told police he was outside smoking at 1 am when a bunch of young men asked him for a cigarette.

The victim told them he wouldn't give

them any, saying, "You are too young."

That's when the young men knocked him to the ground, punching and kicking him in the face and head, police said.

One of the bullies allegedly grabbed a wooden spoon from the restaurant and hit the man over the head with it.

Police arrested four suspects who range in age from 17 to 20 on charges of assault.

— *Danielle Furfaro*

84TH PRECINCT

BROOKLYN HEIGHTS-DUMBO-BOERUM HILL-DOWNTOWN

Poly perp

An NYU-Poly maintenance worker raided dorm rooms for laptop computers on Aug. 8, prosecutors allege.

The thieving custodian barged into a student's room in the Johnson Street building at around 1 pm — then apologized to the dorm dweller for walking in, investigators say.

"Sorry, wrong room," he said, according to documents from the District Attorney's office.

When the student left his room at around 1:30 pm, surveillance video shows the worker walk right in and grab two laptop computers and two laptop chargers, investigators say.

The suspect is also accused of snatching another laptop from a different room in the same floor of the building, which is between Jay and Lawrence streets.

A co-worker identified the suspect using the security footage, and cops say they recovered all three computers.

Mugged on the mall

Cops arrested one of two juvenile muggers accused of pillaging a woman's wallet on the Fulton Mall on Aug. 7.

The two perps grabbed the victim's purse on the bustling Downtown thoroughfare between Jay and Pearl streets at 6:50 pm.

Once they had it in their grasp, the thieves tore through the handbag until they found the victim's wallet — then grabbed her cash.

The duo discarded the purse and wallet and fled with \$200 — but police say they managed to arrest one of the thieves.

— *Ben Muessig*

76TH PRECINCT

CARROLL GARDENS-COBBLE HILL-RED HOOK

Subway mugging

A crook snatched an iPhone from a 24-year old woman's hand as she waited for the train at the Carroll Street station on Aug. 12.

The victim was on the Manhattan-bound platform near Smith and President streets at around 1:50 pm when the perp grabbed her phone, pushed her to the ground, and fled — leaving the victim with a cut on her left knee.

Cops say the robber is a bald man last

spotted wearing blue jeans, white sneakers, and a blue t-shirt.

Beat with a belt

Cops say they cuffed a vicious mugger who hospitalized a 17-year-old after beating the victim with his own belt on Aug. 7.

The perp accosted the victim at around 3:30 pm on Henry Street between Third and Fourth places and grabbed the teen's belt, MetroCard, ID, and \$50, according to a police report.

The assailant then whipped the victim, leaving him with a laceration that required treatment at Long Island College Hospital.

Cops canvassed the area and arrested a suspect after the attack.

Home ransacked

A crook raided a Butler Street residence and made off with electronics, jewelry, and cash on Aug. 8.

While the 39-year-old victim was out of his home between 2:30 pm and 8:09 pm, a bandit got inside and made off with two Apple laptops, a Nintendo Wii, an Xbox 360, video games and controllers, a necklace, and \$20.

The victim told investigators that his home, which is between Hoyt and Smith streets, is under construction. He said that when he returned, he realized the gate door had been left open.

Thief's threat

Cops cuffed a suspect who they claim punched a man in the head and threatened to take his life in an Aug. 6 mugging.

The perp confronted the victim at the corner of Sackett and Clinton streets at 7:45 pm and struck the man in the head with a closed fist before snatching cash from the victim's pocket, records from the District Attorney's office indicate.

The thief then said he would kill the victim if he told cops about the robbery, investigators say. Police later apprehended a suspect. — **Daniel Solomon**

78TH PRECINCT

PARK SLOPE

Smells like crime

Police apprehended a woman accused of stealing deodorant from a Ninth Street pharmacy on Aug. 10.

The perp entered the CVS between Fifth and Sixth avenues at around 3 pm and grabbed 14 underarm odor-killers made by Secret, investigators say. But she wasn't so secretive about it — a witness told officials he saw the thief leaving the store with the deodorant in her purse.

The suspect faces charges of larceny, criminal possession of stolen property, and heroin possession, according to documents from the District Attorney's office.

Down the drain

Two burglars would have gotten away with a First Street heist — if they didn't return to the scene of the crime the next day to urinate on a car.

The caper began when someone broke into a home between Seventh and Eighth avenues at noon on Aug. 10 and grabbed a bracelet, a pendant, and shoulder bag, according to the District Attorney's office.

Cops were still investigating the case the next day at around 12:20 pm when they spotted two youths urinating on a car on First Street between Eighth Avenue and Prospect Park West. Officers say they approached the juveniles, searched them, and realized they were carrying the stolen valuables.

eBad

A scheming worker ripped off her employer by stealing goods and putting company property on sale on eBay, cops say.

The electronics store employee allegedly shipped property from the shop, which is on Second Avenue between 10th and 11th streets, to her home address, records from the District Attorney's office indicate. And between May 15 and Aug. 7, the worker also turned a profit by posting merchandise on the online auction website, cops say.

Police arrested a 41-year-old suspect and charged her with larceny and criminal possession of stolen property.

— **Ben Muessig**

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RIDGE BUS FUSS

Motorists threaten to sue over new school bus stop

BY WILL BREDDERMAN

Bay Ridge residents are lashing out against Xaverian High School for taking away several precious parking spots near 71st Street and Shore Road to put in a loading zone for school buses, but the Catholic high school's president said the street changes came from a higher power — the city of New York.

The Department of Transportation installed no parking signs near the corner over the weekend in order to open up enough space to load and unload school buses when classes begin in September, enraging neighbors who say they will sue the city if the signs aren't removed.

"If Transportation thinks they can take public land and give it to a private religious institution, they've got another thing coming," said Allen Bortnick, who lives at the corner of 72nd Street and Shore Road and is so desperate for a place to park his 1997 Crown Victoria that he asked the

city if he could rent the spot in front of his apartment. "I have a right to park there. They do not have a right to tell me I can't park there."

Other parking-spot strapped residents say Xaverian thumbed its nose at its neighbors when the no parking signs were put in.

"This is their declaration of war," said former Bay Ridge Democratic district leader Ralph Perfetto, who said he would join a lawsuit and happily sign the petition Bortnick is circulating demanding that the no parking signs be removed. "So we're going to war with them."

Other neighbors said that removing parking spots was the worst thing one can do in Bay Ridge.

"It's going to be impossible to live here," said resident Debbie Guerriero. "I pay \$1,700 a month in maintenance and I cannot park."

Yet Xaverian president Robert Alesi claims he never asked the city for the signs.

"The Department of Transportation was the one that initiated this," said Alesi, who claimed that the city began studying the corner after a car struck a student as he crossed Shore Road to get to a school bus.

The student wasn't seriously harmed.

"They thought there was a real safety concern for kids at dismissal and we agreed," he said.

Alesi said that he and Xaverian's administration wanted a traffic light installed at the corner of Shore Road and 71st Street, but were given a school bus loading zone instead.

But the city doesn't remember its conversation with the school the same way: a Department of Transportation spokesman said the agency put in the no parking signs "in response to a request from school representatives."

Neighbors say they've been pushing the school to build a two-story garage in the back of the school that would accommo-



HERE TODAY, GONE TOMORROW: Ralph Perfetto is furious that once the school year starts, parking spots on 71st Street will go to Xaverian High School buses instead of this old red Chrysler.

Photo by Elizabeth Graham

date parents, teachers, and school buses.

"If they are so desperate for parking, let them build a second

floor onto their parking lot with ramps," said Bortnick. "They're a big-shot school, they have the money."



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Ridgites: Sinkhole is a stinkhole!

BY WILL BREDDERMAN

The sinkhole that opened near the corner of Third Avenue and 92nd Street more than six weeks ago is a stench-filled pit, say outraged neighbors who claim they're constantly choking on noxious sewer gas and the dust kicked up by construction crews trying to figure out what caused the 70-foot-deep burrow to open.

City Department of Environmental Protection Deputy Commissioner Jim Roberts told residents last Thursday that the cave-in that formed on June 28, which many believe was caused by a broken sewer line, won't be repaired and filled in for another three months — drawing the ire of 92nd Street residents who say the sinkhole is ruining their street.

"You don't live there. You don't know what it's like," said Marianne Casey, who claims she can't escape the gas seeping from the hole and dust from the construction. Construction equipment used to repair the hole, which is only a few feet wide, has also taken up several parking spots, she said.

Other Bay Ridge residents



JUST COOL OUT: City representative Jim Roberts tried to calm residents' fears about sewer cave-ins in Bay Ridge — and struggled to keep a lid on growing outrage about repairs on 92nd Street at a meeting last week.

feared the sewer gas could affect their health.

"It's so bad, it stings," said Lauren Grant, who claims that she can smell the fumes from three blocks away. "I have to wash my eyes out in the shower as soon as I get home in the afternoon."

Merchants near the sinkhole say they've lost business ever

since it formed.

"It's a disaster," said Frank Buono, who co-owns the Artisan Food Valley on Third Avenue near 92nd Street. Buono said that he and his partner Danny Accardo are losing customers to noise and odors.

Buono's partner said construction crews should be working around the clock to fill the hole in so everything can return to normal.

"It's just a major weight on our shoulders," said Accardo, who said his store can't receive deliveries because construction vehicles are hogging up all the spots. "They've got to kick it up to working 24 hours a day and just get it done."

Roberts said his agency would try to get the smell and dust under control, but said site conditions don't allow for round-the-clock operations — though he said he was open to increasing the number of shifts for workers on the repair project.

"I ask my staff every day how we can make this go quicker, and how we can maybe get more people on it," Roberts said.



IN THE HOLE: Tony Stancampiano, who lives on 92nd Street between Ridge Boulevard and Third Avenue and works at Artisan Food Valley around the corner, says the 92nd Street sinkhole is hurting him at home and on the job.

Photos by Elizabeth Graham

The 92nd Street sinkhole isn't the only pit to form in Bay Ridge in recent weeks. Two weeks ago a section of 79th Street between Fourth and Fifth avenues caved in

and nearly swallowed a car. Civic leaders said that more than a half-dozen sinkholes and depressions have formed in the neighborhood in recent months.

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Arm-wrestling couple's love is really strong!

BY WILL BREDDERMAN

Brooklyn's favorite power couple is back — and they're getting pumped for a show of arms on Aug. 26.

Pro arm wrestlers and lovebirds Joyce Boone and Harry Wilson can't wait to compete in the Brooklyn-Kingsboro Arm Wrestling Championships after Hurricane Irene proved stronger than the even the borough's bulkiest biceps last year, robbing the Gowanus pair of a chance to show their stuff.

Even though the 2011 contest got canceled, the pair haven't slacked off.

Boone, considered one of the foremost female forearm warriors on the planet, spent the past 12 months winning the NYC Big Apple Grapple International, the New York State Arm Wrestling Championship, and the Empire State Championship.

Wilson competed in the men's division of the Empire State challenge, but came in second to fellow Brooklynite Oleh Frankivskyy — meaning he's been pushing that much harder to face Frankivskyy again.

"I've been working with weights and with other guys I arm-wrestled a few years ago," said Wilson.

Boone has been working out, too, hitting the weights and playing handball to stay limber. After all, she has her own rival who might turn up at the tournament: Angela Annunziata of the Bronx, who snapped the Brooklynite's arm in a 1997 match. Boone finally got her revenge last year by defeating Annunziata on her own turf in the Boogie Down championships, but Annunziata may seek another rematch in Brighton Beach.

And Boone welcomes the challenge. "I'm always grateful when women come out — I'm used to arm wrestling a lot of guys," said the 2010 Brooklyn-Kingsboro women's champ, who is often called the "NYC Queen of Arms."

In fact, one of the guys she grapples with is Wilson himself, often in hard-fought, bicep-bulging matches.

"Sometimes I win, sometimes he does, it's a mix," she said of their turbo-charged take on hand-holding. "I can beat him with my left sometimes, even though we're both stronger in our right."

But they won't be pressing palms in Bright Beach, according to New York Arm Wrestling Association founder



ARM IN ARM: Gowanus couple Harry Wilson and Joyce Boone may be Brooklyn's best arm-wrestlers. Photo by Tom Callan

and president Gene Camp. The event is tournament-style, with brackets for different genders and weight classes. The winners from each weight class then face off. And cold hard cash goes to the winners: \$100 to the man with the strongest left, \$100 to the right, and \$100 for the strongest woman overall.

Brooklyn-Kingsboro Arm Wrestling Championships at the Brighton Jubilee [3264 Coney Island Ave. near Brighton Beach Avenue in Brighton Beach, (718) 891-0800], Aug. 26 at 1 pm. Free to watch, \$20 for men and \$5 for women.

Sex scammers mug men in W'burg

BY DANIELLE FURFARO

A group of bad guys bound and robbed at least four men who scheduled a liaison with an escort in Williamsburg, police say.

The perps targeted multiple johns who visited an apartment in a housing project on S. 10th Street between Berry Street and Bedford Avenue over a span of five hours after the victims responded to an ad on Backpage.com on Aug. 7.

When the first man arrived at about 1:30 a.m., a woman opened the door and let him in. As soon as he entered the apartment, two masked men grabbed him, pointed a gun at him, and forced him to the floor, investigators say.

The crooks then bound him with duct tape and took his credit and debit cards, driver's license, Blackberry, car

keys, and \$200.

After snatching the valuables, the captors released the victim and waited for their next mark to arrive, police allege.

The other three robberies that night all followed the same pattern — until the last victim who reported the crime managed to fight off the robbers and escape before they could tie him up, according to cops.

However, the thieves still got away with his iPhone, police reports indicate.

In all, the hoodlums scored hundreds of dollars, electronics, and a bunch of credit and debit cards during the five-hour crime spree.

Police later arrested a 44-year-old suspect, but the other robbers are still on the loose, investigators say.

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SNORING?

As recommended by Dr. Gifford-Jones M.D.



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Leading into tomorrow and beyond

PROSPECT PARK SOUTH

It's not easy being a leader, but **Denise Vivar** has a good head start. The up-and-coming senior at **Sunset Park High School** just finished an eight-week internship at the YMCA of Greater New York, where her presence was priceless. "Denise is the go-to-person if you need assistance making sure camp families get the materials they need," said **Lauren Barr**, youth and family director at the McBurney YMCA. Our rising star got the



gig through the Bank of America Student Leaders program and worked her tail off this summer gaining invaluable skills and experience. In today's economy, teens have a tough time finding jobs, so **Bank**

of America provided this opportunity to get on-the-job-training to 225 high school students, including our Denise. "Through the Student Leaders program, students are receiving more than just a paycheck. They are gaining real-world experience," said **Jeff Barker**, president of the New York City division of Bank of America. Denise is a member of the Mayor's Youth Leadership Council, and has volunteered with Project Reach Youth. She loves to read, telling us she "can't go anywhere without a book in my hand." No wonder she was selected. At the end of the internship Denise took a trip to DC to network, and schmoozed with other student leaders in a summit program. She also got the chance to hone up and develop stronger leadership skills, 'cause you never know how many freshman you're going to be leading.

Standing O offers congratulations, and wants to know, "What's in your Kindle?"

CANARSIE

IAM, said I

Three cheers to the first graduating class of the **High School for Innovation in Advertising and Media (IAM)**. Whoa, that's one long title! The school, which was formerly Canarsie High School, graduated these take-charge, innovative, and creative students this past June. The budding executives took their cues from "Mad Men" (not the bad ones, of course) and studied advertising, mer-



THREE CHEERS: Team captains at Bishop Kearney HS were honored for their dedication to their sports teams.

Oh captains, my captains

BENSONHURST

Three cheers to the captains that boldly went where no captain went before — that is on the field to lead their teams to victory. Before the school year at **Bishop Kearney HS** ended, it was important for the teaches and staff, especially athletic directors **Anthony Troiano** and **Gina Trani Marshall**, to recognize the good deeds of these team leaders, whose dedication went beyond what was expected of them. The captains assisted the coaches, lead their teams by example, and exemplified sportsmanship and the importance of academics.

chandising and the art of selling us stuff we don't really need, but really, really want. And just like the show, graduating seniors made the school a hit with incoming freshman who want a heads up on those Madison Avenue jobs.

Today Mad Men, tomorrow the Cleo awards.

High School for Innovation In Advertising and Media (IAM) [1600 Rockaway Pkwy between Avenues J and K in Canarsie, (718) 290-8760].

BRIGHTON BEACH

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How do you learn a language? Practice, practice, and enroll at the Shorefront Y English-as-a-Second-Language program. Recent immigrants **Natalya Gribenik**, **Tatyana Samardina**, and **Marina Ni-**

So Standing O joins in the chorus, giving a resounding Standing O to all the team captains— **Lauren Marino**, **Noel Girgenti**, **Allison Gasparino**, **Justine Vento**, **Francesca Ingargiola**, **Shannon Fahy**, **Lisa Pulkowski**, **Maria D'Angelo**, **Gina Piro**, **Amanda Dileo**, **Krista Cosenza**, **Kasey Robertson**, **Emily Dripchak**, **Melanie Maffei**, **Nicolette Conte**, **Kimberly Dorce**, **Christine Nunziata**, **Shani Francillion**, **Dana LaVecchia**, **Jaclyn Terranova**, **Jesica Nunziata**, **Jillian O'Hara**, and **Sarah Stokes**.

Bishop Kearney High School [2202 60th St. at Bay Parkway in Bensonhurst (718) 236-6363].

kulina joined with ESL teacher **Marina Meshman** and singer **Anna Samardina** to celebrate their mastery of our Americaneeze by singing a string of patriotic



CONEY ISLAND

Harvesting the good stuff

Three cheers to EmblemHealth for joining with Harvest Home Farmer's market and providing the best stuff on earth: fresh fruits and veggies, cooking demos, and free health screenings. In an effort to teach us how to eat right and live longer, Emblem set up fresh markets throughout the city as part of it's Eating for Good Health program. In our big, beautiful borough the market comes to Coney Island Hospital every Friday through Nov. 16. After you pick up that fresh zucchini or bunch of delicious peppers you can view a cooking demo and then go home and cook up a storm. But before you leave, you might want to have your blood checked or make sure you sugar levels are a-OK.

Standing O says "Eating right has never been easier."

EmblemHealth's Harvest Home Farmer's Market [Coney Island Hospital, Ocean Pkwy. between Avenue Z and Shore Road in Coney Island, www.emblemhealth.com].

songs in English at their graduation. Most of the grads hailed from the former Soviet Union, Middle East, South America, and Korea. Shorefront Y has been helping immigrants acquire the necessary skills to become as American as apple pie for the past 60 years.

Shorefront Y [3300 Coney Island Ave. at Brighton Court in Brighton Beach, (718) 646-1444]

Neighbors: Derelict 83rd Street home has got to go

BY WILL BREDDERMAN

Bay Ridge residents living next to a derelict 83rd Street property are demanding the city help them end a five-year invasion of vermin and ne'er-do-well teens — and prevent another deteriorating building in the community from collapsing.

Neighbors fearing another neglect-induced cave-in like the one that befell a home on Ovington Avenue between Fifth and Sixth avenues last month, say it's time for the city to do something about a Victorian-style house that's been rotting away for half a decade between Ridge Boulevard and Third Avenue.

"I'm scared," said Danielle Basso, a mother of three who lives next door. "It's unfortunate, because it's a beautiful structure, but it should be torn down."

Basso said that she and her husband have had to pay to have the derelict house fumigated to clear out the bees and termites that threaten to jump to their

home. High schoolers frequently sneak inside to do drugs as well, she said.

"I think it's mostly pot, but there might be something harder going on in there," Basso said.

Siu Leung, another neighbor, has a few horror stories of her own — including combating swarms of insects living in the overgrown foliage surrounding the broken-down building.

"We don't even go out in our backyard because we have so many mosquitoes," Leung said, adding that there are also three raccoons living inside the structure that sometimes scamper across her lawn, and that the building's roof shingles rain down onto her driveway. "I'm so fed up and I don't know what to do."

Leung echoes Basso's calls for the house to be taken down — before it comes down on its own.

"I am really concerned that this building will eventually collapse," said Leung. "Just knock it

down. Force the owner to do it, or have the city do it and bill him."

Both Leung and Basso described the property-holder, Gamal Hasan, as friendly, but said their pleas to have the house repaired have gone unanswered.

"He'll come and clean up sometimes, but he's never boarded up more than 20 percent of the windows, which is what you have to do to keep the rain and animals out," said Basso. "He says he's trying, but we don't know."

Buildings Department records show Hasan owes \$57,000 in fines for code violations on the building, including for failing to maintain its exterior.

Repeated calls to Hasan, who works as a realtor at a Century 21 on Fifth Avenue in Park Slope, were not returned.

Leung said she's made repeated calls to the Department of Buildings to get it to take down the structure, but with no results. She fears the city is unaware of a gaping hole in the roof that she



HORROR HOUSE: Neighbors of this 83rd Street home say it has been empty for five years and is now falling apart — causing debris to fall onto their properties.

Photo by Elizabeth Graham

said allows gallons of rain water to pour through the house and destabilize its support beams.

Basso said she's been in touch with state Sen. Marty Golden (R-Bay Ridge) about her problems with the building, who she said assured her he was working toward a solution.

Golden's office confirmed that

it had received the complaints, and said it would attempt to get inspectors on the scene soon — and, if necessary, have the house razed.

"If they found it unsafe, we would definitely support it being taken down so not to hurt anyone or cause damage," Golden spokesman John Quaglione said.

NEW YORK POST PRESENTS

The 11th Annual

Liberty Medal Awards

Our secret Samaritans

THE Olympics will decide the world's finest athletes, but when it comes to hometown heroes, there's no competition: New York has the best on the planet.

It's again time to salute our superstar neighbors with the 11th annual New York Post Liberty Medal awards, and we're inviting you, our readers, to tell us about those among us whose compassion and courage make this the most wonderful city on earth.

The Post is partnering with Fox 5 and getting an exuberant assist from quintessential New Yorker Regis Philbin, who has emceed the award ceremony for nine

consecutive years.

"I'll be there for this year's great stories from the people in this city who have done something to make you feel good about New York," said Philbin. "There are so many things like that going on in this town. If you know somebody who does good things, let us know; we want to say thanks and tell them how important they are to all of us."

You'll find it easy to nominate someone. Just log on to nypost.com/libertymedals and submit nominations in the eight categories outlined below: Leadership, Courage, Lifetime Achievement, Young Heart, Freedom and one each for the city's teach-

ers, cops and firefighters.

Just tell us in 100 words or less why your nominee deserves to be the toast of the town. You may nominate only living people. And please nominate as many heroes as you like.

A panel of notable New Yorkers, including NYPD Commissioner Ray Kelly, FDNY Commissioner Salvatore Cassano and Lew Leone, vice president and general manager of WNYW-Fox5 and WWOR-My 9, will choose from among the nominees in each category to determine the winners, who will be honored by The Post on Oct. 17.

Each winner will receive a medal engraved with Lady Liberty's torch and specially designed for The Post by New York graphic artist Milton Glaser, who created the iconic "I ♥ New York" logo.



2012 LIBERTY MEDAL CATEGORIES

■ Leadership Medal

For a compassionate, disciplined person whose activities during the past year most improved the quality of life in a borough or neighborhood.

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For an immigrant New Yorker who best embodies the values of honesty, industriousness and hard-earned success, or a New Yorker who reflects the finest qualities of New York

to the world.

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For the firefighter or EMS technician whose performance in the line of duty best exemplifies the department's unflinching heroism; to be selected in consultation with the FDNY.

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For the police officer whose on-the-job performance reflects the

department's honor and selflessness; to be selected in consultation with the NYPD and the Port Authority Police Department.

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For a notable act of bravery by a civilian that contributed to saving human life.

■ Educator Medal

For an administrator or teacher who excels at preparing the next generation of New Yorkers for their future challenges.

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For the youth under 17 who most impressively displayed adult resolve — not for a physical feat but for behavior that demonstrates moral character or mature judgment — in the past year.

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Faxed and online entries must be received by 5 p.m. E.D.T. on 9/14/12. Mailed entries must be postmarked by 9/14/12 and received by 9/18/12. Incomplete forms/entries will be disqualified.

Readers respond to double-parking

Double-parking is rampant on Dean Street in Prospect Heights, and bicyclists say it's putting their lives in danger ("Rampant double-parking makes Dean Street a mean street, cyclists say," online Aug. 10). So we wrote about it, which is what we do, and a bunch of readers commented on what we wrote, adding the kind of give and take that makes reading today's websites and newspapers such a wonderful experience. So here is what many of you had to say about the situation and, for once (and because this is print), we'll guarantee that guy from Pleasantville the last word.

You could park a few blocks away and WALK. Double parking is okay for a quick drop-off, not for a long-term stay. How can any motorist defend breaking the law? Get the police over here to make some money by ticketing these lazy, selfish drivers. I drive and when I can't find a place to park on the closest block. I go to the next one. How hard is that?

S from Brooklyn

S, going to another block to park is "not part of the culture." And don't forget, the U.S. Constitution guarantees the freedom of double-parking to worship.

Dave from Park Slope

LET US HEAR FROM YOU

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SOUND OFF TO THE EDITOR

LETTERS AND COMMENTS FROM OUR READERS

In fact a large number of the double-parked vehicle are the personal vehicles of the police and fire people, both less than a block away. Obviously they aren't going to be getting tickets. Part of the solution is to assign police and fire personnel closer to their home so non-driving options are available to them.

MRB from ft greene

If the cops need to drive and park, another solution would be to assign on-street parking to local precincts during certain times of the day.

But because this would mean "taking" free parking from other motorists, my guess is that the people who drive around here would have a fit.

S from Brooklyn

Interesting that it's "the culture of the neighborhood." I had assumed it was just because there's a firehouse there. I'm grateful for the work they do, so I try not to get too bent out of shape about their suburban-style driving habits.

I bike here often and here's what I do: after I cross Sixth, I move far to the left and let as many cars eagerly pass me as can safely do so. Then I ride in the middle of the street (so there's no room to pass me anymore) and go by the double-parked cars.

Then at the next traffic light, I pass all the cars that I just let pass me.

boof from brooklyn

What do we expect from the NYC. I blame the department leadership, not the lowly cop.

Paul from The Slope

Does anyone know where a can get a good steak and cheese around here?

Ernie from Red Hook

Thanks for covering this. The double parking on this block is a disgrace. The local precinct does a terrible job here. I think it's the church people double parking most of the time, with the fire dept. coming in second.

Joey from Clinton Hills

The bikers should take a lesson. When the "culture" permits law breaking because it's a "habit" then you reward bad behavior that becomes the norm.

The culture of bikers now is — anything goes — because we are greener than you.

The culture excuses red light running, riding with no lights, both ears covered, riding on the sidewalk, and riding the wrong way.

Bikers want to be granted respect, while respect is earned.

Double parkers were not chastised, so it became accepted. See how it works? Who is going to be the patron of respectable bike riding? The job is open.

Or from Yellow Hook

New York needs to bring back the death penalty.

Mike from Williamsburgas

Once again you cyclists have plenty to say about motorists but nothing to say about yourself.

Do as I say not as I do is what you should learn.

You don't have a right to complain about double parking until you start cleaning up your own and telling them to stop running red lights.

If a person needs to park in the street who are you to tell them that it is illegal? I hear about bikes left on the street all the time, but no one complains that they are blocking traffic do they? So stop complaining.

And if you're really worried about this problem you should call for more parking spaces instead of more bike lanes because the only way to make there be less cars in the road is to have more parking.

Tal Barzilai from Pleasantville

Hope springs eternal

To the editor,

When the economy is slack, and people will be lacking, when there is little to cheer, we must persevere.

It is all in the game, things never remain the same, and while times are austere, many people with adequate justification have much to fear.

We must remember that when times are bad and many people are sad, things will get better. And when times are good, we must not become over elated, because it is only days ahead that we may have to read.

There won't be much choice, we will not be able to rejoice when the economy is thriving, we will still have to consider reviving it.

When the economy becomes slack, we must plainly remember not to get on the wrong track.

**Elliott Abosh
Brighton Beach**

Dollar van

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nents sue the city over the law's constitutionality — and insisted that the fees requested are a bargain compared to the \$1 million yellow cab medallions can cost.

They also noted that the program was completely optional.

"If they choose to make the decision, they can do better with a different business model," said Commis-

sion spokesman Alan Fromberg. "They don't have to do this — though we expect the permits to be very popular."

Despite Fromberg's assurances, dollar van drivers feel they've been deceived by the city.

"That's bulls---," said Morrison, who claimed that he had several meetings with Yassky about their inclusion in the bill. "Yassky promised they would waive the fees. All we want is to be grandfathered in and our vans will remain two dol-

lars."

For Caribbean communities in Flatbush, the dollar vans that run up and down the length of Flatbush Avenue are an important part of getting around town.

They were such a necessity that the city recruited dollar vans to pick up pedestrians along terminated bus routes in 2010, but the plan fell apart when no one would use the vans, officials said.

Even without permits, motorists say dollar van

drivers continue to pick up passengers at bus stops along Flatbush Avenue — a practice criticized by many in communities like Marine Park and Mill Basin.

"By law, they're not supposed to be competing along bus routes," said Councilman Lew Fidler (D-Marine Park).

"They also add to congestion and their conduct on the road leaves something to be desired."

The Taxi and Limousine Commission floated the idea of giving livery cabs

the ability to accept street hails last year, but the plan was immediately opposed by yellow cab drivers, who claimed it would diminish the value of their medallions.

The city ultimately got the assembly and the state senate to approve the plan, but opponents took the city to court, claiming that the council should have reviewed the proposal — not the Albany legislature.

The Taxi and Limousine Commission said that livery cab street pick up per-

mits would be welcomed by Southern Brooklynites, who already stick their hands out for unmarked cabs more than any other city residents, according to a Commission study.

More than 65 illegal hails occur every hour at Mermaid and Stillwell avenues in Coney Island — the highest amount in all five boroughs, the study claimed.

Kings Plaza in Mill Basin is also a top-five spot, with about 20 illegal hails per hour.

Olympians

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say they can't wait to see the Olympians in action.

"We are trying to get tickets over here," said Fritz Jean, the owner of the Powerplay gym in Go-anus, which offers youth gymnastics classes. "We got a hundred people that want to go!"

Yet others are bracing themselves for a hum-drum performance.

Tours are common for

gymnasts looking to support themselves professionally between international competitions — but they're never as exciting as Olympic events, critics say.

"The performances usually feature a lot of wallowing around in bad chiffon, and not a lot of flipping," said Elspeth Reeve, who covers gymnastics for the Atlantic Wire website. "But that's okay, because they make a lot of money, which they deserve."

Still, Reeve is sure that Gabby and her high-flying

girlfriends will wow some Brooklynites.

"There is no evidence that Brooklyn tweens have any greater resistance to chiffon and purple lights than those in Des Moines," said Reeve.

"The tweens will come out."

U.S. women's team at the Barclays Center [620 Atlantic Ave. at Flatbush Avenue in Prospect Heights, (212) 359-6387 www.barclayscenter.com] on Nov. 18 at 3 pm. Tickets \$60 and up.



FIERCE FIVE: U.S. Olympians (from left) Jordyn Wieber, Gabrielle Douglas, McKayla Maroney, Alexandra Raisman, and Kyla Ross will perform at the Barclays Center this fall. AP / Gregory Bull

Trapped

Continued from cover
roll gate go down behind him.

That's when he realized he was trapped.

"No one ever said 'Is there anyone in the store?'" No one turned the lights off," said Brennan. "Suddenly, I was just locked in alone."

Brennan — an elevator repairman with plenty of experience freeing people from confined spaces — knew he had to find a way out.

First he attempted to bang on the door to attract attention, but no one heard the rattling.

Next, he tried to find an escape route through the back of the shop, but that failed, too.

Brennan then unsuccessfully searched the shop's counter for an employee's phone number.

Finally, with nothing but every tool on the hardware store's shelves at his

disposal, Brennan resigned himself to Plan D.

"I said to myself 'I think I have to call 911 here,'" he said.

After calling cops, Brennan got his first lucky break of the day: the store's owner showed up before the fire department arrived to knock down the door.

Kamrul Motin, the worker who accidentally locked Brennan in the shop, said he's been diligent about praying several times per day during the Muslim holy month of Ramadan — which is why he cut out in

the middle of the day.

Brennan said he's hip to religious customs, and he's happy that Motin is Muslim.

"I know a Jewish guy who owns a hardware store, and he closes up early on Fridays and doesn't come back for the rest of the day," Brennan said.

Motin was apologetic after the incident, but he doubts it will hurt his relationship with Brennan as a shopper.

"He lives right behind the store," said Motin. "He's a good customer."



IN THE LOCK-UP: Mike Brennan did nearly everything he could to escape from the Prospect Avenue store, where he was trapped for about 45 minutes last week. Photo by Paul Martinka

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423 Gates Ave LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/18/12. Office in Kings County. SSNY designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to The Law Office Of Izidor Mikhli, PLLC, 1729 E 12th St 5th Fl, Brooklyn, NY 11229. Purpose: General.

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438 Quentin Road, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/25/12. Office in Kings County. SSNY designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 722 Desmond Ct., Brooklyn, NY 11235. Purpose: General.

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447 HIMROD STREET LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 4/25/12. Office in Kings Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 86-31 250th St., Bellrose, NY 11426. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Principal business location: 447-449 Himrod St., a/k/a 194 Cypress Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11237

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NAHSAL LLC, a domestic LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 6/28/12. Office location: Kings County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 140 Pennsylvania Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11207. General Purposes.

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Natasha Lifton Consulting LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/3/12. Office in Kings County. SSNY designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be

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Notice of Application for Authority of Berkshire Equity LLC. a foreign limited liability company (LLC). Application for Authority filed with Secy. of State of New York (SSNY) on 3/28/02. LLC organized in Delaware on 3/27/02. NY office location: Kings County. SSNY designated asagent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: The LLC P.o. Box 407 Brooklyn, NY 11219 office address in jurisdiction of organization : 15 East North Street Dover, DE 19901 Copy of Articles of Organization on file with Secy. of State of DE. 15 East North Street Dover, DE 19901 Purpose of LLC: Any Lawful Act.

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Notice of Formation of Aaz Market LLC. Arts of Org. filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on 6/28/12. Office location: Kings County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to c/o Wolfred C Wanch, 89 Moffat St., Apt. 2, Brooklyn, NY 11207 Purpose: any lawful activity.

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Notice of formation of CARROLL GARDENS TRADING COMPANY LLC Arts. of Org. filed with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/9/2012. Office location, County of Kings. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 83 2nd Place, Brooklyn, NY 11231. Purpose: any lawful act

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). GO ENERGY MARKETING, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 07/11/2012. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: THE LLC, 10 JAY STREET, SUITE 601. BROOKLYN, NY 11201. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: 117-07 LIBERTY AVE LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 05/12/2010, Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: THE LLC 2055 EAST 18TH STREET BROOKLYN, NY 11229. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: DOWNTOWN CLINICIANS COLLECTIVE, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 07/11/2012, Office location: Kings County.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: CARADENT SUPPLIES LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 02/29/2012, Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: THE LLC 146 SPENCER STREET, SUITE 5007 BROOKLYN, NY 11205. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: SOUTHERN HOSPITALITY LABS, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 07/09/12. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: Quinton Yeldell. 56 Decatur Street. Brooklyn, NY 11216. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: VOYNAR REALTY LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 07/20/12. Office location: Kings County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 802 Manhattan Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11222. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.

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However, pickups do have some disadvantages that will need to be taken into consideration in order to drive safely. Pickups have a higher rollover potential than passenger cars. Therefore, turning should be done slowly and corners shouldn’t be taken like one is driving on a racetrack. According to the Department of Transportation’s Fatality Analysis Reporting System, in 2007, the most recent year from which statistics are available, rollovers accounted for 59 percent of SUV fatalities, 46 percent of pickup truck deaths, and 25 percent of car fatalities. Pickups have a lower center of gravity than SUVs, but they can still roll over if driven aggressively.

Another thing to consider is the heavier weight of a pickup, which causes it to have a



Truck owners can drive safely if they understand the differences between pickups and other vehicles.

longer stopping distance. This means drivers will need to add an even greater space cushion between the pickup and other vehicles to be able to avoid road hazards.

Something else to consider is that pickups are not designed to be nimble, overly responsive vehicles. They are primarily designed for hauling. That means swerving

around obstacles isn’t achieved as easily as it may be in a passenger car. Again, this drives home the point of leaving more space to react to the road.

Pickup drivers should also note that many pickups, with the exception of a few, are rear-wheel drive vehicles. This means that the back wheels power the forward movement of the truck. When the cargo bed is full, this can work out fine. However, when the cargo bed is empty, the front half of the truck tends to be the heavier part of the vehicle, and essentially the lighter half of the truck — the empty back — is pushing the truck along. On slick roadways this can cause fishtailing or poor breaking. An easy fix is to keep some sort of cargo in the bed to weigh down the rear of the vehicle, but this isn’t something all drivers remember.

The height of pickup trucks (and SUVs for that matter) create blind zones in the back of the vehicle and below the front grill. The organization Kids and Cars, which works to improve child safety, says that roughly 90 children die each year when drivers back over them while they are in blind zones. Pickup drivers should be aware of blind zones and make efforts to check these areas before backing up or pulling out. Backup cameras can also provide assistance.

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Tips for using your navigation system

Today's drivers rely heavily on navigation system technology. It has revolutionized the way people drive and use maps and directions.

There are no hard statistics on the number of people who own these devices, but thousands of people have either a navigation system that comes pre-equipped in a car that they purchased, or a stand-alone device that was bought after the fact. These devices come pre-loaded with maps that work with satellites in space. The system receiver figures out the distance to each and uses this information to deduce the location of the device in a process called trilateration.

These devices have made paper maps obsolete for many people. While navigation systems can be very convenient, especially on road trips, there are some tips to keep in mind.

•Place the device where



it won't obstruct your vision or take your eyes off of the road for a good deal of time.

•Don't treat it as if it is infallible. Even with map updates and other accessories, a navigation system can still make mistakes. Use common sense, especially where it would seem the system is guiding you in the wrong way.

•Do not play with the controls while operating the car. If you need to adjust something on the device, do so only after pulling over to a safe area.

•Have a general idea where you are going so you'll know if the device is potentially guiding you in the wrong direction and you can maneuver in advance.

Texting while driving is not a smart idea

It's a common visual: a driver glances to the car that's pulled up alongside it at a stoplight to find that driver with cellphone in hand, typing a message. Many drivers do not even wait until coming to a stop before texting — they simply do so while keeping up with traffic, a danger that's causing accidents on roadways.

Texting is distracting drivers all across North America and beyond. Thirty states in the U.S. have made texting while driving illegal, but many people still continue to do it.

The U.S. Department of Transportation reports that nearly 6,000 people were killed on American roads in 2008 in accidents caused by distracted driv-

ers. Many of these drivers were teenagers, who may have been talking or texting on a phone.

When a person devotes attention to a cellphone — even for a few seconds — he can travel the distance of a football field without eyes on the road. What's more, talking or texting diverts a part of the brain that is needed to focus on driving. Individuals are able to multi-task, but they should limit the amount of distractions while driving because there is already an overload of stimuli commanding their attention.

Sixty percent of teens admit to texting while driving, according to a 2009 survey. Overall, 26 percent of respondents admitted to doing it, despite knowing it

was dangerous. More than 80 percent of people believe driving while texting should be banned.

Studies conducted in virtual driving simulators have shown driving while texting to be deadly. People doing it change speeds rapidly for no reason, and they weave in and out of lanes. Additional research has indicated that using a cellphone in any matter while driving is on par with driving drunk.

What these studies boil down to is that when behind the wheel of a car, drivers should simply stick to driving. Even searching for music files or eating a snack can reduce concentration on the road — something that may end in accidents.



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Mighty Aphrodite: Rebecca "Aphrodite" McIntosh (center) will bring her performance art show "Love TV" to the People's Playground, where she'll interview locals and audience members about romance and passion.

Photo by Stefano Giovannini

APHRODITE'S JONES

Performance art goddess brings love to Coney

By Elyse Wanshel

Aphrodite wants to ask you about love. And she wants to do it while decked out in a mermaid costume and sitting atop a clamshell inside a giant, hot-pink television set on wheels.

Performance artist Rebecca "Aphrodite" McIntosh is coming to Coney Island to question local legends and average folk about passion and romance in front of a live audience for a show she calls "Love TV."

"It's exploring identity, love, and community with live interviews in a public space," said McIntosh, who will hit the People's Playground on Aug. 24. "And as Aphrodite, the goddess of love, people join me in my mobile theater and we go on a conversational journey."

McIntosh started "Love TV" ten years ago, asking guests saucy, sexual questions in tents at festivals while airing the live interview on a screen for audiences to watch.

Now, she asks her questions in

the florescent telly-on-the-go — which the artist describes as "a stunning, three-dimensional art piece that looks like a Japanese cartoon or a hot rod that has a sense of humor about itself."

She says the strange high-tech get-up is a way to disarm her guests — and since she incorporated the visual spectacle into her routine, she has shifted the focus of her questions.

"It went from conversations about love and sex to discussions

about what people are passionate about and inspired by in their lives," she said.

And if there's one thing Brooklynites are fervent about it's borough-pride, so this particular show will center around the community in Coney Island and Brighton Beach.

McIntosh will interview about 10 locals — some of whom have been nominated on Love TV's website and a handful from the live audience.

And the show's sure to be lovely — McIntosh seems struck by Cupid's arrow when it comes to the home of the Cyclone.

"Visually Coney Island is awesome," she said. "I love the dancing on the boulevard to all the wild disco going on. People there seem to be up for a party in the middle of the day."

"Love TV" in front of MCU Park [Surf Avenue, between W. 17th and W. 18th streets in Coney Island, www.lovetv.com.au]. Aug. 24, 1–7 pm.

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Bollywood party at Dekalb Market

The song “Why can’t we be friends?” isn’t on the play list, but the tune might as be the mantra behind a joint birthday party celebrating Pakistan and India — bordering nations with concurrent independence days and decades of strained relations.

Dekalb Market will host a Bollywood-inspired electro-dance party that doubles as a belated birthday Aug. 18 bash for Pakistan and India, honoring the nations’ 65th year of independence from British rule on Aug. 14 and 15, respectively.

Party planners say music and dancing are the perfect way for Indian- and Pakistani-Americans living in Brooklyn to move beyond the political strife that separates the two countries.

“Indians and Pakistanis have their differences, but when it comes to music and pop culture they really have shared interests,” said Atif Toor, the Pakistani-born founder of Sholay Productions, which has been throwing the parties in Manhattan for ten years, but only recently



Everyone’s invited: Sholay Productions hopes to unite Pakistanis and Indians — as well as the gay community — with a Bollywood-themed dance party in Downtown.

Photo by Atif Toor

arrived in the Brooklyn nightlife scene.

And national borders aren’t the only boundaries that their parties transcend — the celebrations welcome the gay community, a group that is often disenfranchised in India and Pakistan.

“It’s just been a great place for support for people who come to the parties,” said Ashu Rai, who is a co-founder of the company and has been DJing the parties for 10 years. “I’ve heard from a lot of people that they grew up feeling isolated and this gives everyone from different kinds of backgrounds a place to come together.”

Bollywood party at DeKalb Market [38 Willoughby St. at Flatbush Avenue Extension in Downtown, (212) 529-9262 www.dekalbmarket.com] Aug. 18 at 6 pm. \$10.

— Eli Rosenberg

Correction

The story “Family olive tree: Coluccio son brings sausage biz to Bay Ridge” (June 8) incorrectly reported that the management of Louis Coluccio’s new eatery is linked to D. Coluccio & Sons, Inc. of Bensonhurst. The businesses are independent of each other. We regret the error.

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BEST BETS

He’s on a mission from god

A Mill Basin author’s new novel has a superhero meet his maker — and then try to keep the rest of the world from doing the same.

The hero in “The Last Prophet,” which author Peter Iengo will read from this Saturday in his hometown, is in a race against time to save humanity from the doom predicted in the Mayan calendar. Thankfully, his awesome powers — the ability to defy gravity, super speed, and a kind of omniscient sensitivity to trouble — were gifted to him from god himself, so (spoiler alert) the outcome is written in stone.

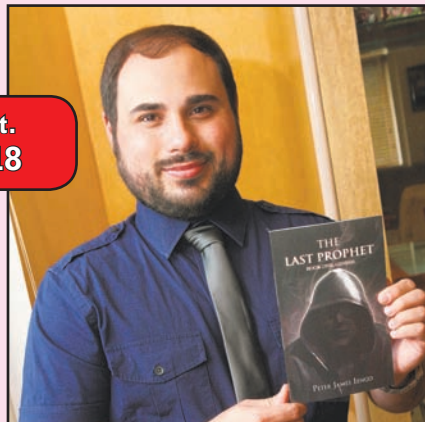
“If you were getting powers from the big G, they would be pretty fantastic,” said Iengo.

The author’s vision of the end includes devils, demons, and, much like “Superman II,” “Ghostbusters,” and many other apocalyptic battles between good and evil, a great battle over the city that never sleeps.

And Iengo says it isn’t anyone’s fault the demons always show up here.

“People say, ‘How come superheroes don’t want to fly around the world and help people besides New Yorkers,’” he told us. “I guess I’m a little biased, so the center of the story is New York in itself, and the heroes have to challenge these demonic creatures to protect the people — and minimize damage.”

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Thriller in the Mill: Peter Iengo, a Mill Basin native, will have his first reading at the Gourmet Grill in his neighborhood.

Photo by Steve Solomonson

“Prophet” is the first in a trilogy Iengo said will cover all religions dating back to the Greek gods.

He’ll be reading from his book, available online as paperback and ebook, at the Gourmet Grill, in Mill Basin, which features an outdoor garden, perfect for an afternoon of apocalyptic storytelling.

“The Last Prophet,” reading at Gourmet Grill [6334 Ave. N, between E. 64th and E. 63rd streets, (718) 241-2345]. Aug. 18, noon.

— Sol Park

Burlesque show takes on classic stories

From the Bible to the Torah, from Dr. Seuss to the Brothers Grimm, if you can print it, they can strip to it.

A busty troupe of literary-minded show girls have learned art’s most important lesson — if you’re going to steal, steal from the best.

That why they’re choreographing sexy strip teas that riff on classic works of literature in an act called Storybook Burlesque.

“Any kind of wonderful literature, children’s or adult, we’re knocking them down and doing nasty things to them,” said performer Cheeky Lane.

Every show is based off a classic story and each performer crafts her segment to portray a particular scene, character, or moment.

There’s only one criteria — strip.

“We do our interpretation, put our burlesque twist on it — we take liberties,” said Lane. “The strip tease is our only staple.”

The burlesque twist to a classic tale might not yield the most faithful interpretation, but the performers are often just as big of fans as the audience, and take care not to offend the source material too much.

“We want to desecrate it in the best way possible,” explained Lane. “We get a lot of people saying stuff like, ‘I never knew Matilda could be so sexy.’”

Even the shedding of clothes, be it Little Bo Peep’s pouffe dress or Jesus’s toga, helps tell the story they’re trying to share, the dancers say.

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Print it and strip it: The girls of the Storybook Burlesque troupe have made their name doing stripteases to famous works of literature.

Photo courtesy of Storybook Burlesque

“As Little Bo Peep, I have to shed some clothes to entice my sheep to follow me,” said Storybook Burlesque dancer Bitty Bamboo.

“So it’s kind of that idea, where you try to find a reason why parts of my costume should be removed.”

So far, Storybook Burlesque has knocked Dr. Seuss, the Grimm fairy tales, Roald Dahl, Shakespeare, and the Bible off of their reading list, among others.

This summer’s performance will focus on legendary Greek tales, and no myth, nor Zeus himself, will be safe.

Storybook Burlesque at Coney Island USA [1208 Surf Ave. near W 12th Street in Coney Island, (718) 372-5159, www.coneyisland.com]. Aug. 31, 10 pm. \$15.

— Colin Mixson

Brooklyn heroes

Brooklyn isn’t just the borough for young indie rockers and avant-garde artists who are trying to make it big — it’s also the place where superheroes get their start.

That’s the premise behind a new Spider-Man comic in which the beloved web-slinger isn’t a world-famous superhero — he’s just a newbie in tights hanging out with a motley crew of do-gooders called the Brooklyn Avengers.

Carroll Gardens writer Stuart Moore and Flatbush artist Damion Scott say this new crop of caped crusaders really reflect the borough where they live: there’s even one with mysterious hypnotic powers named the Hypst’r.

“I liked the idea that these scruffy, outer-borough heroes had taken their cue and even their name — without permission — from the majestic Avengers, who are based in Manhattan,” said Moore, who crafted the story as a contribution to Marvel’s 50th anniversary celebration of Spider-Man, due out at the end of August.

After all, Spider-Man was himself a Queens boy.

The new depiction of the familiar superhero is a chance for Moore and Scott to give Brooklyn a place in a Marvel universe — where the Fantastic Four’s digs rise high above the Manhattan skyline, where Doctor Strange prefers the bohemian pace of the Village, and where the X-Men lived in the tranquility of Westchester County.

But despite their low profile and outer-borough location, the Brooklyn Avengers, who have



some less-than-formidable-sounding characters in their crew, like Paintball, Boilermaker, and Rotary, quickly find out that it isn’t easy being superheroes.

Someone is killing these poor Avengers.

The list of suspects include villains Red Hook, Facelift, and — bearing an uncanny resemblance to a certain well-known borough president — Gerry Mander. Together with Spider-Man, the Brooklyn Avengers go on the offensive, striking out across the borough to find the murderer.

“I tried to make it as authentic as possible,” Scott said. “Most of the story takes place in Brownsville. We see a few classic brownstone-lined blocks. We get a glimpse at the Gowanus. The basketball court is the one I used to play on near Fort Hamilton Parkway. There’s a key moment where the Brooklyn Avengers are at the Carroll Street Bridge in Carroll Gardens.”

And thanks to Scott’s skills as an artist — which meld comic influences with Japanese art and graffiti stylings — Brooklyn itself becomes a central character in the story, according to Moore.

“Web of Spider-Man” No. 129.1 will be available on Aug. 22, and issue No. 129.2 will be available Aug. 29.

— Chuck O’Donnell

SHOWING AND TELLING

Museum shares stories of boro's disabled

By Will Bredderman

The Brooklyn Museum is lending its walls to disabled artists — giving visitors a unique perspective on the struggles and achievements of an under-appreciated group of artists.

The exhibit “Inner Landscapes: Emotions Reflected Through Art” opens Aug. 16 with paintings by residents and of clients of the Institute for Community Living, a 26-year-old not-for-profit that services New Yorkers with a range of disabilities.

Many of the works speak loudly about the lives of the artists, like one by James Wilson, who is intellectually disabled and used painting as a means of discussing an encounter with police.

“Some of them had to do with artists’ feelings about their situation, and their political circumstances,” said Dylan Stanfield, the Institute’s arts counselor. “[Wilson’s piece] deals with his experience being stopped and frisked by the police in his neighborhood.”

Wilson was inspired by a sculpture crafted by a South African artist that he saw during the Institute’s monthly trips to the Brooklyn Museum. After the museum tours, Stanfield lead discussions about the works on show, and about the messages that the artists behind them were trying to express.

“The emotional journey of the artist is important because what we’ve been striving to do through this program is give a voice to these people so they can share their view on the world,” said Stanfield.



New perspective: Works by artists such as James Wilson offer insights into the lives of the disabled.
Photo by Elizabeth Graham

That’s something that the Institute’s artists definitely picked up.

Participants have been using painting to express themselves — and they’re having fun doing it. Since starting the program, Wilson says art has become one of his passions.

“It’s my favorite thing, going to the museums and doing paintings,” said Wilson.

Stanfield said that having the Brooklyn Museum display the work is key to getting more Brooklynites to relate to the lives and

emotions of the disabled.

“A lot of times artwork from this population is not taken as seriously as it should be. By changing how it’s presented, though, we change the discussion and help people see them in a different way,” Stanfield said.

“Inner Landscapes: Emotions Reflected Through Art” at the Brooklyn Museum [200 Eastern Pkwy., at the corner of Washington Avenue in Prospect Heights (212) 385-3030 x3214]. Opening reception, Aug. 16. To RSVP, call or e-mail csanchez@ICLinc.net.

Chilled salsa: Low-key Latin dance party great for movers and groovers

By Eli Rosenberg

At this salsa party, you can dance if you want to — or you can just sip a drink and enjoy the tunes from the bar.

!Mambo! in Ditmas Park is the city’s most laid back dance party, where Eric Banta, the founder of local record company Names You Can Trust, spins the best Latin beats from his collection of salsa, cumbia, bachata, calypso, and tropical roots music — and no one judges you if you don’t know the moves.

“I would classify this as more in the range of casual,” said Banta, who spins monthly at Sycamore under the DJ moniker E’s E. “People are dancing and it often gets more

bodies moving, but it’s not just a strictly dance floor thing. You can also just chill out and listen to the music.”

Legend holds that Banta showed up at the bar and flower shop bearing nothing but a crate of records and convinced Justin Israelson, the hot spot’s owner, to let him DJ. Banta says the joint is perfect for his Caribbean vinyl sessions.

“What’s cool about the spot is that you never really have to take request,” said Banta. “On these nights we come with a specific sound and people are receptive to it.”

!Mambo! at Sycamore [1118 Cortelyou Road betw. Westminster Road and East 11th Street in Ditmas Park (347) 240-5850], Sept. 8, 10 pm.



Sip it or shake it: Bonny Ronley and Eric Johnson hit the dance floor at “!Mambo!” — a party welcoming folks who boogie and those who don’t.
Photo by Stefano Giovannini



From truck to tabletop: Fans of Korean and Mexican food will find this kimchi and goat cheese quesadilla at chef Philip Lee’s Prospect Heights eatery Kimchi Grill, but not at his famous food truck.
Photo by Elizabeth Graham

Kimchi Grill

food truck gets fixed address

By Anthony Smith

Everything you thought you knew about kimchi is about to change.

The fiery, cabbage-y condiment served alongside most every Korean dish is being reinvented by a gutsy Prospect Heights chef, who is stretching the limits of the fermented food by using it to add flourish to Mexican fare.

In fact, the common side dish is often the main attraction at Phillip Lee’s Kimchi Grill — a storefront outpost of his popular kimchi-focused food truck.

“Even before the Kimchi Taco Truck, we had always planned to open as a brick-and-mortar restaurant first, but we thought it was too risky,” said Lee.

“Our concept was really like nothing out there, so we wanted to avoid risk by getting our name out, getting people familiar with the concept, and that’s why we started with the food truck.”

Once Lee’s brand of hybrid street-food became widely known, he picked a happening block in Prospect Heights — a neighborhood he describes as “awesome.”

The chief advantage of moving from a mobile eatery to a sit-down restaurant is the bigger kitchen, which lets Lee experiment with new menu items that aren’t available on the truck, like the kimchi goat cheese quesadilla and the ssam wrap with Korean fried chicken.

The quesadilla, which comes drizzled with a miso-infused crema Mexicana, is an unexpected triumph. The creamy tanginess of the goat cheese and the robust, acid-burn of the spicy pickled cabbage dazzle in their nearly alchemical ability to come together.

The ssam wrap is almost as good. The only thing holding it back is the chef’s middling use of shiso leaf, an unnecessary ingredient that points to the culinary-mindedness of whomever conceived it, but doesn’t quite work alongside the chicken, which is cooked to crispy perfection.

What’s the secret to Lee’s empire? In his words: “It helps to make good food.” Combine that with the right neighborhood, and the right price-point, and he may just have himself a recipe for longevity.

Kimchi Grill [766 Washington Ave., between Sterling and Park places, (718) 360-1839, www.kimchigrill.com].

Brooklyn's 'bread boss' takes on newest venture

By Camille Sperrazza

If he had starting working in the shoe business as a teen, rather than the bakery business, he might have been Manolo Blahnik, he says.

Instead, Joseph Ayoub's first job was at a local bakery, and the rest is history. Brooklyn history, that is.



Baked in Brooklyn
opened in Greenwood Heights in April.

Maybe you don't recognize his name, but odds are you eat the bread he produces. Call him the "Bread Boss," because Ayoub is the brains behind Aladdin Middle Eastern-style bread and more than 100 other types of baked goods, all created right here in the borough, for the last 40 years. That's a lot of dough.

His latest venture, Baked in Brooklyn, opened in Greenwood Heights this April. It's a retail store, selling artisan bread, gourmet sandwiches, wraps, pita chips, and other goodies to the community.

Retail is a new field for Ayoub because the more than one million pounds of bread produced each week by Aladdin Bakers are sold to airlines, schools, institutions, and to companies whose names are very recognizable. But Baked in Brooklyn sells directly to the consumer. All the breads are handmade, and a huge floor-to-ceiling glass window allows customers to witness the entire process — the handling, kneading, molding, and the baking of crisp and delicious breads.

After all, artisan baking is a craft, and the rest of us can learn a thing or two by watching the action. It's fascinating to see simple material such as flour and water take on shape, molded into breads of different sizes and textures. Then, watch as seeds, nuts, raisins, and other intriguing ingredients become part of that creation.

But there's a lot more than that. Some tantalizing selections have included raspberry bread and chocolate-filled challah bread. Whoever said, "Man cannot live on bread alone," has not been here. Some of us can make a steady diet of it.

The store is just less than 1,000 square feet, and when it opened, the intention was to sell bread only.

"But one thing led to another," says Ayoub, and they started creating sandwiches to go. Then breakfast was added for those who wanted some eggs and bacon on their freshly made bagels. Now, if about eight to 10 people want a quick bite and don't mind standing, there's a ledge where they can lean to enjoy their Baked in Brooklyn treasures. Coffee, cheese, spreads, and other goodies are also offered.



Jaclyn Fenton serves up some fresh bagels at Baked in Brooklyn.

Another expansion is on the horizon — at the soon-to-open Barclays Center.

"Baked in Brooklyn will be one of the seven stores at this arena," says Ayoub. Sandwiches and breads will be sold.

Ayoub didn't start the Aladdin kingdom by making a wish. He did it the old-fashioned way — by working hard. He grew up in Bay Ridge, where he was taught the value of hard work and discipline, skills necessary for success. Today, there are 14 buildings in Sunset Park that are affiliated with his bread empire, and he employs about 300 people.

"I am extremely passionate about Brooklyn," he says. It's where he was born and raised, and while it's been a wonderful magic carpet ride so far, he thinks the best is yet to come. "I believe in this city, and I know that it will continue to grow and prosper, and I want to be part of its rise."

Baked in Brooklyn [755 Fifth Ave. between 25th and 26th streets in Greenwood Heights, (718) 788-3164]. Open Monday through Saturday, 7 am-7 pm.

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FRI, AUG. 17

PHOTOGRAPHY, EXHIBITION: Olympic Portraits by Joe Klamar consists of color portraits shot by Klamar at a Dallas, Texas hotel during the U.S. Olympic Committee's Media Summit this May. **POWERHOUSE ARENA** Hours: Monday – Wednesday: 10 am – 7 pm, Thursday – Friday: 10 am – 8 pm, Saturday: 11 am – 8 pm, Sunday: 11 am – 7 pm. **Free.** PowerHouse Arena [37 Main St. at Water Street in DUMBO, (718) 666-3049], www.powerhousearena.com.

ART, IF IT'S FREE, IS IT ART?: NurtureArt gallery exhibits artists questioning the value and the valuing of art. NurtureART [56 Bogart St. (718) 782-7755], www.nurtureart.org.

MOVIE NIGHT: Shorts and a full length family appropriate movie. **Free!** 6:15. The Moxie Spot [81 Atlantic Ave. between Hicks and Henry streets in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 923-9710], themoxiespot.com.

AQUARIUM, AMAZING WATER: It's the newest feature at the aquarium, a 1500 foot maze, learning environment, where participants learn all about the environmental factors that threaten our waterways. Free with general admission. 10 am – 5 pm. New York Aquarium [602 Surf Ave. between W. Eighth and W. Fifth streets in Coney Island, (718) 265-3448], www.nyaquarium.com.

ICE SKATING: Bring your own skates or rent a pair. \$9 (\$7 children) plus \$5 skate rental fee. 11 am–4:20 pm and 7 TO 11 pm. Aviator Sports and Events Center [3159 Flatbush Ave. (718) 758-7500].

ROCK CLIMBING: Challenge and adventure just one rock wall at a time. The wall is the tallest indoor wall in the borough standing at 35 feet. Test your endurance if you dare. Suitable for children 5 years and older. \$10 for two climbs. 11 am–4:20 pm and 7 TO 11 pm. Aviator Sports and Events Center [3159 Flatbush Ave. (718) 758-7500].

SKY-JUMP: A twelve foot bungee trampoline located on the main street level. Must weight between 40 and 150 pounds. \$6 for a 3 minute jump. 11 am–4:20 pm and 7 TO 11 pm. Aviator Sports and Events Center [3159 Flatbush Ave. (718) 758-7500].

CONCERT: The Greenpoint YMCA and Town Square present Capoeira, a unique Brazilian art form that combines martial arts, dance, music and acrobatics and Global Carnival, showcasing the dancers and music from around the world. **Free.** 11 am–noon. McCarren Park [Lorimer St. at Bedford Avenue in Williamsburg, (212) 912-2260].

INNER LANDSCAPES: Different than previous exhibitions, this year's Institute for Community Living artists with developmental disabilities explore their emotions and how those concepts are meaningfully represented in their respective pieces. \$15 recommended donation. 5 pm. Brooklyn Museum [200 Eastern Pkwy, at the corner of Washington Avenue in Prospect Heights, (212) 996-0443].

SUMMER STROLL: Take a walk, listen to music, and have a relaxing dinner, all presented by the vendors and merchants on Third Avenue. **Free.** 6–10:30 pm. Third Avenue [Third Ave. 81st to

89th streets in Bay Ridge, (718) 748-9700].

MUSIC, SOUL SHAKEDOWN: Go see soul sensations JC Brooks and the Uptown Sound, the Revelations featuring Tre Williams, Mingo Fishtrap, and DJ Jack Dutone. \$10. 6 pm. Brooklyn Bowl [61 Wythe Ave. between N. 11th and N. 12th streets in Williamsburg, (718) 963-3369], www.brooklynbowl.com.

MUSIC WITH A MESSAGE: MWAM, their mission is to empower youth to write and perform original songs. For all ages. Part of the 2012 Free Friday Family Jam Series. **Free.** 6–6:30 pm. Brooklyn Children's Museum [145 Brooklyn Ave. at St. Marks Avenue in Crown Heights, (718) 735-4400], www.brooklynkids.org.

MUSIC, R&B CONCERT SERIES: This event has some of the biggest names and legends in the R&B music world. Featuring Tony Terry, Shai and Men at Large. \$40 presale, \$50 door. 6:30 pm. The Lab [1428 Fulton St. (718) 864-9611], www.pnpproduction.net.

MICHAEL JACKSON TRIBUTE: Children of all ages perform acrobatics and songs of the gloved one. Part of the 2012 Free Friday Family Jam Series. **Free.** 6:30–7:15 pm. Brooklyn Children's Museum [145 Brooklyn Ave. at St. Marks Avenue in Crown Heights, (718) 735-4400], www.brooklynkids.org.

MUSIC, CONCERT: City Sounds performs oldies, dance and rock. Bring a blanket and a chair. **Free.** 7 pm. Parkville [65th St. and Eighth Avenue in Bensonhurst, (718) 238-6044].

MUSIC, PUNK AND HEART-BREAK SINGALONG: Punk band The Drinkers Themselves celebrates its 10th birthday, playing with indie rock bands Kid Casanova and The Wooden Sky. \$8, 21+. 7:00 pm. Public Assembly [70 N. Sixth St. at Wythe Avenue in Williamsburg, (718) 782-5188], www.publicassemblynyc.com.

STREET THEATER: The Theater for the New City brings its latest musical — “99% Reduced Fat, or, You Can Bank On Us” — the story of a gang member transformed by Occupy Wall Street, to Brooklyn public spaces. **Free.** 8 pm. Coney Island Boardwalk [Boardwalk at West 10th Street in Coney Island, (212) 254-1109], www.theaterforthenewcity.net.

MUSIC, THE ROOTS COLLABORATOR, HOT SUGAR: Since working with The Roots, Hot Sugar went on to sign with Ninja Tune for his debut EP, Moon Money, a collection of beats built from sampling human bones, a snoring neighbor, gusts from a hurricane and more. \$8-\$10. 9 pm. Spike Hill Tavern [184 Bedford Ave. at N. Seventh Street in Williamsburg, (718) 218-9737], www.spikehill.com.

MUSIC, COUNTRY AND BLUES AT THE JALOPLY: Award-winning duo Fox and Branch will perform a set of old-timey country and acoustic blues at The JaloPLY Theatre. The duo performs on guitars, fiddle, banjo and washboard. \$10. 9 pm. JaloPLY [315 Columbia St. between Hamilton Avenue and Woodhull Street in Columbia Street Waterfront, (718) 395-3214], www.jaloPLY.biz.

MUSIC, ELECTRO-DISCO DANCE: Dance to the most addictive



Egg-citing competition: Like eggs? How about fertilized duck eggs? Nicole Ponseca of the Filipino restaurant Maharlika will host a “balut” eating contest in which gluttons will try to put away as many of the duck embryos as possible in one minute at the Dekalb Market on Aug. 25.

and sweat-inducing tracks. **Free.** 10 pm. Bell House [149 Seventh St. at Third Avenue in Gowanus, (718) 643-6510], www.thebell-houseny.com.

MUSIC, TRUMPET AND VOCALIST CONCERT: Jennifer Hartswick is one of the most exciting performers in music today. She inspires audiences all over the world with her powerful voice and commanding trumpet playing. \$8. 11:30 pm. Brooklyn Bowl [61 Wythe Ave. between N. 11th and N. 12th streets in Williamsburg, (718) 963-3369], www.brooklynbowl.com.

SAT, AUG. 18

PERFORMANCE

DANCE SHOW: Join a group of gifted children who've been working all summer on this dance, drumming, and percussion performance. \$5. 1 pm. Center for African and Diaspora Dance [558 Fulton St. in Downtown].

MUSIC, DASHBOARD CONFESIONAL: Dashboard Confessional frontman Chris Carrabba will perform a solo show. \$30. 7:30 pm. Music Hall of Williamsburg [66 N. Sixth St. between Kent and Wythe avenues in Williamsburg, (718) 486-5400], www.musicshallofwilliamsburg.com.

ART PARTY: Art for Progress returns to The Paper Box in East Williamsburg for a new monthly multimedia experience showcasing some of the finest emerging talent NYC has to offer, taking place on Saturday nights the third week of each month. \$8. 8:00PM. The Paper Box [17 Meadow St. in East Williamsburg, (718) 383-3815], www.paperboxnyc.com.

MUSIC, 90S FEST: Jam to the best hip hop, rock, R&B, and pop music of the 90s. **Free.** 9 pm – 3 am. Bell House [149 Seventh St. at Third Avenue in Gowanus, (718) 643-6510], www.thebell-houseny.com.

MUSIC, BLUES FROM THE DELTA: Hear Daddy Long Legs play blues and soul music from down South with their own twist. \$8. 9 pm. Union Pool [484 Union Ave. at Meeker Avenue in Williamsburg, (718) 609-0484], www.myspace.com/unionpool.

MUSIC, REGGAE DANCE: Dance

to reggae, dancehall, and dub music. \$5, 21+. 10 pm. Public Assembly [70 N. Sixth St. at Wythe Avenue in Williamsburg, (718) 782-5188], www.publicassemblynyc.com.

MUSIC, DANCE PARTY: Spanglish Fly and DJ Trumix bring boogaloo. \$5. 11 pm. Brooklyn Bowl [61 Wythe Ave. between N. 11th and N. 12th streets in Williamsburg, (718) 963-3369], www.brooklynbowl.com.

MUSIC, DANCE MUSIC EXTRAVAGANZA: The Brooklyn-based group MELTCH plays in their bohemian electro luxe style, complete with capacitors, synthesizers, and LEDs. \$10. 11:00 pm. Public Assembly [70 N. Sixth St. at Wythe Avenue in Williamsburg, (718) 782-5188], www.publicassemblynyc.com.

SALES AND MARKETS

PARK SLOPE FLEA MARKET: Peruse antiques, collectibles, vintage, crafts, and furniture. 8 am–6 pm. PS 321 [180 Seventh Ave. between First and Second streets in Park Slope, (917) 991-7807], www.parkslopefleamarket.com.

FAIR: 10 am–4 pm. See Friday, Aug. 17.

FLEA MARKET: New, used and unique items; antiques, books; electronics; garden and home items; knickknacks; music; video, vintage and retro. Free coffee and activities for children. **Free.** 10 am–5 pm. FleaMarkets.net [2092 Stillwell Ave. in Gravesend, (718) 765-0018], www.fleamarkets.net.

OTHER

BOOKS, EXHIBITION: Olympic Portraits by Joe Klamar: See Friday, Aug. 17.

ART, IF IT'S FREE, IS IT ART?: See Friday, Aug. 17.

COMMUNITY SERVICE, MEMORIAL RUN: Join Fort Hamilton Survivor Outreach Services for a four mile run in memory of those who have died in the Iraq and Afghanistan wars. 9 am. Shore Road Promenade [Shore Road Promenade in Bay Ridge, (718) 630-4772].

ARTS AND CULTURE FEST: The Creative Side launches a one-of-a-kind market for artists, craft makers and designers. **Free.** 10 am–4 pm. Parkside Plaza [Parkside Ave. at Ocean Avenue in Flatbush], www.artsculturefest.com.

est.com.

AMAZING WATER: 10 am – 5 pm. See Friday, Aug. 17.

STREET FAIR: From noon until 6pm on Saturday, August 18, Washington Avenue will come alive between St. Marks Avenue and Prospect Place to showcase the neighborhood offerings of Prospect Heights and Crown Heights, celebrating the essence of the Mom-and-Pop shop, from the neighborhood's pioneers to entrepreneurial newcomers. Noon. Washington Avenue [Between Prospect Place and St. Marks Avenue in Prospect Heights, (718) 638-7700], www.washington-avenue.org.

ART, ART EXHIBIT IN RED HOOK: Check out the Brooklyn Waterfront Artists 2012 Summer Exhibition COLOR. **Free.** 1:00pm. Brooklyn Working Artists Coalition [499 Van Brunt St. in Red Hook, (718) 596-2506], bwac.org.

READING, “BOOZY BRUNCH: The Quintessential Guide to Daytime Drinking,” by Peter Joseph, Salma Khalil: Author will be presenting his book (and some drinks!) in an event sponsored by local gin and whisky crafters, Breuckelen Distillery. **Free.** 2 pm. Word [126 Franklin St. at Milton Street. in Greenpoint], www.wordbrooklyn.com.

SUMMER EXHIBIT: Urban Garden: This summer's exhibit offers practical tips to help urban dwellers green up their homes, with a focus on easy maintenance and sustainable practices in Lily Pool Terrace. An exhibit on BBG's innovative community horticultural outreach program, GreenBridge, is also featured in the Steinhardt Conservatory. 3 pm. Brooklyn Botanic Garden [1000 Washington Ave., at Eastern Parkway in Crown Heights, (718) 623-7220], www.bbg.org.

SUN, AUG. 19

PERFORMANCE

MUSIC, SPAGHETTI EASTERN MUSIC: An afternoon of acoustic powered vocal tunes and ambient/funk/ techno guitar instrumentals of BWAC, Brooklyn Waterfront Arts Collective. **Free/Donation.** 2 pm. Brooklyn Waterfront Artists Coalition [499 Van Brunt St., near Reed Street

in Red Hook, (718) 596-2506], www.bwac.org.

SALES AND MARKETS

PARK SLOPE FLEA MARKET: 8 am–6 pm. See Saturday, Aug. 18.

FAIR: 10 am–4 pm. See Friday, Aug. 17.

FLEA MARKET: 10AM – 5PM. See Saturday, Aug. 18.

OTHER

BOOKS, EXHIBITION: Olympic Portraits by Joe Klamar: See Friday, Aug. 17.

ART, IF IT'S FREE, IS IT ART?: See Friday, Aug. 17.

AMAZING WATER: 10 am – 5 pm. See Friday, Aug. 17.

ROCK CLIMBING: Noon–3 pm and 3:30–6:30 pm. See Friday, Aug. 17.

SKY-JUMP: Noon–3 pm and 3:30–6:30 pm. See Friday, Aug. 17.

ART, ART EXHIBIT IN RED HOOK: 1:00pm. See Saturday, Aug. 18.

SUMMER EXHIBIT: Urban Garden: 3 pm. See Saturday, Aug. 18.

EAT, DRINK, DOULA: At this FREE “Eat, Drink, DOULA” open houses, pregnant women, and their partners, get a chance to learn more about their doula practice and to connect intimately with several doulas through one on one interviews. **FREE.** 3 pm. Caribou Baby [272 Driggs Ave. in Greenpoint, (347) 460-2229], www.cariboubaby.com.

ENTERTAINMENT, OPEN MIC: Songs, stories, poems, jokes and politics, hosted by Punxsutawney Jesus. 7 pm. Freddy's Bar [627 Fifth Ave. between 17th and 18th streets in Greenwood Heights, (718) 768-0131], www.freddysbar.com.

MON, AUG. 20

BOOKS, EXHIBITION: Olympic Portraits by Joe Klamar: See Friday, Aug. 17.

ART, IF IT'S FREE, IS IT ART?: See Friday, Aug. 17.

AMAZING WATER: 10 am – 5 pm. See Friday, Aug. 17.

ROCK CLIMBING: 11 am–4 pm. See Friday, Aug. 17.

SKY-JUMP: 11 am–4 pm. See Friday, Aug. 17.

MUSIC, FREE CONCERT: The United States Air Force Blue Aces: The Blue Aces perform an entertaining mix of classic rock, top 40's, Motown, and R&B, and features the diverse talents of 7 professional airmen-musicians whose commitment to excellence has earned worldwide acclaim and military distinction. **Free.** 5 pm. Brooklyn Memorial Cadman Plaza Park [BOE and Tillary Street], www.nycgov-parks.org/parks/cadmanplaza-park/highlights/11809.

INNER LANDSCAPES: Emotions Reflected through Art: 5 pm. See Friday, Aug. 17.

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].

MUSIC, GOSPEL MUSIC: Hear the Rev. Vince Anderson and his Love Choir play gospel anthems. **Free.** 11 pm, 1 am. Union Pool [484 Union Ave. at Meeker Avenue in Williamsburg, (718) 609-0484], www.myspace.com/unionpool.

TUES, AUG. 21

BOOKS, EXHIBITION: Olympic Portraits by Joe Klamar: See Friday, Aug. 17.

ART, IF IT'S FREE, IS IT ART?: See Friday, Aug. 17.

AMAZING WATER: 10 am – 5 pm. See Friday, Aug. 17.

SOMETHING POSITIVE: SummerStage Kids presents an inter-generational not-for-profit performing arts organization that uses poetry, storytelling, theater, music and dance to share the culture of the African

diapora. **Free.** 10:30–11:30 am. Underwood Park (Washington Ave. at DeKalb Avenue in Clinton Hill), www.nycgovparks.org.
BINGO NIGHT: 11 am. See Monday, Aug. 20.
INNER LANDSCAPES: Emotions Reflected through Art: 5 pm. See Friday, Aug. 17.
MUSIC, CONCERT: On a Good Run band performs classic rock. Bring a blanket and a chair. **Free.** 7 pm. Parkville [65th St. and Eighth Avenue in Bensonhurst, (718) 238–6044].

THE BROOKLYN CYCLONES AT HOME: Come down to the People's Playground to root, root, root, for Brooklyn's home team: the Mini-Mets, Pride of Coney Island, our own boys of summer — the Cyclones! 7 pm. MCU Park [1904 Surf Ave. at W. 17th St. in Coney Island, (718) 449-8497], www.brooklyn-cyclones.com.

THEATER, STORYTELLING OPEN MIC: Anyone can put their name in the hat for a chance to tell a five-minute tale onstage, without notes or paper, on any topic. Every storyteller wins a prize! This month's featured guest storyteller is actor/singer Ronica Reddick (Silence! The Musical). **FREE.** 7:30PM. Tea Lounge [837 Union St. at Seventh Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 789-2762], www.tealounge.nyc.

TRIVIA NIGHT: NY1 host Pat Kiernan moderates the ultimate trivia night. \$26. 7:30 pm. Bell House [149 Seventh St. at Third Avenue in Gowanus, (718) 643-6510], www.thebellhouse.nyc.

WED, AUG. 22

BOOKS, EXHIBITION: Olympic Portraits by Joe Klamar: See Friday, Aug. 17.

ART, IF IT'S FREE, IS IT ART?: See Friday, Aug. 17.

GREENMARKET: Local produce; fresh baked goods and seasonal goodies, WIC and Senior FMNP coupons accepted. **Free.** 8 am–3 pm. Bartel-Prichard Circle [15th St. and Prospect Park West in Prospect Park], www.prospectpark.org.

MUSIC, FAMILY DAY: Rides, games, karaoke and music. **Free.** 5–7:30 pm. McKinley Park [75th St. and Fort Hamilton Parkway in Bay Ridge, (718) 238–6044].

INNER LANDSCAPES: Emotions Reflected through Art: 5 pm. See Friday, Aug. 17.

YOGA ON THE FARM: Join us on the lawn for one hour of yoga at the Wyckoff Farmhouse Museum Wednesday at 5:30pm starting June 27th. Classes will explore movement (asana) and breathing (pranayama) techniques to warm up the body and relax themind. We welcome beginner as well as more seasoned yogis. \$5. 5:30 pm. Wyckoff Farmhouse [5816 Clarendon Rd. between East 58th and East 59th streets in East Flatbush, (718) 629-5400].

PETS AT THE BALLPARK: Fans and their pets are invited to watch the Brooklyn Cyclones take on the Tri-City Valley Cats, and pet related events including a puppy parade. Rescued dogs and cats will be available to meet potential adopters as well. \$10 for one person and up to two dogs. 7 pm. Municipal Credit Union Park [1904 Surf Ave. at W. 19th Street in Coney Island], AnimalAllianceNYC.org.

THURS, AUG. 23

BOOKS, EXHIBITION: Olympic Portraits by Joe Klamar: See Friday, Aug. 17.

ART, IF IT'S FREE, IS IT ART?: See Friday, Aug. 17.

FARMER'S MARKET: Lutheran has partnered with Harvest Home Farmer's Market to bring fresh fruits, vegetables, ethnic prod-

ucts, juices and more locally grown goods. **Free.** 8 am–4 pm. Lutheran Lane (55th St. between First and Second avenues in Sunset Park), www.harvest-homefm.org.

THEATER, PUPPET PARADE: Youth will parade their hand-made puppets through the neighborhood to McGolrick Park, where they will perform a celebration open to the public. **Free.** 3:30 pm. McGolrick Park (Monitor Street, between Nassau Avenue and Driggs Avenue in Greenpoint), www.every-bodyact.com.

START WITH ART: 3:30–4:30 pm. See Saturday, Aug. 18.

INNER LANDSCAPES: Emotions Reflected through Art: 5 pm. See Friday, Aug. 17.

MOVIES, SYFY MOVIES WITH A VIEW: Unforgiven (R): This is the 13th season of Brooklyn Bridge Park's movie series on Thursdays this summer. Shorts are curated by BAMcinématek, and DJs from Brooklyn Radio kick off the evening. Bike valet provided by Transportation Alternatives. **Free.** 6 pm. Brooklyn Bridge Park [334 Furman Street in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 222-9939], www.brooklyn-bridgepark.org.

PUB-STYLE TRIVIA NIGHT: Commemorate the historic Battle of Brooklyn with a team trivia battle. \$10. 7–9 pm. BKLYN Yard (400 Carroll St. between Bond and Nevins streets in Gowanus), bklynyard.com.

IN GHOSTLY JAPAN: Suitable for children 7 years and older. Stories of Strange Things, written by Eriko Ogawa is based on the written works of Rampo Edogawa, Japan's leading bizarre mystery writer and Yukumo Koizumi. **Free.** 7 pm. Hudson Guild Theater [441 W. 26th St. between Ninth and Tenth avenues in Chelsea, (212) 932-9601], www.theatrearts-japan.org.

MOVIES, SPICE GIRLS CELEBRATION: Watch the Spice Girls' feature film, Spice World, along with other fans. After the movie, there will be a tribute performance and trivia. \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. 8:30 pm. Bell House [149 Seventh St. at Third Avenue in Gowanus, (718) 643-6510], www.thebell-house.nyc.

SURREALIST BURLESQUE: Burlesque extravaganza based on the philosophical text, "Society of the Spectacular." \$12. 9 pm. Coney Island Museum [1208 Surf Ave. between W. 12th Street and Stillwell Avenue in Coney Island, (718) 372-5159].

MUSIC, INDIE RAP: Hear indie rappers Action Bronson, the Flatbush Zombies, Meyhem Lauren, and Tanya Morgan. **Free.** 9 pm. Music Hall of Williamsburg [66 N. Sixth St. between Kent and Wythe avenues in Williamsburg, (718) 486-5400], www.musichallofwilliamsburg.com.

FRI, AUG. 24

BOOKS, EXHIBITION: Olympic Portraits by Joe Klamar: See Friday, Aug. 17.

ART, IF IT'S FREE, IS IT ART?: See Friday, Aug. 17.

AMAZING WATER: 10 am – 5 pm. See Friday, Aug. 17.

ROCK CLIMBING: 11 am–4:20 pm and 7 TO 11 pm. See Friday, Aug. 17.

IN GHOSTLY JAPAN: 2 and 7 pm. See Thursday, Aug. 23.

INNER LANDSCAPES: Emotions Reflected through Art: 5 pm. See Friday, Aug. 17.

FITNESS CLASS: Onya West, certified personal trainer leads children on a Soca-cise fitness class. Part of the 2012 Free Friday Family Jam Series. **Free.** 6–6:30 pm. Brooklyn Children's Museum [145 Brooklyn Ave. at St. Marks Avenue in Crown Heights, (718) 735-4400], www.brooklynkids.org.

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— Gary Ervin on winning Pro City

Syracuse wants to scoop up Xaverian HS standout

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

A scouting trip to Syracuse felt like a homecoming for Laray Smith.

The Xaverian senior running back saw some familiar faces when he visited the Big East school over the weekend: former Erasmus Hall running back Wayne Morgan and Tottenville star wide receiver Alvin Cornelius — both of whom Smith played with growing up — were his guides for the weekend.

The Orange is recruiting more from city schools since head coach Doug Marone took over. The team has already landed one player in the Class of 2013 — Tottenville running back Augustus Edwards — and is involved with Thomas Jefferson defensive end Ebenezer Ogundeko, New York State's top prospect.

"It felt like a relief knowing someone from New York," Smith said. "I felt comfortable there."

Smith said he liked what he saw, praised the facilities, and enjoyed getting a chance to interact with the coaching staff. He learned Syracuse's communications program is one of the top in the country and he was impressed with its resources. Smith said he, Cornelius, and Morgan talked more about his college decision in general then they did about the Syracuse program, as both are incoming freshmen.

"They gave me good advice," the Staten Island native said. "They were able to show me a good time, show



A LITTLE TASTE OF HOME: Xaverian's Laray Smith, seen here in a game against Iona Prep, saw some familiar faces on his trip to Syracuse last weekend.

Photo by Denis Gostev

me around the school."

This was Smith's second visit as he has also checked out UConn. His initial trip to Syracuse was cancelled when his father Lawrence fell ill and was hospitalized in early July. He hopes his next visit will be to West Virginia or Oregon, both of which have yet to offer. UConn, Syracuse and Tennessee have offered scholarships and given Smith the opportunity to also run track.

The 6-foot-1, 175-pound

back believes a scholarship offer from Oregon is "real close." Smith has said along all long that it was just a matter of the coaching staff finally getting his paperwork. He got to interact with the Ducks track coaches for the first time two weeks ago after earning All-American honors by placing third in the 400 with a time of 47.67 and seventh in the 200 in 21.86 at the USA Track and Field Junior Olympics.

"All of the [football]

coaches were on vacation at the time," Smith said. "Now that they are all [back], I am pretty sure they are going to offer."

Last year he ran for 993 yards and 10 touchdowns while averaging more than seven yards a carry as Xaverian reached the Catholic High School Football League Class AAA semifinals. He isn't any closer to committing as his final season approaches.

"I'm still going to wait," Smith said.



SAFE DRIVER POINTS: The Brooklyn Stompers' Kinu Rochford (left) drives to the basket at Dyckman.

Photo by Denis Gostev

Stompers stomp R2K in playoffs

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Talk about living up to one's name!

The Brooklyn Stompers secured a spot in the opening round of the Dyckman playoffs last Wednesday after stomping all over R2K in a thrilling 57-56 victory — a win that former James Madison standout Kinu Rochford treated as a basketball drill.

"My coaches always tell me box out, find your man," Rochford said. "I saw Sean [Armand] shoot it. I saw it was going to bounce a little to the left. That's my drill."

The 6-foot-6 forward shed his defender, grabbed the rebound, and converted a putback and drew a foul with 17 seconds left.

The hustle play left his coaching staff to yell, "That's what he does," from the sidelines. But Brooklyn Stompers coach Ronnie Francis said he learned to expect such stunning theatrics from Rochford.

"He is the local Anthony Mason," Francis said. "All of his points are scrappy points."

R2K had two more chances: Nets rookie Ty-

shaw Taylor had his baseline drive blocked by A.J. West and Jamel Ferguson wouldn't go in the closing seconds.

It was a big victory for the tight-knit program of all college players that includes Fordham's Branden Frazier and Iona's Armand. It was the first time in three seasons playing unlimited that the group has gotten past the first round of the playoffs. They have been playing together since the sixth grade.

"It shows we are trying to develop kids," Francis said. "We try to take them to these tournaments so they can get exposure."

Francis believes Rochford will be one of the players people will take notice of once they see him. He took the long road to get to Fairleigh Dickinson University.

Rochford didn't play at a traditional New York City basketball power, attending Madison instead. He averaged 10 points and 10 rebounds as a senior, then spent two seasons at Globe Institute of Technology. There, he averaged 14 points and 14 rebounds a

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B-day boy beats buzzer

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

It was a birthday present that Gary Ervin will never forget.

With 5.6 seconds remaining in overtime in a tie game between Dyckman and the Franchise at the Nike Pro City title game, Ervin glanced over at teammate and St. Francis Prep star Rashad Bell.

Instead of looking at Darren Philip or Gary Forbes at the post, Bell tossed the ball to Ervin, who let a 3-pointer fly that found nothing but net as the buzzer sounded.

The shot got him mobbed by his teammates as he circled the court in celebration of The Franchise's thrilling 93-90 win over Dyckman in a rematch of last year's final.

All and all, it wasn't a bad way to celebrate a birthday.

"Every birthday is great, but this ranks high," said Ervin, who claimed that good communication was the key to his victory.

"Me and Bell have that eye to eye," the former Robeson star said of his Franchise teammate. "I told him, 'Bell throw it to me.' I begged him. I begged him to throw me the basketball."

The Pro City crown is the Franchise's second in the last three years. The victory was in memory of former coach and streetball legend John Strickland, who passed away in October 2010. Ervin considers him one of his mentors and the team is named in his honor. After the win, coach Gary Prince showed off a "We are Strick" T-shirt and donned a backward baseball cap, a signature of Strickland's coaching attire.

"Everybody loved him," Bell said of Strickland. "He brought a certain charisma to the game. Everybody liked playing for him."

Bell thought he won the game with a contested right elbow jumper with 35.4 seconds remaining in regulation that put The Franchise, which led by as many as 14 points, up 88-86. Boakai Lalugba converted a put back with 2.2 left to send the game to overtime. He had 15 points and Forbes had 19 and seven boards for the Franchise. Bryant Dunston tallied 17 points and 17 rebounds for Dyckman and Nate Brown added 17 points to go along with seven boards.

Trailing by two late in overtime, Bell created a steal that eventually led to former St. John's star Justin Burrell catching a two-

handed slam off a baseline inbound pass from Ervin to tie the score at 90. Phillip, who grabbed 12 rebounds, came up with a big rebound and timeout while falling out of bounds to set up Ervin's title-winning heroics.

"It's Gary's birthday," Prince said. "For him to win the chip on his birthday is just extraordinary."



VICTORY: Gary Ervin celebrates with his teammates during the Pro City Basketball championship game at Baruch College.

NYC denied in Big Strick Classic

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Team USA beat New York City in a high school basketball all-star game on Saturday thanks to a stellar block by Team USA's Jordan Mickey.

New York City's Dayshon Smith collected a long pass and was running down court thinking it was just him and Aaron Harrison when Mickey came out of nowhere and denied him the shot, sealing Team USA's thrilling 87-86 win.

"I didn't know there was anyone behind me," Smith, the Putnam Science Academy point guard, said.

Mickey, who now attends Grace Prep in Texas, said he made sure he did everything in his power to stop Smith's advance.

"All I was thinking about was 'don't let him get this shot off,'" said the 6-foot-9 Mickey.

The highly recruited forward jumped in celebration with USA teammate Andrew Harrison, who carried the squad most of the night, had just missed the



BIG CITY VS. SUPER POWER:

Team NYC's Isaiah Whitehead dribbles past Team USA's Aaron Harrison. Photo by Denis Gostev

front end of a 1-and-1 on the other end after scoring 14 points.

"No competitor wants to lose these games," said Harrison, one of the nation's top recruits.

He described the contest as being a "pride game" after a hotly contested scrimmage on Friday night at Gauchos Gym. Harrison got into it at times with Lincoln star Isaiah Whitehead, who drew NYC within one late with a foul-line pull up.

"Harrison is a good player," Whitehead said. "I wanted to show him I'm a good player, too."

The city squad has multiple chances to prevail. Twice, Chris McCullough had contested dunk attempts down the stretch, but could not convert. They led by as much as 13 points, but saw the lead trimmed to 69-67 after three quarters. Team USA ripped off a 12-2 run midway through the third.

"We slowed down," Whitehead said of the starting unit. "If we had stayed in the game we would have pushed the lead a little more."

Kuran Iverson paced New York City with 21 points and McCullough had 13 — the two earned MVP honors for the city squad. Whitehead, Queens native Jermaine Lawrence and Pathways forward Jordan Washington each tallied 10. Robert Hubbs scored 14 points for Team USA. Aaron Harrison, Andrew's brother, and Kadeem Latin each chipped in 13. Troy Williams had the dunk of the night, a full extension one-handed slam over a defender in the first quarter.

Stompers

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contest while earning the Region XV Player of the Year honors as a sophomore.

"He destroyed junior college," Francis said.

Rochford felt comfortable with coach Greg Ve-

trone at Fairleigh Dickinson University, saying he was 100 percent honest with him throughout the recruiting process. He told Vetrone he would be a workhorse for him if he gave him a chance. Rochford was right. He averaged 9.3 points per game and hauled in 6.8 boards while starting 20 games.

"I realized it's [about]

preparation," Rochford said of Division I basketball. "It's not like a [regular] game. They scout you real well, your ins and outs."

He can't wait to get back to Fairleigh Dickinson University for his final season, and is looking to improve his defense and rebounding. The process of proving himself continues.

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Scoreless baseball

Two Clones relievers haven't given up a run – all season!

BY WILL BREDDERMAN

Two Cyclones relievers are hurling their way toward history after reaching the NY-Penn League all star break without giving up a single run.

Paul Sewald and Logan Taylor both boast 0.00 ERAs for the season as neither of them have allowed a batter to cross the plate – even on an unearned run.

Sewald has pitched 20.2 scoreless innings in 12 appearances, racking up four saves and 23 strikeouts while giving up 13 hits and two walks. To be in the running for the NY-Penn League's all-time record, he'll need pitch at least 24 frames while keeping his ERA below the 0.26 record established by Marc Pisciotta, who gave up just one earned run in 34 innings for the now-defunct Welland Pirates in 1991.

Taylor has more work to

do: he has goose-egged batters for 9.2 innings in eight appearances, racking up 10 strikeouts while giving up five hits and no walks – meaning he'll need to last another 14.1 innings of scoreless baseball to have a chance at the record.

To snag second or third place in the record books, the Clones relievers would need to best Jason Jimenez, who posted a 0.28 ERA in his 1997 rookie year with the Hudson Valley Renegades after allowing one earned run in 31.2 innings, or Joe Little, another Renegade who pulled a 0.29 ERA after tossing exactly 31 frames and yielding just a single run.

The Cyclones team record would be only a little easier to beat: it belongs to the beloved Eddie Camacho, who finished the 2004 season with a 0.69 ERA after pitching 39 innings and

surrendering just three earned runs.

Both pitchers would be on track to shatter the major league modern-era ERA record, held by Boston's Dutch Leonard, who boasted a 0.96 ERA in 1914 on 224.2 innings pitched. They'd also pass "Smiling" Tim Keefe of the Troy Trojans, who gave up 10 earned runs in 105 innings of work for a 0.86 ERA in 1880 – back when pitchers threw underhand and batters requested where they wanted the ball to be tossed.

But Sewald says he doesn't have the record books – or Smiling Tim – on his mind. "The most important thing to me is just getting the hitter I'm facing out, making the pitch," Sewald said. "The rest I try to block out."

However, Sewald admits he gets a little anxious when there are runners in scoring position.

"With guys on base, I do get a little more focused," said the Las Vegas-native out of the University of San Diego. "I wish it wasn't like that, because you should have that focus all the time."

Clones pitching coach Marc Valdes says there's really no secret to grooming pitchers with flawless ERAs.

"I treat all the guys the same. We work the fast-ball on both sides of the plate and focus on getting strikes," Valdes said, adding that he's not obsessed with pitching stats. "ERA's not everything. Plenty of guys have not-great ERAs and come through for us. And guys with low ERAs can blow the game."

A low ERA is no guarantee of a long and successful career on the mound. Pisciotta, who holds the NY-Penn League record, had



Cyclones pitcher Pauls Sewald, who boasts a miniscule 0.00 ERA, does his best impersonation of "Smiling" Tim Keefe.

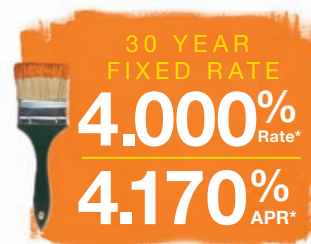
an impressive major league rookie season with the Chicago Cubs in 1997, and a not-so-impressive final season with the Kansas City Royals just two years later. Second and third place hurlers Jimenez and Little burned out before they got out of the minors, and Camacho, the Clones record-holder, currently plays for the un-

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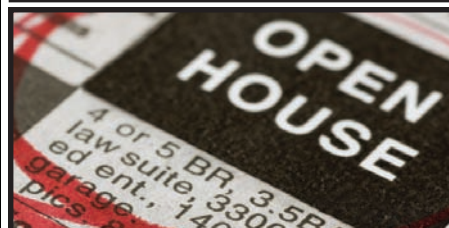


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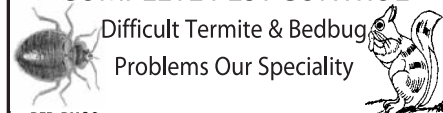


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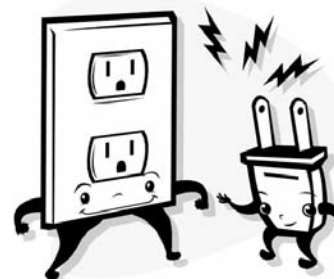
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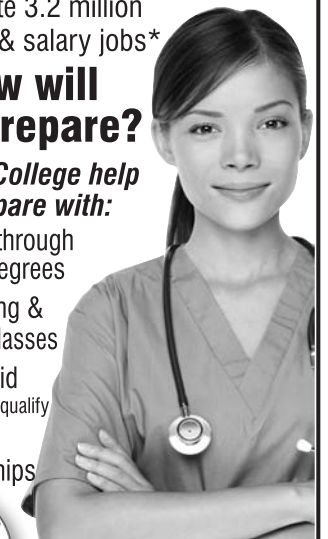
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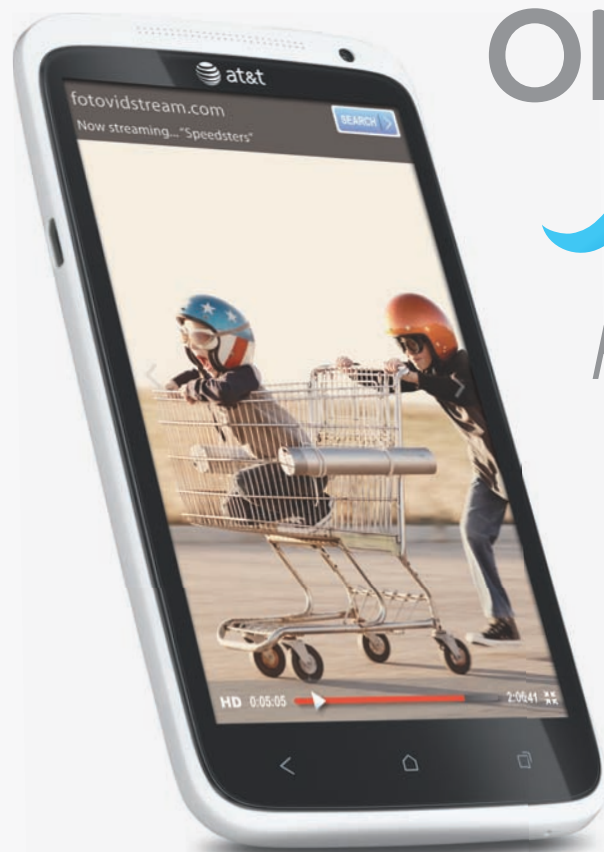
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