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## Cops scoop up ice cream heist suspect

BY NATALIE MUSUMECI

The ice cream bandit is headed to the cooler.

Police cuffed a man accused of knocking off at least 10 Brooklyn ice cream shops, sandwich joints, and salons at gunpoint — including three visits to a Tasti-D-Lite and two stops at a hairdresser, both in Park Slope.



**CUFFED:** Robert Coston is suspected of robbing ice cream shops.

Photo by Paul Martinka

robberies throughout October and November.

Investigators apprehended the suspect at an East New York motel last Friday after police received an anonymous tip about the serial bandit.

The looting spree began when a gunman hit the Tasti-D-Lite on Seventh Avenue between Eighth and Ninth streets on Oct. 17. He followed that up with more heists at the shop on Oct. 26, and again on Nov. 4, according to cops.

But he also hit other dessert destinations, targeting the Blue

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# CHECKING UP ON RED HOOK



Brook-lyn!

Nets center Brook Lopez bulldozes Manhattan Knicks big man Tyson Chandler during the first match-up in the nascent cross-borough rivalry, which Brooklyn took in overtime, 96-89.

Associated Press / Kathy Willens

## Docs offer care after the storm

BY THERON MOHAMED

A ragtag group of doctors and medical do-gooders left their hospitals and clinics to care for Red Hook's sick and elderly after Hurricane Sandy ravaged the neighborhood's housing projects.

With the community's clinics closed and emergency aid slow to arrive, the motley crew gave daily check-ups and vital medication to ailing residents living without heat or electricity for two weeks.

"In circumstances like these there has to be active community outreach, going into people's homes, assessing medical needs and providing treatment," said Matthew Kraushar, a 26-year-old Red Hook native and student at the Robert Wood Johnson Medical School who assembled the makeshift medical team.

Shuttered pharmacies and broken elevators left diabetics, asth-

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# THE DELIVERY 'KING'

## Fast-food chain trying out home delivery service in your neighborhood

BY COLIN MIXSON

Brooklynites will soon get their Whoppers their way, right away, at their door — and to hell with their waist lines!

Six borough Burger Kings have begun offering a special text-in-your-order delivery service — because the drive-thru isn't convenient enough — but nutritionists say the opportunity to have hamburgers ushered right to your front door will make Brooklyn's biggest even larger.

"I think the home delivery concept, where you text your order in, is great — for the average, efficient person," said Lisa Cohn, a health expert at Park Avenue Nutritionists. "But I think from the overall standpoint of healthy eating, the people already overweight and at risk of bad eating habits are just going to add insult to injury."

Currently, three area Burger Kings — Coney Island Avenue near Avenue U, Fifth Avenue near 85th Street, and 86th Street near 21st Avenue — will offer drop-off service. Patrons will do a little less walking, but that's not where the health danger lies, according to Cohn.

The paltry 20 calories-per-block the average person burns while walking pales in comparison to even a slim 500-calorie meal, let alone a 1,250-calorie Double Stacker meal with large fries and a coke. But the perils of delivery only end with physical decline — they begin in the mind.

"The danger is not from a calorie burning level, but from a psychological level,"



**FAST FOOD, NOW FASTER:** Happy Burger King customer Peter Bojmal has his phone at the ready for when the Coney Island Avenue fast-food franchise kicks off its delivery service later this year.

said Cohn. "The person who wants to overeat, or create and perpetuate overeating and sedentary activity as a lifestyle, will fall into another opportunity to become housebound and lean towards a lifestyle that caters to obesity and overeating."

And while walking doesn't do much to kill calories, it does wonders for lowering your blood sugar, and helps to strengthen joints at risk of arthritis.

"People who are overweight and sedentary are more likely to have joint pain, and that makes them lazy," said Cohn. "The benefit isn't so much in weight loss, but it greases the wheels and makes your joints more healthy."

Burger King acknowledges that its customers

may get too used to its delivery service which, just like its food, is best enjoyed in moderation, according to

company officials. "Delivery is a luxury and there are delivery programs that have been successful,

but obviously everything in moderation is okay," said Meyers.

The delivery service will be convenient, but it's not free — the service costs \$2, and only meals over \$10 will be delivered.

Chauffeured Burger King fare will be stored in a special thermal heating device — the secret of which is closely guarded by the burger empire — which is designed to keep French fries both crispy and warm.

"I can't tell you everything about how it works," said Meyers. "It's very special and a secret for Burger King."

The delivery service comes at a time when Burger King is closing or remodeling borough franchises: a Burger King on Knapp Street in Sheepshead Bay closed in February, and a second Burger King on Utica Avenue near Flatbush Avenue is closed and boarded up, but still listed as a restaurant on the company's website.

Photos by Steve Solomonson

## Did someone order fries?

**Looking for a Burger King that delivers? Look no further! Here are three in a neighborhood near you:**

**Bay Ridge:** 8516 Fifth Ave. near 85th Street, store #9418

**Bensonhurst:** 2164 86th St. near 21st Avenue, store #1588

**Sheepshead Bay:** 2425 Coney Island Ave. near Avenue U, store #1294

*The delivery service might not be available at these stores currently, but will be soon. For more, visit <https://bkdelivers.com>.*



**WHOPPERS ON WHEELS:** The Coney Island Avenue Burger King will offer its \$2 delivery service before the end of this year.



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# Gowanus water worries

## Health concerns after filthy storm surge hits residences



**SWITCH-UP:** Straphangers are fighting for free above-ground transfers between the G train and other Brooklyn transit hubs.

Photo by Stefano Giovannini

## G riders demand free train transfers

BY DANIELLE FURFARO

Riders of the Brooklyn Local want a free Manhattan transfer.

G train commuters are sick of paying to switch to nearby lines that cross the river — and they're pushing the Metropolitan Transit Authority to link the vital borough-traversing route with transit hubs in Williamsburg and Downtown.

Subway activists say the MTA could easily allow free above-ground transfers between the G train's Broadway station and the J and M line steps away at Lorimer Street, and between the G train's Fulton Street stop and the 2, 3, 4, 5, B, Q, R, N, and D trains close by at Atlantic Avenue-Barclays Center.

"We're not asking to build an expensive new connection between stations," said Greenpoint resident Greg Richane, a member of the newly formed G train advocacy group the Riders Alliance. "We just want people to be able to transfer for free when the G train crosses other lines, which is something the MTA can provide basically for free."

The MTA says it will not grant free transfers, but straphangers say free above-ground switcheroo isn't a pie-in-the-sky request considering the agency already offers a similar street-level link in Manhattan between F line at Lexington Avenue — 63rd Street and the 4, 5, 6, N, Q, and R lines at

Lexington Avenue—59th Street.

Supporters say a link to the J and M trains would help commuters across North Brooklyn — even those who favor the L train.

"People would have a lot more options if they put in the free transfers," said Karen Nieves, a member of Community Board 1 and the Riders Alliance, which held its second-ever meeting on Nov. 27. "It would take a lot of the pressure off the over-capacity L train."

The fight for free transfers comes just months after commuters saved the crucial one-seat link between North and Brownstone Brooklyns from a proposed service cut that would have nixed four beloved stations in Park Slope, Windsor Terrace, and Kensington.

And activists aren't stopping at free transfers: members of the Riders Alliance are also pushing for more frequent service, better communication about delays and disruptions, and a return of full-length trains on a line often bemoaned by commuters for being just four cars long.

Straphangers say the G train's struggles are a bit of a catch-22 — improvements on the line are slow to come because ridership is comparatively low, and ridership remains comparatively low because service improvements are slow to come.

BY NATALIE MUSUMECI

Gowanus dwellers fear the floodwater that inundated their homes and businesses during Hurricane Sandy contained raw sewage, dangerous bacteria, and harmful toxins that put their health at risk.

The notoriously filthy waterway topped its banks when the storm barreled through the borough, filling residences with several feet of water and leaving behind a noxious grime that coated floors, walls, and belongings throughout the neighborhood — and some residents worry the water damage is just beginning.

"I'm very concerned that there is all this bacteria in our house. We got nowhere to go," said longtime Nevins Street resident Steve Wood, who tossed his hot water heaters, boilers, antique furniture, and irreplaceable family photos to the curb after nearly five feet of water flowed into his basement. "All the stuff is contaminated. I'm afraid of diseases. I don't know what's in that water."

The Environmental Protection Agency drew two samples from the canal and two samples from the ground floors of Gowanus buildings that were flooded by the putrid waterway — which is so foul that federal authorities named it a Superfund site in 2010 — two days after the storm on Oct. 31.

The tests showed the floodwaters were low in gasoline and diesel derivatives as well as more than 100 other chemicals, toxic metals, and volatile organic compounds commonly found in the waterway — but the surge was exceedingly high in levels of bacteria.

"That certainly is a concern," said Environmental Protection Agency regional administrator Judith Enck at a Nov. 26 community meeting.

Neighbors say that's the understatement of the century.

"I don't care what they found in those four samples



**CONTAMINATED:** Gowanus resident Steve Wood (top) had to get rid of all of his water-damaged possessions (left) that he says were contaminated by the notoriously filthy Gowanus Canal. Even his heating system was covered in sludge (right).  
Community Newspaper Group / Natalie Musumeci

of water — it's not sufficient for me," said Linda Mariano, who lives on President Street between Hoyt and Bond streets. "It's a big wide area and it's a Superfund site, that says it all."

Some residents are wary to clean their basements after waters that reeked of raw sewage and rotten eggs hit their homes, and they're fearful to touch the crud left behind by a sludgeway so filthy it has been found to contain gonorrhea.

"I know there is some bad stuff that flowed through here," said Chris Hayes, who claims he lost millions when the storm hit the Douglas Street warehouse containing his company's film equipment. "I'm

concerned about my health. I don't know what it's doing to me."

Federal authorities say Brooklynites should protect themselves when cleaning flooded dwellings by wearing rubber gloves, boots, and goggles — and the Environmental Protection Agency has even started distributing a handy, clip-art-adorned flier about how to get rid of mold, which the pamphlet claims "can make you sick."

Fears about the flood's health risks spread far past Gowanus.

Newtown Creek — the borough's other horrifically dirty body of water — topped its banks and inundated parts of Greenpoint

during the storm, though Port Authority tests revealed the flood didn't bring the most-contaminated sludge from the bottom of the stream ashore, according to Assemblyman Joe Lentol (D-Greenpoint).

As is the case in Gowanus, some neighbors worry the initial testing wasn't comprehensive enough. The Newtown Creek Alliance has hired its own independent tester to study the floodwaters in Greenpoint and expects to have results shortly.

"This is about informing ourselves for the next time this happens," said Newtown Creek Alliance director Kate Zidar.

— with Danielle Furfaro

# NYPD cops to it!

## Police say they barricaded Bergen Street bike lane

**BY NATALIE MUSUMECI**  
 Bergen Street's makeshift bike lane barricade is back — and this time cops say they're the ones who built it.

Police at the 78th Precinct say they placed six metal barriers alongside a painted bike lane between Sixth Avenue and Flatbush Avenue, protecting two-wheelers from automobiles on a roadway where cycling activists erected a similar buffer using traffic pylons this summer.

"We put them up ourselves because there were people parking there," said a police source who works out of the station house at the corner.

The officer says the barrier should keep motorists from blocking the way for cyclists.

"A lot of people would pull up, run into the corner bodega real quick and leave

their car in the bike lane, so we just threw that barricade up to prevent that from happening," he said.

The NYPD barriers hit the street nearly four months after vigilante cyclist Ian Dutton cobbled together his own bike lane median on the block using waist-high pylons — a move he made, in part, because police vehicles often block the path.

Dutton tips his hat to the officers who put up the barricades.

"It's certainly a welcome sign that the leadership of the 78th Precinct has recognized the unsafe conditions that were created by the persistent illegal parking that was occurring on this tiny stretch of Bergen Street," said the Park Slope resident.

Even though the boys in blue claim they were the ones who propped up the

new barricade, cops will continue to park their vehicles in the bike lane when they can't find spots on the Sixth Avenue side of the precinct, the NYPD source said.

"We are a police station — we pretty much own the street," he said. "There are times in a pinch where we have to park there. If there are no other spots and we have to drop somebody off [at the precinct] we will park there. It's that simple."

Bike booster Eric McClure says he understands that during emergencies cops must be able to park their rides in a jiff — but he hopes a long-term street fix will keep police out of the cycling path.

"I don't think anybody on a bike begrudges a police officer for parking in a bike lane in an emergency situation," said McClure. "But I would hope that the



**OFFICIAL PROTECTION:** (Left) Bergen Street's double-parked prone bike lane is now protected by a police barricade. (Right) This summer, riders put up their own illegal barrier. CNG / Natalies Musumeci & O'Neill

precinct working in partnership with the [city] and community members can find a long-term solution to parking so they don't have to park in the bike lane."

Cyclists say they feel safer riding beside the new barrier.

"It makes our lane ac-

cessible now. Before it just wasn't," said two-wheeling Crown Heights resident Jessica Cruz, who pedals to Boerum Hill daily. "There were always cars parked here and we were just thrown out into the street — cars go pretty fast around here."

Cyclist Stuart Garber of Prospect Heights says the protected lane makes biking less scary.

"Riding through the city you are always on alert — you always fear that you're going to get injured in some way," he said. "The barricades put me at ease."

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# Off view! Vista at risk, Sloper says

BY NATALIE MUSUMECI

A picturesque view of the Empire State Building framed by Grand Army Plaza's iconic arch is in danger of being blocked forever.

The 102-story skyscraper perfectly bisects the Soldiers' and Sailors' Arch when viewed from a not-so-well-known vantage point just inside Prospect Park — but long-time Park Sloper Richard Kessler fears a proposed tower in the Atlantic Yards megadevelopment will obstruct his favorite vista before the borough can truly appreciate its grandeur.

"It's a very beautiful sight that shouldn't be lost," said Kessler, 66, who started an online petition last month urging locals to "save the view."

The development com-

pany Forest City Ratner plans to erect a 219-foot tall residential high-rise only half a mile from Grand Army Plaza on Atlantic Avenue near Sixth Avenue. When that building is finished, Kessler worries that tree branches and a light pole won't be the only things in the foreground when he and other onlookers lean against a lamppost at the start of Prospect Park's East Drive — the only spot where the vista reveals itself.

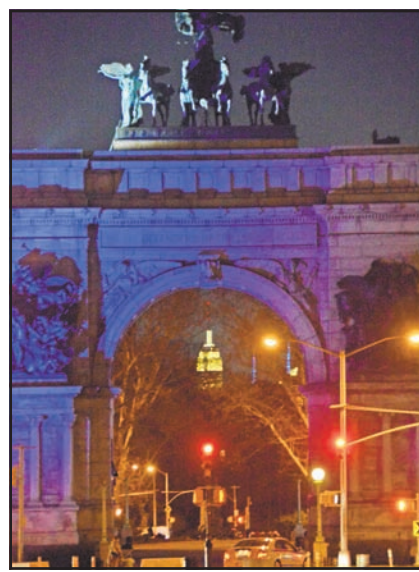
"It would perfectly block the Empire State Building," said Kessler, who has taken to calling the vantage point "Brooklyn Mirador." "If I put my back against that lamppost and I see an apartment building instead of the Empire State Building, I got no interest."

The Soldiers' and Sail-

ors' Arch was completed in 1892 — 40 years before the Empire State building climbed into the clouds — but this preservationist believes the fortuitous placement is no coincidence.

Though he has no documentation to back up his case, Kessler claims the arch — and an 1869 statue of Abraham Lincoln that once stood in front of it — points right at the former Astor mansion five miles away on Fifth Avenue in an attempt by architects to challenge the wealthy family because they opposed the Great Emancipator's efforts to end slavery.

The Astor family's home is now the site of the Empire State Building, and a number of later monuments — including the Grand Army Plaza's 1932 Bailey



**PERFECT VIEW:** History buff Richard Kessler points to a vista he calls "Brooklyn Mirador" — but he fears new development will forever obstruct the picturesque view of the Empire State Building framed within Grand Army Plaza's Soldiers' and Sailors' Arch.

Photos by Elizabeth Graham

Fountain and the park's 1965 John F. Kennedy memorial — also line up with the viewing corridor, only bolstering its significance, according to Kessler.

"These things are in a straight line and nature doesn't make straight lines like this. This is something that was done on purpose," said Kessler, who suspects that Grand Army Plaza designers Frederick Olmsted and Calvert Vaux knew about the axis when the arch rose in the late 1800s.

As of press time, Kessler has gathered 51 signatures pushing for the preservation of the "Brooklyn Mirador" on Change.org. He is seeking an additional 99,949 backers.

Once he rounds up enough supporters, Kessler hopes to deliver the petition to the Brooklyn Museum, the Smithsonian Institute, and the city's Landmark's Preservation Commission — which already ruled against his previous request to preserve the vista.

"We determined that the

corridor is ineligible because it does not meet the definition of a New York City landmark," said Landmarks spokeswoman Elisabeth De Bourbon.

Forest City Ratner spokesman Joe DePlasco would not comment on the viewing corridor, but said the entire Atlantic Yards plan already received an environmental review when "scale and size" were up for discussion.

But the history-obsessed *Continued on Page 10*

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# OWE, YEAH!

## Developer drops arena battle with taxman

BY NATALIE MUSUMECI

The owner of the Barclays Center withdrew a lawsuit seeking to lessen a property assessment of the new arena and reduce the amount of money it owes the city — just three days after the press reported on the court filings.

Developer Forest City Ratner initially sought to cut the city's tax appraisal on the new home of the Brooklyn Nets by claiming Department of Finance assessors monstrously over-valued the arena at \$741 million when it was really worth just \$111 million.

The Brooklyn Supreme Court filing, which was first reported by DNAinfo.com, would have vastly reduced the amount of the amount of money Forest City Ratner would owe the city annually, cutting it from an estimated \$35 million to about \$5 million, a source told the New York Daily News.

But the Atlantic Yards mega-developer now claims it never intended to include the arena and an adjacent Dean Street property slated to be the site of a 32-story building — and worth just \$6,000, according to the withdrawn legal documents — in the suit.

"Forest City has instructed our attorneys to discontinue these petitions immediately," the building company's subsidiary Brooklyn Events Center wrote in a letter to the Law



**SURRENDERED:** The builder of the Barclays Center withdrew a lawsuit against the city that sought to reduce the tax assessment on the newly opened sports center, claiming the filing was a mistake.

Photo by Stefano Giovanni

Department.

Forest City Ratner does not pay property taxes on the 18,000-seat taxpayer-subsidized entertainment mecca, but as a substitute makes "payments in lieu of taxes," dubbed "PILOTs," to the city.

That money goes towards paying off \$511 million in tax-exempt bonds Forest City Ratner received to help fund the Atlantic Yards development.

Forest City Ratner spokesman Joe DePlasco said the lawsuit "should not have been applied to the arena because of the PILOT."

The development company is still contesting the city's tax assessment of 30 other Brooklyn properties in what DePlasco described as a common real estate practice.

"These petitions are a customary, legal process designed to protect a property owner's right to challenge the assessed values," he said.

But longtime Atlantic Yards foe Daniel Goldstein, who founded the opposition group Develop Don't Destroy Brooklyn and accepted a buy-out after holding onto his former apartment in the development site for years, says the suit is a reminder that this project is all about money.

"It shows that not only is Forest City Ratner not to be trusted but that the firm doesn't mind ripping off the taxpayer, and the city treasury, from whatever angle possible as long as they can get away with it and improve their bottom line," said Goldstein.

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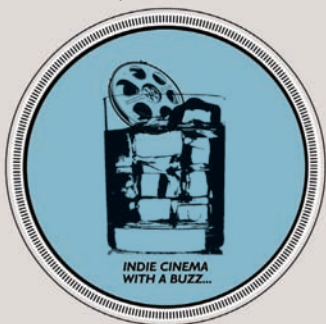
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## 78TH PRECINCT

PARK SLOPE

## Bat men

A band of baseball bat-wielding bullies bashed a man in the head on Fifth Avenue after following him home from work on Nov. 22.

The 38-year-old victim told cops he was at Saint Marks Place, driving home at 5:30 am when the angry posse blocked him in with their cars. The scoundrels jumped out of their rides and smashed the victim's car windows in with their weapons of choice.

When the perps were through beating up his car they struck him in the head, which caused swelling.

The victim had to be treated by emergency services.

## Money bagger

A thief snagged a woman's purse containing a wad of cash when she was shopping for shoes inside an Atlantic Avenue department store on Nov. 19.

The 32-year-old victim told cops that she placed her pocketbook down on a bench inside the store near Flatbush Avenue at about 6 pm. When she turned around, her bag, which contained \$530 in cash and credit cards, was gone.

## Motorcycle jacked

A crook stole a man's 2010 black Sym Symba motorcycle from Sixth Avenue on Nov. 23.

The 32-year-old victim told cops that he parked his sweet ride between King and Prince streets at 8 pm.

When he went to get on his \$2,200 bike at 4 pm the next day, it was gone.

## In the blink of an eye

A sly crook made off with a woman's pocketbook containing \$2,000 in cash when she was shopping at an Atlantic Avenue department store on Nov. 23.

The 32-year-old victim told cops that she took her eyes off her cart at 3 pm for just a few minutes while she was scouring through the chain store near Flatbush Avenue.

When she turned back around her purse was gone.

## Bag snatcher

A bandit grabbed a woman's backpack, holding a lump sum of cash, from her shopping cart when she was perusing through an Atlantic Avenue department store on Nov. 20.

The 67-year-old victim told police that while she was shopping at the franchise store near Flatbush Avenue at 4:15 pm she noticed that her backpack containing \$800 in cash had vanished.

## Money hungry

A crook snagged a man's wallet after he left it inside an Atlantic Avenue grocery store on Nov. 21.

The 27-year-old victim told cops that af-

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ter he finishing paying for his foodstuffs at the store near Flatbush Avenue at 7:50 pm he realized only minutes later that he left his wallet by the register.

When he went to go retrieve his wallet, holding \$100 in cash, it was gone.

## Sick crime

A heartless bandit stole pricey jewelry from a woman while she was having surgery at a Sixth Street hospital on Nov. 20.

The 52-year-old victim told police that she left her \$2,000 yellow metal chain and \$1,000 white stone earrings inside the room of the medical center between Seventh and Eighth avenues for safekeeping before she went under the knife at 1 pm.

When she went to fetch her goods at 3:50 pm they were missing.

— *Natalie Musumeci*

## 76TH PRECINCT

CARROLL GARDENS-COBBLE HILL-RED HOOK

## Dog, bite man!

Police arrested a 51-year-old for allegedly ordering his pet bulldog to attack a man on Warren Street on Nov. 21.

The suspect is accused of ordering the pooch to pounce on the victim at 6 pm between Court and Smith streets, according to documents from the District Attorney's office.

"Sic 'em!" the perp allegedly said just before the attack, which left the victim suffering from a bite on the arm.

The suspect faces charges of assault, menacing, criminal possession of a weapon, and harassment.

## Beer here

Two crooks stole beer from a Columbia Street bodega on Nov. 21 — and threatened the shopkeeper at gunpoint, investigators say.

The duo entered the convenience store at the corner of Huntington Street at 3:40 pm, retrieved two beers from a refrigerator, and placed them on the counter, according to records from the District Attorney's office.

That's when one of the bandits pointed to his waistband — revealing what appeared to be a gun.

The fearless clerk grabbed the two beers and placed them behind the counter, but that didn't deter the crooks.

Cops say the thieves returned to the fridge, picked up two more beers, and left the shop — with one of them pointing at his waistband on the way out.

Police later cuffed two suspects, ages 37 and 40.

## myPhone

Officers locked up a suspect accused of refusing to return another man cellphone — then attacking the guy and his car with a crowbar on Visitation Place on Nov. 20.

The violent confrontation began at around 6:45 pm between Van Brunt and Richards streets, when the victim asked for his phone back, according to the District Attorney's office.

The 25-year-old suspect allegedly said no, then began punching the victim in the face. Investigators claim the suspect then grabbed a crowbar, struck the victim in the arm as he tried to block the attack, then went after the man's Chevy Caprice, targeting the trunk and left rear tail light.

## 84TH PRECINCT

BROOKLYN HEIGHTS-DUMBO-BOERUM HILL-DOWNTOWN

## Losing your stool

A 19-year-old struck another man in the face with a metal stool in MetroTech on Nov. 16, according to investigators.

The perp grabbed the piece of furniture and clubbed the victim near the corner of Jay Street and Myrtle Avenue at 9 pm, leaving the man with black eyes, swelling, headaches, and dizziness, according to prosecutors.

## Bad look

Cops arrested a 16-year-old woman who allegedly tried make off with clothing from a Fulton Mall department store on Nov. 23.

A worker at store between Hoyt Street and Gallatin Place claims she saw the suspect snatch clothing and costume jewelry and attempt to leave without paying at around 9 pm.

The suspect faces assault, criminal mischief, petit larceny, criminal possession of stolen property, and resisting arrest charges, according to documents from the District Attorney's office. — *Ben Muessig*

## 90TH PRECINCT

SOUTHSIDE-BUSHWICK

## Stabbed

Police arrested a 16-year-old who they say took part in the stabbing of a man, seriously injuring him, on Cook Street on Nov. 25.

The victim told police that he was be-

tween Graham Avenue and Broadway at 1:30 am when six perps surrounded him. One of them stabbed him in his right shoulder and neck.

The victim was taken to Kings County Hospital. A 16-year-old was arrested and charged with assault and police found him in possession of a gravity knife. Five other marauders are still on the loose.

## Break-in

Someone broke into a woman's Union Avenue apartment and stole costly electronics on Nov. 19.

The woman told police that she came back to her abode between Ten Eyck and Stagg streets at 2 pm to find her fire escape window open and several items, including a MacBook Pro laptop, a Canon camera, a Canon lens, and a Roxy backpack, missing.

The total value of the stolen items was \$4,970.

## Resisting

Police arrested a man who they say punched a police officer in the face on Meserole Street on Nov. 26 — and then resisted arrest.

The police officer reported that she tried to apprehend a suspect in the hallway of a building between Bushwick Avenue and Waterbury Street at 1:50 am when he punched her, causing swelling to her face.

He then started to flail his arms as she tried to arrest him, and she twisted her right knee while trying to subdue him, police said. The 32-year-old man was arrested and charged with assault, and the police officer was taken to a hospital.

## Honda stolen

A tricky thief took off in a car parked on S. 10th Street on Nov. 25.

The woman told police that she came outside of her apartment between Bedford Avenue and Berry Street at 1 pm to find that someone had stolen her 2010 Honda CRV. The car was worth \$28,000.

## Blackout

A crook stole items from a man's Orient Avenue apartment on Nov. 21 — after the victim returned home from a night of heavy drinking and told police he may or may not have brought someone home with him.

The victim told cops he had a wild night out on the town, and when he woke up in his home between Metropolitan Avenue and Olive Street at 9 am the next day, he found many of his belongings gone, including a \$100 coat, his wallet, his iPhone, a computer worth \$1,500, and an Apple computer monitor worth \$700.

## No stealing fries

Police arrested a 20-year-old man who they say stabbed and threatened a man on Havemeyer Street on Nov. 23.

The victim told police that he was at near S. Second St. at 4:50 pm when he confronted an acquaintance about why he was eating and drinking his food. The sus-

pect responded by attempting to stab him in the arm, but managed to only cut his jacket.

"I'm going to call my friends and we're going to come back with machine guns and kill you," the perp allegedly stated.

Police reported that the suspect sometimes stays at the victim's house, and now the victim fears for his life.

## Head-less

Two teens attacked and robbed a 15-year-old girl on Johnson Avenue on Nov. 20.

The victim told police that she was near Bushwick Avenue at 3 pm on her way home from school when two other teenagers grabbed her silver Beats by Dre headphones and her iPhone.

They also swung her around by her arm, but she was not injured, said police.

— *Danielle Furfaro*

## 88TH PRECINCT

FORT GREENE-CLINTON HILL

### Me and my girlfriend

A dangerous duo robbed a couple on Greene Avenue on Nov. 23.

The victims told cops they were between St. James Place and Washington Avenue on their way home when two men started following them.

The duo approached and one of them pulled out a black gun, demanding the victims' wallets and rings.

### Two-dollar baller

Police arrested a 17-year-old who they say fleeced a man for his pocket change on Carlton Avenue on Nov. 20.

The 14-year-old victim told cops he was at Myrtle Avenue at 4 pm when the suspect approached him and told him to, "Run his pockets."

The kid gave him \$2, and cops said they arrested the suspect three days later.

### Sous-thief

Police arrested a former restaurant worker who they say broke into his old business on Lafayette Avenue and stole some fancy cooking equipment sometime between Nov. 4 and 19.

Representatives from the restaurant told police the man broke into the joint between Ashland Place and St. Felix Street sometime between 5 pm on Nov. 4 and 11:59 pm on Nov. 19, walking away with a fancy "sous-vide" immersion cooker.

Cops arrested a suspect on Nov. 21.

### Robbery

A bandit broke into a Clinton Avenue residence on Nov. 23.

The 47-year-old victim told cops that the crook entered the apartment at DeKalb Avenue after midnight, stealing \$300 worth of stuff.

### Cadillac slippin'

Someone stole some tires and rims

from a Cadillac on Park Avenue sometime overnight on Nov. 20.

The victim told cops he left his vehicle between Cumberland and N. Oxford streets at 11 pm, returning at 10:50 am the next day to find his tires and rims gone.

### Air-flight

A crook lifted a fancy laptop from an office on Flushing Avenue sometime overnight on Nov. 20.

The 39-year-old victim said she left her MacBook Air in her office between Cumberland and N. Oxford streets at 7:30 pm, returning at 10 am the next day to find it gone.

### Bag step

A crooked hustler picked a woman's wallet on Lafayette Avenue on Nov. 21.

The 36-year-old victim said she was near Flatbush Avenue at 1 pm when she noticed that a thief had taken her wallet.

### Trucked away

A cool criminal stole a truck from Park Avenue on Nov. 17.

Representatives from Budget Rental Cars told cops that a customer returned a truck to the location between Hall and Ryerson streets at 11:50 pm, but that a crook pilfered the keys from the drop box and drove off in it 10 minutes later.

### Laundering laundry

A thief took a wallet, a phone and some washing detergent at a laundromat on Putnam Avenue on Nov. 25.

The 32-year-old victim told cops she was doing her laundry at the joint between Cambridge and St. James places at 5:30 pm, and noticed her wallet, new iPhone, and washing detergent gone a half hour later.

— *Eli Rosenberg*

## 68TH PRECINCT

BAY RIDGE-DYKER HEIGHTS

### Apple a day

A creep swiped a receptionist's MacBook Pro from under her desk at a 64th Street medical center on Nov. 18, according to cops.

The victim told police that she left the computer under her workstation at the hospital between Seventh and Eighth avenues at 9:30 am and stepped away for five minutes. When she came back, the device was gone. Police noted that the rear door of the building was left open due to work being done on the premises.

### Not so sweet

A crook snatched the pocketbook of an employee at a 62nd Street bakery on Nov. 25.

The victim said she had her purse sitting on the counter at of the dessert shop near the corner of Eighth Avenue at 11:50 am when the ne'er-do-well picked it up and ran out with it.

— *Will Bredderman*



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# Brews for Jesus

## Pastor holds services at Williamsburg dive bar

BY DANIELLE FURFARO

At this church service, a disco ball spins in the corner, the pews were once the back seats in vans, and you can get a PBR and a shot for just \$5.

Pastor Michael Turrigiano of the North Brooklyn Vineyard Church shares the word every Sunday evening in Trash Bar on Grand Street, turning the typically raucous Williamsburg night spot into a gathering place for those who seek spirituality — alongside spirits.

“There’s a growing population of people who are open to the answers of life and are spiritually hungry, but who would never walk through the doors of a traditional church,” said Turrigiano, whose church uses the bar because it lacks a brick-and-mortar house of worship. “There is a negative stereotype around Christianity that prevents people from seeing Jesus. We are trying to overcome that.”

Turrigiano hopes his taproom



**GET TRASHED:** The suds flow as Pastor Michael Turrigiano gives a sermon during his weekly church service at the Trash Bar on Grand Street.

Photo by Stefano Giovannini

sermons make Christianity more accessible — meaning he’s not big on judgment or rules. He doesn’t mind if worshippers show up in jeans or covered with tattoos, he welcomes gay couples in his flock, and he hopes that everyone sticks around for some beers when the service is over.

“Jesus was criticized for

hanging out with the wrong people,” said Turrigiano, who has preached at the watering hole for more than six years. “We’re just following in his footsteps.”

Jesus did, of course, turn water into wine.

Becky Wulf, a regular congregant, says Trash Bar was the first church where she has ever felt comfortable.

“It’s less fraught with stereotypical Christian culture,” said the 43-year-old, who lives in South Williamsburg. “It’s about experiencing god. And Mike doesn’t give us rules, he give us tips. He



**JOHNNY, JACK, AND JESUS:** The congregation takes it all in during Sunday morning church services.

Photo by Stefano Giovannini

says, ‘If it works, do it. If it doesn’t, don’t.’”

During the services, which start at 6 pm, the North Brooklyn Vineyard pays bartenders to

staff both the back bar, where the services are held, and the larger front room.

The church tends to draw between 10 and 40 visitors, depending on the weekend.

“There is no business anyway on Sunday that early, so it works out for everyone,” said Trash Bar owner Aaron Pierce. “It’s nice to have them here. They’re really friendly people.”

Services at Trash Bar are 21 and up, but Turrigiano delivers an earlier, more family-oriented Sunday sermon at 11 a.m. at P.S. 132.

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fanatic will not give up.

“I know for sure this is a significant thing,” said Kessler. “It would be terrible to lose it.”

This isn’t the first time Brook-

lyn preservationists have fought to save a long-distance viewing corridor: history lovers battled a now-finished condo development they claimed would sully a Greenwood Cemetery vista in which a statue of the goddess Minerva appears to wave at the Statue of Liberty.

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# Belt sea wall falls into the harbor

City says repairs will be slow to come

BY WILL BREDDERMAN

Hurricane Sandy left gaping holes in Southern Brooklyn's sea wall between Bay Ridge and Bensonhurst, but city agencies say repairs to the Shore Road Promenade barrier are a long way off since they've just begun surveying the damage.

Community Boards 10 and 11 have warned city officials about how dangerous it would be not to replace the huge chunks of concrete the super storm ripped out of the sea wall and state Sen. Marty Golden (R-Bay Ridge) fired off a letter to the Army Corps of Engineers demanding the entire bulkwork from the Verrazano Bridge to Bay Parkway be replaced, but the feds say they won't do any work on the rampart until they receive a formal request from the agency actually responsible for the wall's upkeep — the city's Parks Department.

Parks Department officials said they have hired a consultant to assess the costs of all storm-related repairs citywide — but that there is no time frame in place for fixing the shattered promenade.

"We don't yet know the extent of the damage to the seawall, or what will be required to repair it at this time," Parks Department spokeswoman Meghan Lalor said.

Residents are calling on the city to inspect and fix up the sea wall as soon as possible.

"If they're true New Yorkers, they'll do it right and quick," said Bensonhurst resident Anthony Kiernan, who frequently fishes off the promenade.

"I think they should start hiring people now. With all the damage it received after the storm, we can put everybody back to work."

Simon Bronshtein of Bath Beach — who usually



**WATER HAZARD:** Hurricane Sandy's surge lifted huge slabs from the sea wall protecting Southern Brooklyn. Community leaders worry this leaves their neighborhoods vulnerable to further damage, and walkers who exercise there, including Simon Bronshtein (left), fear for their safety.

CNG / Will Bredderman

works out near the foot of the Verrazano Bridge — agreed.

"For me, this is very troubling, because every day I come to exercise, and now it's very difficult," Bronshtein said.

Other community leaders feared that another storm surge could undermine and destroy the nearby Belt Parkway.

"These breaches really are a safety concern," CB10 district manager Josephine Beckmann said.

Golden agreed, demanding that the sea wall be repaired immediately.

"It is imperative that work on the damaged section begin immediately to prevent further erosion as well as to protect the safety of the community and use of the Belt Parkway," the legislator wrote in his letter.

But the Army Corps of Engineers said it can't do anything without the city's okay.

"The first step is to see what capacity the owners of the wall have to repair it, and then for them to request aid from the federal government, and see if the Army Corps of Engineers would get involved," said Army Corps spokesman Chris Gardner, who noted that his organization didn't build the seawall in the first place.

The city's Department of Transportation, which is responsible for maintaining most sections of the Belt Parkway, could neither confirm nor deny Golden and Beckmann's anxieties that the heavily traveled highway will disappear during another storm surge — it hasn't checked to see if the Belt Parkway was damaged by the storm.

"The Department of Transportation has not received requests to assess the site, however, we are scheduling an inspection," said spokeswoman Nichole Garcia.



## BROOKLYN NETS FAN OF THE WEEK



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## Sunset Park

### Historic neighborhood still boro's most ethnically diverse

BY SHAVANA ABRUZZO

At first glance you might think you need a passport to venture into Sunset Park.

The hard-boiled neighborhood of home-style restaurants, boisterous markets, and omnipresent street vendors hawking exotic eats has been dubbed “Immigrant Central” for its predominance of Asians and South Americans who speak their native languages instead of English, and remain faithful to their enclaves as if separated by an ocean.

Yet their communal labors have kept the district from falling prey to the despair and dependency that have claimed other low-income areas, while attracting young and hip Manhattan transplants seeking more bang for their buck.

In summer months, its winding avenues crackle with grizzled old men playing board games on crates in front of stores, and peddlers sculpting snow cones from huge ice blocks in front of rapt children.

Sunset Park — once nicknamed “Gunset Park” for its high crime rates — is the second highest point in Brooklyn, resting atop a natural rise between Bay Ridge and Gowanus, and stretching from 15th to 65th streets, and Ninth Avenue to New York Harbor.

Its waterfront was a busy outpost of trade and emigration long before “Brooklyn’s Chinatown” appeared on Eighth Avenue as a diaspora for immigrants from the Fujian Province, “Little Latin America” developed along Fifth Avenue pulsating with *taquerias* and the music of Herb Alpert and Os Mutantes, and a flux of Vietnamese restaurants helped to promote the *bahn-mi* craze of baguette sandwiches packed with savory Viet fillings.

In the late 1400s, Sunset Park’s marshes and creeks flowed into the Upper New York Bay, its land sloping upwards to form a ridge at present-day Sixth Avenue.



**ASIAN INFLUENCE:** Chinese specialty shops and restaurants line Eighth Avenue, transforming the stretch into the borough’s version of the Far East.

Photos by Stefano Giovannini

Native Americans sold oysters, peaches, maize, and venison to early European settlers who farmed the fertile soil in the 1600s, making the colony of New Netherland — a part of which would later become New York — a prosperous place.

Curiosity seekers say seashells can still be seen glinting in the concrete at 37th Street and Fourth Avenue as a reminder

of the days when Brooklyn’s waters teemed with mollusks.

Sunset Park’s backwoods were also its front lines during the American Revolution, yet the area remained an untamed frontier until 1825 when the construction of a coach line signified the first hints of urbanization.

Municipal planning projects swiftly

followed, and Sunset Park’s central location made it a vital industrial player after Brooklyn became a city in 1834.

Irish settlers fleeing the potato famine helped to build its horse carriage lines and factories. They also formed its service and trade backbone by working as firemen, policemen, sanitation workers, politicians, and real estate brokers.

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Steam railroads and other rapid developments spurred new opportunities.

"Buffalo Bill" Cody brought his famous Wild West shows to the waterfront, mesmerizing audiences from May through October in a 20,000-seat arena named Ambrose Park and built specially for the occasion.

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Brooklyn erected churches, including the Basilica of Our Lady of Perpetual Help on Fifth Avenue between 59th and 60th streets — today a landmark.

And the city instituted a parks program, forking over \$165,000 for a plot of land bound by present-day 41st to 44th streets, between Fifth and Seventh avenues, that would become a green space called Sunset Park — and eventually the name of the anonymous community with gorgeous views of the harbor at sunset.

Scandinavians, Poles, and Italians dominated the region until the mid-1900s.

"Finntown" was distinguished by its authentic Finnish saunas and restaurants, plus affordable housing — early co-ops, some of which are still in use today.

In 1991, 40th Street was co-named "Finlandia Street" in tribute to the area's Norse history, much of it printed in the pages of the Finnish-language newspaper New Yorkin Uutiset, which ceased publication in 1996.

Polish immigrants worked as grounds keepers at Green-Wood Cemetery — formerly a part of Sunset Park and the final resting place of Boss Tweed, Louis Comfort Tiffany, Leonard Bernstein, and other notables — while Italians, contracted to work on the shipyards, were among the early activists fighting for better working conditions on the docks.

In September 1919, Sunset Park achieved a feat that remains impressive even by today's standards.

The Brooklyn Army Terminal was built in just 17 months to serve as the nation's largest military depot.

"This building was cutting edge in its time," says Ellen Ryan, executive director of OpenhouseNY. "It's a telling legacy of the industrial past of the city."

Today the ex-command post houses small businesses, but it once employed 56,000 military and civilian personnel, and processed more than 37 million tons of military supplies and more than three million servicemen who passed through its colossal corridors — including the King of rock 'n' roll.

Army-bound Elvis Presley left behind his pink Cadillac in 1958 to take a troop train to the Brooklyn Army Terminal before being deployed to Germany.



**LATIN LOVERS REJOICE:** The "Latin Quarter" along Fifth Avenue is a hotpot of taquerias and restaurants with a South American flavor.

Adjacent Bush Terminal was another independent rail and marine garrison that has also been converted into a space for small commerce.

Brooklyn's one-time rail-freight monopolies can also thank Sunset Park for their successes.

The 65th Street Yard next to the Brooklyn Army Terminal flourished from the 1920s to the 1950s, its pair of ferry slips allowing more than 1,000 rail cars to be loaded and unloaded onto barges.

The rail yard was decommissioned in the early 1960s due to declining traffic, before being re-opened in July as part of a multi-million-dollar waterfront revitalization program.

The construction of the Gowanus Expressway in 1930 disenfranchised the neighborhood and contributed to its deterioration.

A shift in demographics compounded the demise, but glimmers of hope have never been far.

The Jackie Gleason Depot on Fifth Avenue between 36th and 39th streets — named after the actor who played bus driver Ralph Kramden on "The Honey-mooners" — is the first and only city depot to use compressed natural gas-powered buses.

New arrivals of Arabs, Turks, Indians, Greeks, and Russians have enlivened the gritty streets, while the city's Sunset Park Vision Plan sets forth a comprehensive framework for reinvestment.

The Brooklyn Army Terminal, Bush Terminal, South Brooklyn Marine Termi-

nal, and Brooklyn Wholesale Meat Market already employ more than 3,000 people at more than 140 firms, with 400 more jobs expected to be created in the future.

City, state, and federal authorities have also spent hundreds of millions of dollars since 2009 developing Sunset Park's waterfront, including laying new tracks and refurbishing a marine terminal that once thrived as a hub for cocoa imports and other goods.

"We have an incredible opportunity to build upon existing assets, including a talented local workforce and unique rail and maritime infrastructure," says Robert C. Lieber, deputy mayor for Economic Development.

Sunset Park remains one of Brooklyn's hidden treasures, its streets unearthing a delight at every turn.

Melody Lanes at 461 37th St. between Fourth and Fifth avenues offers bowling buffs a more authentic — if kitschy — experience than Billyburg. And the Irish Haven Bar at 58th Street and Fourth Avenue is the crusty taproom where Martin Scorsese filmed scenes for his 2006 movie "The Departed."

The area's rich human tradition has also been its anchor, according to scholars.

"Sunset Park's history reflects the waves of immigrants who helped create Brooklyn's still ethnically authentic neighborhoods," writes historian and author Ellen Freudenheim in her About.com article History of Sunset Park, Then and Now. "Today it remains a first stop for many newcomers to the U.S."

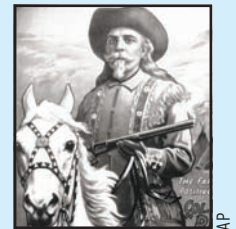
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The King of rock 'n' roll was among the thousands of soldiers who passed through the Brooklyn Army Terminal on their way to Germany during World War II.

"Buffalo Bill" Cody brought his famous Wild West shows to the Sunset Park waterfront in the 1800s.



Notorious politician Boss Tweed is among the notables buried at Green-Wood Cemetery — once a part of Sunset Park.

The Brooklyn Army Terminal was a colossal feat of achievement even by today's standards — its construction taking just 17 months to complete in 1919.



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# PARKING TICKET

Drivers get orange slips filled with funny surveys, not traffic summonses

BY DANIELLE FURFARO

Don't worry, motorists: the orange slip on your windshield isn't that piece of paper you never want to see — it's just one of those surveys you're never going to fill out.

Activists working under the name Concerned New Yorkers have turned many drivers into concerned New Yorkers by placing questionnaires that look like parking tickets underneath wiper blades across the borough.

The rationale is simple: parking tickets are a sure-fire way to get a driver's attention.

"We try to use modes of communication that are familiar to people in New York," said Boris Rasin, 30, of Flatbush, one of the main contributors to Concerned New Yorkers. "The traffic ticket is a form of commu-



**COMIC CITATION:** This isn't a parking ticket — it's an attempt to get Brooklynites to share their thoughts on NYPD policies.

nication between the police and the people of the city. You see that and you get this animal response and know that the city just d----- you over."

Concerned New Yorkers' citations are more fun than ordinary parking tickets. First off, drivers who receive them don't owe any

money. Then there's the quirky stuff inside the envelope, which encourages motorists to share their thoughts on the city's police department.

The fake citations ask Brooklynites to draw faces that show their feelings about police policies including stop-and-frisk, sub-

way bag searches, and the controversial surveillance initiative monitoring Muslims.

Drivers lucky enough to receive a mock ticket even get to write a haiku to the NYPD, and complete the following sentence: "If I was appointed Police Commissioner, the first thing I'd do is ..."

Motorist Jerry Blackman was shocked to receive what he believed to be a parking ticket — then relieved that the familiar orange envelope on the windshield of his SUV actually contained a survey on the NYPD.

"I was pretty tame in my responses, but I did suggest that some public drinking should be allowed," said Blackman.

The Brooklyn-based collective behind the fake tickets has already put them



**PAY UP:** An activist from the arts collective Concerned New Yorkers places a slip of paper that looks like a parking ticket — but is actually a questionnaire on the NYPD — on a car window.

Photos by Stefano Giovannini

under the wipers in Williamsburg, Flatbush, and Sunset Park — gathering more than 100 responses in the process and posting many of them online.

But the internet isn't

the final stop for these petitions, according to Rasin.

"We're going to take them to City Hall and find the most appropriate person and dump all the responses on their desk," he said.



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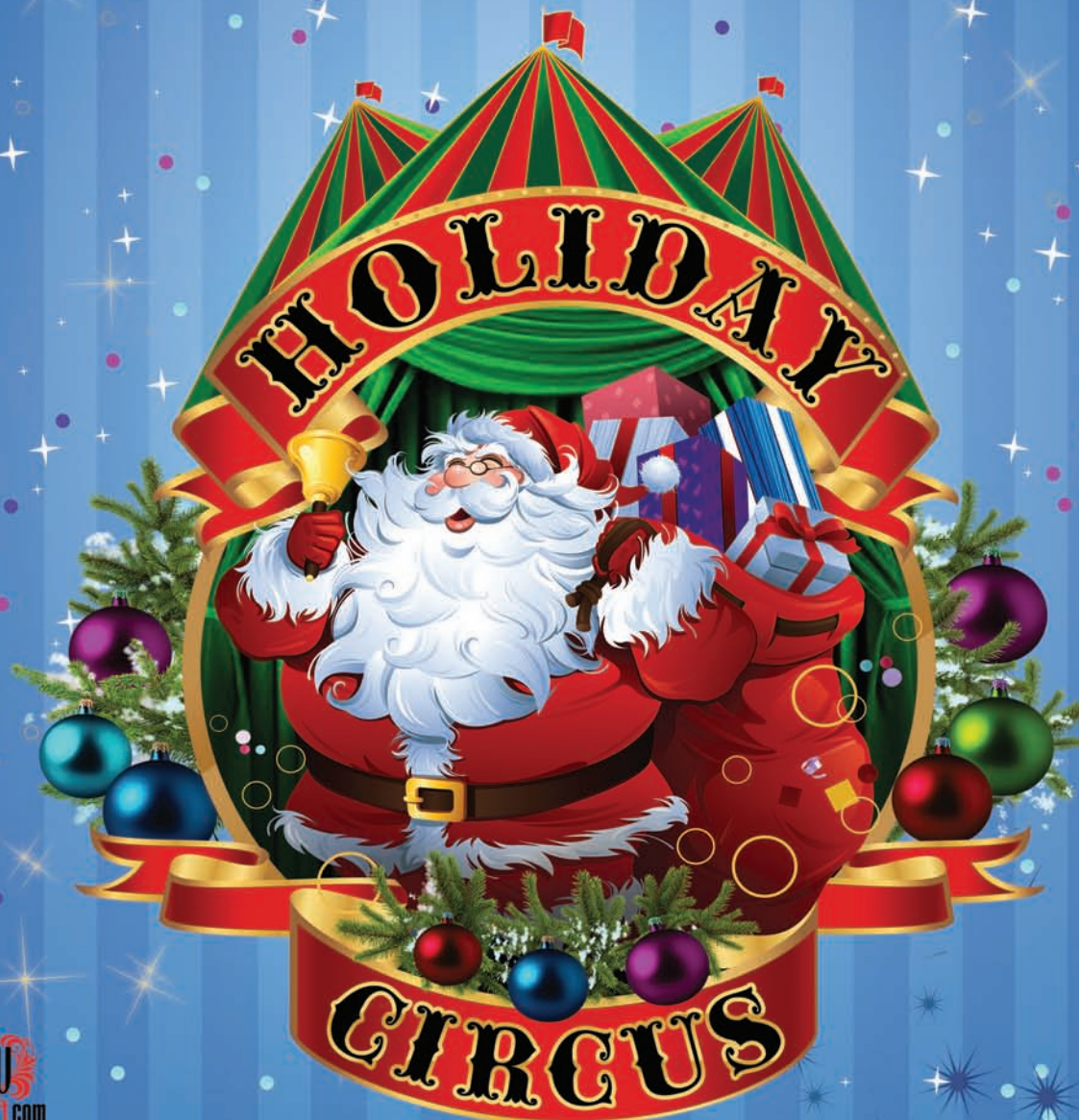
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# Ditmas Park gets 'Industrialized'

## The world's leader in 'Brooklyn' shirts comes to Cortelyou Road

BY ELI ROSENBERG

Cortelyou Road is growing up fast.

The trendy Ditmas Park strip will get its first major retail outlet when the ubiquitous T-shirt seller Brooklyn Industries opens a store there this week.

The DUMBO-based retailer, known for its Brooklyn-themed T-shirts, hoodie sweatshirts, and designer pants, said it chose Ditmas Park for its eighth borough location — and 16th nationwide — for one simple reason: much of its customer base lives out there.

"We found a lot of customers who purchase our stuff actually live in Ditmas Park and have been making the trek to our store in Park Slope," said Teddy Vuong, a spokesman for the company, which opened another outpost on the Fulton Mall in July.

The store will be located at the corner of Marlborough Road in a space residents say housed an Avon outlet for decades — one of three vacant spots remaining on

the bustling strip dotted with new cafes and restaurants.

Neighborhood real estate agents were gushing over the news, claiming that the arrival of a successful retail store could

herald in a new era for Cortelyou Road.

"At this point we are not a shopping destination," said Alexandra Reddish, an area real estate broker and Ditmas Park native.

"This is great for young families and couples in the neighborhood. If they stay, then hopefully other retail stores will come."

Few retail stores have taken root on Cortelyou Road, although

Brooklyn ARTery, a craft gift shop, opened near Coney Island Avenue last week.

Yet the retailer's opening, first reported by the Ditmas Park Corner blog, has been receiving mixed reviews by residents of the gentrified neighborhood who would prefer to see more community-based businesses take root on the shopping strip.

"While I would prefer to see something like Brooklyn ARTery, that highlight smaller, even more hyper-local business than Brooklyn Industries ... I continue to be in favor of something other than a restaurant on Cortelyou," resident Julie May wrote in the blog's comment section.

The company, which was founded in Williamsburg in 1997, was one of the first to brand Brooklyn, along with the Brooklyn Brewery, but much of its product line is made in factories overseas in places such as China.

Still, the store, which has outposts in Portland and Chicago, as well as Manhattan, says that Brooklyn is still its home court.

"Generally, our stores do better here in Brooklyn," said Vuong.

## Fire rips through apartment building

A massive blaze scorched the third and fourth floors of a Bay Ridge apartment building on Nov. 23 — injuring two residents and a firefighter, officials said.

Witnesses say they saw heavy smoke and flames billowing out of apartment windows at the corner of Fourth Avenue and 101st Street at 2:45 pm. More than 60 firefighters battled the blaze, which was doused within a few minutes, according to photographer Sal Galvano, who was on the scene.

"The firefighters did a great job, took charge right away, and got it under control fast," said Galvano. — *Will Bredderman*



**TOUGH JOB:** Smoke eaters battled a blaze that erupted in the upper stories of a 101st Street building on the day after Thanksgiving. Photo by Sal Galvano

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# MISSION IMPOSSIBLE

## Sandy killed Coney Island homeless shelter

BY WILL BREDDERMAN

A homeless shelter that cared for scores of displaced super storm victims in Coney Island is about to shut its doors — and it has Hurricane Sandy to thank, volunteers say.

The Salt and Sea Mission — which has provided food and comfort to the homeless, battered women, and at-risk children for 26 years — is poised to lose the spot it's held at the corner of Mermaid Avenue and W. 16th Street for more than a decade because its landlord, the nearby Gargiulo's Restaurant, needs to use the space for its storm recovery efforts.

"I don't want to do it, I try to do the best I can for the community," said Nino Russo, who is in the process of rebuilding the historic Italian eatery that the super storm ruined. "But I just lost my entire business and I need the space."

Salt and Sea founder Pastor Debbe Santiago says she isn't angry at Russo, but claims that the mission will be devastated without a location.

With no address, Santiago will be unable to get government contracts to fill her food pantry or offer space for the needy, she claims.

"It's crushing my heart," said Santiago, a recovering drug addict who was homeless before turning her life around and opening her mission.

"I need to be where I've always helped people, where people have always known I was there to help them," said the Community Board 13 member.

Santiago said she has looked hard but has so far been unable to find another location where she can stock food and run her outreach programs.

She fears that Salt and Sea's disappearance could have ter-

rible repercussions in the neighborhood.

"I have hungry kids I take care of here. And if I can't feed them, they're going to go to the Pathmark and steal food. And they're going to excuse it, because they're going to say, 'Hey, I'm hungry,'" Santiago warned.

"And that makes it an easy target for drug dealers to say, 'Come work for me.'"

Yet the Salt and Sea Mission was approaching closure long before Hurricane Sandy hit, civic leaders say.

Santiago has made repeated pleas for more donations over the last year and Russo says he and his brothers granted the mission many extensions when it couldn't come up with the rent.

Gargiulo's Restaurant suffered in the storm as well: floodwaters surged through the first floor and destroyed refrigerators and a wine cellar in the basement.



**SALT OF THE EARTH:** Salt and Sea Mission founder Debbie Santiago says she's scared for her organization, which is due to lose its longtime location after Thanksgiving.  
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# For Hook, Cash is queen

## Country star helps raise \$14K for storm-battered nabe

BY NATALIE MUSUMECI

This Hurricane Sandy fund-raiser got some Cash — and \$14,248!

Hundreds of big-hearted Brooklynites filled the Bell House last Wednesday when Grammy-winning singer-songwriter and country music icon Rosanne Cash headlined a relief show benefitting the storm-battered community of Red Hook.

The money raised goes to Restore Red Hook, an organization that aims to help small businesses in the waterfront community get back on their feet after Sandy's floodwaters inundated them, destroying equipment and inventory.

Planners of the benefit extravaganza — which featured performances by John Pinamonti, Jesse Lenat, the Brotherhood of the Jug Band Blues, the Whiskey Spitters, Alex Battles and the Whiskey Re-



**MUSICAL EXTRAVAGANZA:** Grammy-winning singer-songwriter and country music star Rosanne Cash headlined a relief show benefitting the storm-ravaged businesses of Red Hook on Nov. 21.

Photo by Stefano Giovannini

bellion and comedian Lizz Winstead — say putting the show together was the least they could do.

“The event was abso-

lutely gorgeous. I'm happy to do anything I can to help,” said Jalopy Theatre owner and event organizer Lynette Wiley. “We are just

trying to restore what was lost. We are getting closer, but there is still a long way to go.”

It will take an estimated \$2 million for more than 40 Red Hook restaurants, bars, vintage shops, and corner bodegas to reopen their doors, said Wiley.

A powerful four-minute video documenting how the storm crippled the livelihoods of neighborhood business owners and residents was also screened at the benefit, said Wiley.

“It brought tears to some eyes,” she said. “It's hard to watch the struggle on the faces of your loved ones and neighbors in this tight-knit community where everyone is so close.”

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The suspect allegedly held up two Subway sandwich shops, one on Atlantic Avenue between Court Street and Boerum Place on

Oct. 28 and another on Fulton Street between St. Felix Street and Fort Greene Place on Oct. 30.

In the midst of the spree, the bandit also hit at least one salon.

Law enforcement officials say Coston robbed a Seventh Avenue hair care joint between 13th and 14th streets on Oct. 26 and again on Oct. 31.

Police reported a total of 12 stick-ups, but as of Monday the suspect has been charged with 10

counts of robbery.

The two additional charges are pending, cops said.

Coston is homeless according to the New York Post, and allegedly claimed he resorted to crime to help pay his children's college tuition.

“My sons are in college,” he told the tabloid during his perp walk.

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# Doctors

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matics, and people with heart problems trapped in their apartments with dwindling prescriptions, so Kraushar rallied a band of physicians from Manhattan's Bellevue Hospital Center — which was closed due to the flood — to deliver medication door to door in the Red Hook Houses.

The 30 doctors and volunteers offered their services to the 4,000 inhabitants of Brooklyn's biggest public housing development — and steered about 300 patients toward more comprehensive treatment.

Neighbors such as 90-year-old Marie Chavis — who received blankets, batteries, and candles from the medical team — were grateful for their help.

"I just came out of the hospital after a major operation," said Chavis, a diabetic with a heart condition. "This storm affected me very badly."

Residents of the Red Hook Houses weren't the only ones who received free aid — community groups pitched in to help the medical team.

The Occupy Wall Street splinter group Occupy Sandy provided the doctors with medical supplies and the neighborhood aid group the Red Hook Initiative offered them space on Hicks Street until the Joseph P. Addabbo Family Health Center on Richards Street reopened a week after the storm.

The volunteers then set up shop in the flood-damaged clinic until government backup arrived.

Red Hook Houses residents blasted the Housing Authority for leaving them without utilities for weeks

after floodwater destroyed generators in building basements, but the city says it did everything it could to keep tenants safe, even evacuating 22 vulnerable residents before the storm arrived.

"We've been identifying people with medical problems, transporting people to hospitals, bringing food to the home-bound and refilling medication," said Nora Reissig, the agency's family services director, who says city workers went door-to-door then compared notes on tenants' needs with a database compiled by Kraushar's volunteers and the Red

Hook Initiative. "We're making sure all the residents in Red Hook Houses have what they need."

But neighborhood activists say the storm proves that Red Hook's poor and infirm are especially at risk when things go bad.

"This population is stuck between a rock and a hard place because they don't have the financial resources to do anything about it," said Alexandra Perisic, 28, a member of Occupy Sandy. "The past two weeks have illuminated the way that poverty can magnify the problems after a disaster."

# Rape arrest

BY DANIELLE FURFARO

Police say they caught a man who followed a woman into her Kent Avenue building and raped her in her apartment on Nov. 17.

Investigators claim the suspect, identified as Laya Kaba, trailed the 23-year-old victim and got inside her residence at 5:45 am, choked and raped her, then fled.

A surveillance camera captured a man police believe to be the perpetrator — and cops used that footage to lock up the 31-year-old suspect caught as he picked up his mail on Thanksgiving in a homeless shelter on Porter Avenue in Williamsburg where he used to live, the New York Post reports.

The suspect reportedly claims the woman was drunk and the sex was consensual.

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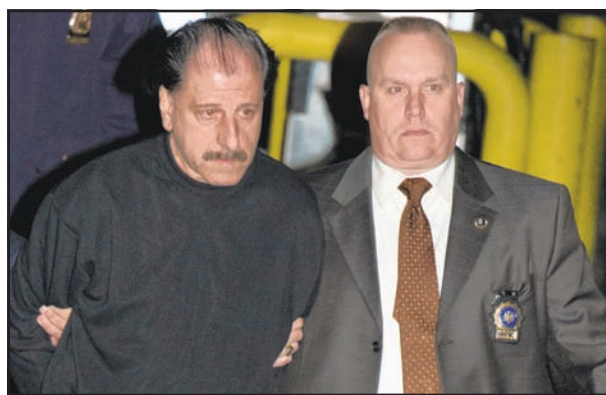
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**SENT TO JAIL:** Suspected shopkeeper killer Salvatore Perrone is led out of the 67th Precinct station house after he was charged with three killings.

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## 'Serial killer' was nabbed on street

Cops caught triple murder suspect Salvatore Perrone on Fifth Avenue between 80th and 81st streets last week — much to the amazement of Bay Ridge merchants.

"I can't believe they got him right here," one shopkeeper told this paper.

Bay Ridge resident Jason Haith claimed to have seen the arrest take place, stat-

ing that Perrone was leaning against a building when several cop cars pulled up.

More than a half dozen plain clothes officers rushed him, but everybody remained calm, Haith said.

"It seemed very normal. I thought," explained Haith, who said Perrone gave the officers his business cards before being taken into custody.

— *Will Bredderman*

# Attorney: 'Duffel Bag' has mental issues

BY THOMAS TRACY

An attorney for suspected Southern Brooklyn serial killer Salvatore Perrone began laying the groundwork for an insanity defense last week, telling reporters that the man accused of gunning down three borough merchants "does seem as though he has mental health issues."

Public defender Ken Jones used those words to describe Perrone after his client was arraigned on three counts of murder and ordered held without bail in Brooklyn Criminal Court on Thursday — the 64-year-old's birthday.

Jones told the New York Times that Perrone is denying killing anyone and refuting allegations that he made incriminating statements about the murders of Mohammed Gebeli at Valentino Fashion on Fifth Avenue near 77th Street on July 6, Isaac Kadare inside Amazing 99-Cent and Up Deals near the corner of 86th Street and 20th Avenue on Aug. 2, and



Photo by Paul Martinka



Photo by Gabriella Bass

**THE VICTIMS:** Police say Salvatore Perrone murdered shopkeepers (from left) Mohamed Gebeli, Isaac Kadare, and Rahmatollah Wahidipour

Vahidipour Rahmatollah at She She Inc. on Flatbush Avenue last week.

Investigators say they charged Perrone after the clothing salesman allegedly admitted to being at two of the three murder scenes. Police also recovered a sawed-off .22-caliber rifle from Perrone's girlfriend's home that's been matched to bullets fired at all three murders — a weapon that was found inside a duffel bag that he had been filmed carrying near the third crime scene.

Cops nabbed Perrone — who investigators called "John Doe Duffel Bag" for

most of the week — in Bay Ridge last Tuesday evening. Police sources say Perrone was known to frequent the neighborhood.

"We'd been looking for him for two days," a police source told this newspaper. "Detectives narrowed down a few places where this guy had been seen before and sure enough he shows up."

Investigators interrogated Perrone at the 68th Precinct for hours before transferring him to Patrol Borough Brooklyn South headquarters in East Flatbush for more questions. He was ultimately charged late Wednesday afternoon.

Police Commissioner Ray Kelly said it was only a matter of time before Perrone would strike again.

"He went to other locations and asked questions that indicated he may have been planning to come back," Kelly said in a news conference. "It's reasonable to assume he was going to continue doing this."

The search for the Southern Brooklyn shopkeeper killer, who vanished after gunning down two merchants over the summer, heated up on Nov. 16 after Rahmatollah was found murdered inside his shop near Linden Boulevard at 7:17 pm.

Investigators learned that the .22 caliber weapon used to kill the 78-year-old had also been used to murder Kadare and Gebeli.

Police sources say that Rahmatollah had been shot behind the counter, dragged about 10 feet and covered up with items from the store — the same way that both of the previous victims had been found.



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# Maimonides opens new pediatric center

Doctors and staff of Maimonides Medical Center recently cut the ribbon on a brand-new pediatric center on Bay Parkway.

Dr. Danielle Laraque, chair of the Department of Pediatrics at Maimonides Medical Center, and Dominick Stanzione, Chief Operating Officer, cut the official ribbon for the new Bay Parkway Multi-Specialty Pediatric Center. The center will provide quality care for children, with many specialties conveniently located under one roof. It is designed to be child-friendly and welcoming to young patients.

"Our goal is to accommodate children and their families in a comfortable, supportive environment to relieve anxiety and optimize healing," said Dr. Laraque during the event. "The open, bright, and airy offices in this new location have a playful aquatic theme

that mimics the aquariums found at the Maimonides Infants and Children's Hospital."

Alex K. Chang, executive director of Finance and Administration for the Department of Pediatrics, thanked everyone attending the event for their help and participation in making the opening of the Pediatric Center so successful. Stanzione, Dr. Laraque, and Dr. Ludovico Guarini, associate chair of Pediatrics and the director of Pediatric Hematology-Oncology, spoke about the importance of bringing quality health-care to children and families in the communities that Maimonides serves.

The new 5,500 square-foot center occupies two floors and has 12 pediatric exam rooms. Patients are seen on the first floor, which includes two distinct waiting areas. A small upstairs area is used for administrative offices and

staff conferences. The center is open five days a week with the goal of expanding hours into evenings and weekends. It accommodates speakers of Mandarin, Cantonese, Spanish, Urdu, and Bengali. Translators for patients speaking additional languages are also available.

The center's services currently offered include: Gastroenterology, Cardiology, Hematology, Allergy, Endocrinology, and Neurology.

*Bay Parkway Multi-Specialty Pediatric Center [6701 Bay Pkwy. in Bensonhurst, [www.maimonidesmed.org](http://www.maimonidesmed.org)].*



Inside the brand-new Bay Parkway Multi-Specialty Pediatric Center, recently opened by Maimonides Medical Center.

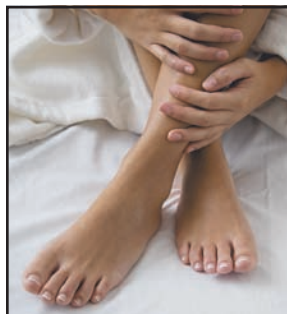
## Popular shoes can damage feet

### METRO CREATIVE

For years foot doctors and orthopedists have been chastising women for wearing high heels because of the myriad foot ailments that can result. However, it seems a popular flat shoe can cause a host of foot, back and hip trouble in its own right.

Sheepskin boots that are popular to wear during the year, whether Uggs or the multitude of knock-off brands available, may be unhealthy for your feet, say experts. That's because the boots and similar shoes and slippers provide virtually no support for the arch of the foot. Individuals who have a low arch to begin with may experience further flattening of the arch and resulting foot trouble.

What's more, these shoes



Popular shoes may look great, but may leave your feet aching.

also do not provide much support around the ankle or, for that matter, any other part of the foot. The foot is simply able to slide around in the boot. Eventually, this lack of support can cause foot pain, which may travel up the legs into the hip and back.

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# Get back at bat with New York Methodist Hospital

## Park Slope medical center expands lineup of expertly trained sports surgeons

Torn rotator cuffs. Ruptured patellar tendons. Snapped anterior cruciate ligaments. Labral tears. Bone spurs in the hip. Unfortunately, these are just a few of the many injuries that regularly befall athletes, whether or not they've reached the big leagues.

The good news is that treatments for sports injuries have advanced by leaps and bounds, with procedures now available that enable athletes to recover from what were once considered career-ending injuries. New York Methodist Hospital's Institute for Orthopedic Medicine and Surgery provides a wide range of options for patients who have sustained injuries both on and off the playing field.

"We live in a very active community," said Henry

Tischler, MD, chief of orthopedic surgery. "Prospect Park is only a block away from the hospital, and it's a great place for Brooklyn residents to exercise, but sometimes they do sustain athletic injuries. New York Methodist provides Brooklynites with the most advanced procedures available."

New York Methodist Hospital has a robust division of orthopedic surgery and several excellent orthopedic surgeons who are fellowship-trained in sports medicine and perform advanced surgical procedures for the treatment of sports injuries. The newest addition to the lineup is Craig Capeci, MD

Dr. Capeci specializes in shoulder, hip, and knee arthroscopy and reconstructive

surgery. From the sidelines at a New York Jets game, to the training rooms at Hunter College, Dr. Capeci brings a unique background to New York Methodist Hospital, as well as advanced procedures for the treatment of sports injuries.

"There are over 100 million Americans who regularly participate in athletic activities, and each year, over three million of them will sustain an injury," said Dr. Capeci.

When an injury forces you to stop playing a sport, whether you're a professional athlete or a weekend warrior, it doesn't simply derail your fitness regimen — it deprives you of an activity that's an important part of your life.

Dr. Capeci completed a five-year residency in or-

thopedic surgery at the New York University Hospital for Joint Diseases, and a fellowship in orthopedic sports medicine at Lenox Hill Hospital. One new procedure he brings to the hospital is arthroscopic hip surgery.

Hip arthroscopy is a minimally invasive surgical procedure in which an arthroscope (a thin, flexible, fiber-optic scope) is inserted into the hip joint to assess and repair damage. During a hip arthroscopy, a camera attached to the arthroscope displays an image of the joint on a television screen, allow-

ing the surgeon to view the hip joint from within. After determining the type or degree of injury, the surgeon repairs or corrects the problem using surgical instruments only three or four millimeters in diameter.

Arthroscopic surgery is used to treat a variety of injuries, including repair of the cartilage that surrounds the knee joint and repair of fractures and torn ligaments caused by trauma. The benefits of arthroscopy include smaller incisions, less pain, and faster healing time.

"One of Dr. Capeci's big-

gest assets is his extensive training in the newest procedures for sports injuries," said Anthony Tortolani, MD, the hospital's chairman of surgery and cardiothoracic surgery. "At New York Methodist, he has joined a team of superb orthopedic surgeons and sports medicine specialists, and broadens the spectrum of surgical options for our patients who want to get back to the field, track, diamond, ice, pool, and beyond."

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## Calvary helps observant Jews

Calvary Hospital and Yeshiva University's affiliated Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary announced a collaboration to serve the needs of observant Jews in the metropolitan area who need information and access to the best end-of-life care.

Jewish families seeking halachically appropriate, highest quality end-of-life medical care often lack familiarity with the intricate religious laws that govern such care. To address this important need, Yeshiva University has formed the seminary's End-of-Life Halachic Advisory Program to provide rabbinic consultation for families and community rabbis. It includes:

- A rabbinic panel comprised of four Roshei Yeshiva who have extensive experience with end-of-life halachic issues. Rabbi Herschel Schachter, Rabbi Yaa-kov Neuberger, Rabbi Mordechai Willig, and Rabbi Moshe Tendler will serve on a rotating basis as pre-hospice advisors, answering questions from patients' families and community rabbis after a physician has recommended that an indi-

vidual receive hospice care.

• A panel of physicians associated with the Albert Einstein College of Medicine of Yeshiva University and its affiliates will be available to advise community rabbis on the clinical issues surrounding the terminally ill. The medical panel includes Dr. Edward Burns, Dr. Seymour Huberfeld, Dr. Beth Popp, Dr. Edward Reichman, and Dr. Robert Sidlow.

"There is a pressing need in the Orthodox community for accurate and thorough information on the conditions under which end-of-life care should be provided," said Burns, MD, executive dean of the Albert Einstein College of Medicine of Yeshiva University. "Regardless of where a person chooses to seek hospice care, Yeshiva University's End-of-Life Halachic Advisory Program is designed to answer their questions. Our decision to collaborate with Calvary recognizes the unmatched quality of care that every patient receives there and the staff's commitment to the hospital's mission."

"Since the Hospital was

founded more than 113 years ago, Calvary has embraced the opportunity to care for people from all religious backgrounds," said Frank A. Calamari, president and chief executive officer, Calvary Hospital. "We are confident that our collaboration with Yeshiva University will provide the Orthodox community with the information they need to make the right health-care decisions for their loved ones. And if they should decide to choose Calvary home hospice care or care in our hospital, we want traditionally observant patients and families to be confident that Calvary care will be provided in accordance with their faith traditions."

Calvary's patient care model successfully addresses the medical, emotional and spiritual needs of patients and their families.

*For more, visit [www.calvaryhospital.org](http://www.calvaryhospital.org). To learn more about Yeshiva University's Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary's End-of-Life Halachic Advisory Program, go to <http://yu.edu/riets/end-of-life-care>.*

## The flu is not for you!

Isn't it true that your health is more important than anything? Then protect your health by getting a flu shot.

Influenza is a contagious virus that is accompanied by high fever, muscle aches, chills, and fatigue. It can last several weeks.

Borough President Markowitz and Downstate Long Island College Hospital teamed up for the fifth year in a row to deliver free flu shots to nearly 200 people, because there's no such thing as a "little" flu.

"An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure, and that's why it's so important to protect yourself — and those around you — by getting your annual flu shot. Our office was proud to partner with our friends at Downstate LICH to help keep Brooklynites happy and healthy during the flu season," said Markowitz.



Downstate Long Island College Hospital nurse Wanda Hernandez, MSN, doesn't appear to be hurting Karen Moshman, who receives her shot with a smile.



This winter, remember to wear warm socks and take care of your feet to prevent dry skin.

## Are flip-flops hurting your feet?

### METRO CREATIVE

Flip-flop sandals are staples of a summer wardrobe. However, experts warn that this popular footwear can cause permanent damage to the feet and legs. If foot pain is a problem, you may have to explore alternative footwear next summer.

The mainstay of summer wardrobes, flip-flops are the ultimate comfortable, casual shoe. People wear them to the beach, shopping, strolling the Boardwalk — just about everywhere — once the weather warms. But podiatrists and other experts say that flip-flops may be unhealthy for your feet and legs because of the way you must alter your gait when wearing the sandals.

Researchers at Auburn University in Alabama studied the mechanics of flip-flop usage and determined that wearing the footwear for long periods of time can lead to sore feet, ankles and legs. The pain can even radiate all the way up to the hips and back.

The trouble with flip-flops is that people tend to grip their toes to hold the sandal in place. As such, they take smaller steps and hit their heels on the ground with less vertical force than if they were wearing athletic shoes or other shoes with support. Also, individuals wearing flip-flops don't bring their toes up as much as the leg swings forward. This causes a larger angle to the ankle and a shorter



Flip-flops, mainstays of summer footwear, can cause serious foot problems.

stride length.

Apart from these mechanical study results, flip-flops pose other inherent dangers to the foot. Their wide-open design leaves the foot open to injury from items falling on the feet or abrasions from tripping over the sandal itself. Flip-flops generally are lacking in arch support, which can tire out the foot and lead to various sorts of pain. People also often contend with poor traction from flip-flops, both on the bottom sole of the shoe and from the foot becoming slippery on the insole of the sandal. This can lead to falls and other injuries.

Experts say that while flip-flops are not the best shoe to wear, they don't need to be eliminated from a person's closet entirely. Wearing flip-flops in moderation — namely to the beach or poolside — and choosing other footwear when a lot of walking will be done is key. You can also choose flip-flops that offer more arch support, or ones that feature alternative styles, such as additional ankle straps.

## Protect feet in winter months

### METRO CREATIVE

Regardless of what season it is, skin — including the skin on your feet — seems to bear the brunt of weather's wrath.

Each season poses its own unique challenges to the skin on your feet, and this year figures to be no different.

This year, consider the following tips to help your feet survive the woes of winter.

•**Take quick, temperate showers.** A hot bath or shower actually breaks down lipid barriers in the skin, potentially robbing your feet of moisture. In lieu of a long bath or

shower, take a quick shower in warm water.

•**Moisturize every day.** Look for creams that contain water and glycerin that will help to draw moisture into the skin and stimulate the body's natural repair process.

Skin temperatures rise during sleep, resulting in

increased circulation and healing, so be sure to moisturize each night before going to bed.

•**Wear a winter wardrobe.** Protective clothing boots and thick socks not only keep feet warm through the winter, but they also keep skin safe as well.

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# Barclays in foul lane over parking

## Park off!

*Cops are giving a free ride to chauffeur-driven road hogs who gobble up every last bit of curb space — legal or otherwise — surrounding the newly opened Barclays Center, claim riled neighbors. Angry Brooklynites who live near the arena charge that Towncars, SUVs, and stretch limos are abusing area streets as their own private parking lot, with some hired drivers chilling out in front of Johnny pumps while waiting for their well-heeled clientele to depart the arena after concerts and Nets games (“Under a-taxi! Barclays Center cabs turn streets into parking lot, neighbors say,” online Nov. 21).*

*Our commentariat sped to the fore with its own take on the issue.*

Let them take bikes!

**Or from Yellow Hook**

I have a car, I have a driver and he'll idle wherever he sees fit. That's the reality of living in New York. Drivers idle. Get over it.

**James McQueen from Tribeca**

Brutally weird that the police express concern about the limos' comfort. There is a parking lot just for them, you know! At the Meadowlands limos pay \$50 to wait in the limo lot, and they should do the same here. End of story. A full 20 were parked around the five sides of St. Marks, Bergen, Fifth Avenue, and Flatbush a few weeks ago at one time. Kind of amazing. Sure wish we citizens could park like

## SOUND OFF TO THE EDITOR

### LETTERS AND COMMENTS FROM OUR READERS

that. Would make life easier knowing the police would leave us alone.

**Steve from Park Slope**

Ratner owns the parking garage by the Pathmark, across the street from the stadium. Put 'em there.

**Peter from Park Slope**

Cities are so loyal to the limousine companies. If there are regular taxis parked, the city comes behind them very quickly.

**Sacramento Taxi from Sacramento Calif.**

Parking violations and a lack of parking for the community are problems, but environmental and air-quality concerns should be foremost here. It is illegal to idle the engine of a non-emergency vehicle for longer than three minutes in New York City. The police may give a pass to delivery trucks or the odd cab on a street corner, but it should be strictly enforced in a place like this, where hundreds of drivers “keeping it warm” while they wait for hours creates an atmospheric disaster. Asthma rates go up, children are developmentally delayed, etc. Not to mention, if cops started enforcing this, the drivers would find somewhere else to go, freeing up the streets.

**Noah from Fort Greene**

“An honest cop will give us a pass.” That's a funny term for a police officer who won't enforce the law.

**Boof from Brooklyn**

They knew that this was coming when everyone before just thought it was nothing more than a joke. I still don't buy what those representatives from the arena are saying, as if they even cared to begin with, when what really mattered to them was getting the arena built regardless of any concerns. It was concerns like this that created those against building the arena to begin with, and the violations will just continue. So much for saying that many will just use the subway or the LIRR. Don't look at me, because I was originally against it and knew that this was coming. Anyone who thinks those who are complaining are just a bunch of complainers has probably been living under a rock or doesn't live anywhere near this area. Those that opposed it knew about the impacts, and now they can say that they told you so. Of course trying to

fight it now is just too little too late, especially when many had the chance to stop this plan from being built when they had their chance, but thought it was just an overreaction at the time.

**Tal Barzilai from Pleasantville, N.Y.**

There was never a plan to deal with traffic caused by the arena and there was never any environmental review or ULURP. So big surprise that cars are causing a hassle around the arena. Way to go ESDC! **Mom from Clinton Hill**

Was the Barclays' lot filled while all these limos were on the street? I heard Sam Schwartz, who designed the traffic plan for Ratner, say that the lot has been empty because the fans have been scared out of their cars.

**Tom from Sunset Park**

I read so many complaints from people in this area, is anybody there older than 10 years old? Get over it, you live in one big expensive sewer, you are not in some little cute place, this is a big ugly city.

**Get real from Bklyn Heights**

Poor car-hating fanatics don't realize that cars are allowed to stand in front of hydrants, as long as a licensed driver is in the car to move it in case of an emergency. Go complain to Transit Authority and try and get the law changed, while the emperor and his lackey are still in charge.

**Common sense from Bay Ridge**

Poor stooges! You fight cars, you promote bikes, and suddenly the *nomenklatura* park their limousines in these places. You fools helped this happen, instead of promoting parking lots, you thought that everyone would take the subway or pedal a bike. Nice work comrade, the *nomenklatura* thank you while sitting in their warm cars sipping cocktails! I thought I came here to get away from this.

**Boris from Brighton Beach**

Actually, you cannot stand in front of a hydrant at night. It's illegal. And the three-minute idling rule also applies. Building parking lots generates car traffic. This is a city, not the exurbs, so there's never been enough parking spaces for the generated demand — you'd have to pave over the entire neighborhood. We'd be

in a worse situation than we are now if they'd have built parking lots.

**Mike from GP**

Anyone who thinks that “honest” cops should enforce the vehicular laws — idling, speeding, yielding to pedestrians, not blocking the box, and it's their job to enforce them because they keep people safe — should attend the 78th Precinct Community Council meeting and let Captain America know. NYPD seems to have forgotten this is their primary duty, not making sure bigwigs have easy access to their Barclays shows.

**Jooltman from Park Slope**

“When they build a stadium like this and put it in a residential area, we don't know what to do,” said Armando Lombardo, a limo driver who brought four fans from Westchester to The Who concert. “Where do we go?” You don't go. Your clients should use the train. “An honest cop will give us a pass,” said a driver whose limo was parked on Fourth Avenue and claimed that only “brownies” — a pejorative expression for traffic enforcement officers — give tickets for such offenses.

**Mike from GP**

## Ungolden Marty

To the editor,

What is the matter with the people in Bay Ridge, Dyker Heights and any other area that state Sen. Marty Golden (R-Bay Ridge) covers?

He is doing nothing to clean up these regions.

The only thing he is doing is getting his name in the papers every week.

Graffiti and vandalism are out of control in Bay Ridge.

I just noticed the trash cans were knocked over at the corners of 90th and 91st streets.

Where are the cops? Nowhere to be seen.

A few months ago I showed Sen. Golden a few spots with graffiti, consisting of pink paint and black markings, and he told me to wash it off.

What kind of answer is that from a state senator? Why is he re-elected time and again?

Assemblywoman Nicole Malliotakis (R-Bay Ridge) and Rep. Michael Grimm (R-Bay Ridge) are no better.

**Richard Martin  
Bay Ridge**

### LET US HEAR FROM YOU

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# Welcome to Brooklyn's newest 'Heart'

## PROSPECT HEIGHTS

Well hello and welcome to the newest heart at **Heart of Brooklyn**. **Liz Harris** was selected to serve the organization as its newest director. Liz brings with her more than three decades of corporate and civic experience to the job. Now, Liz might have been born in Chicago, that windy city, and raised in Pasadena, but she is giving her all to the heart



of our city, little old Brooklyn. Standing O joins with the Heart's board, as well as Standing O's fellow booster **Borough President Markowitz**, in welcoming Liz here.

"Brooklyn is the creative and cultural capital of New York City," said **Marty** (and he ain't kidding). "Partly due in no small part to the outstanding work of the Heart of Brooklyn. I welcome Liz Harris to this new chapter in her life, and there's no doubt she will bring 'heart and soul' to the Heart of Brooklyn."

*Heart of Brooklyn [789 Washington Ave. between Lincoln and St. John's places in Prospect Heights (718) 638-7700].*

## BROOKLYN HEIGHTS

### A safe haven in a stormy port

Kudos to **Safe Horizon** as it continues to provide help to residents throughout the holiday season. Holidays can be a stressful time of year, and especially so for victims of crime and abuse, as well as in those of Hurricane Sandy.

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"Whether we are responding to child abuse, domestic violence, human trafficking, sexual assault, or other violent crimes, we are there to provide the practical tools to help victims and their families. We are here to help," said **Ariel Zwang**, CEO of Safe Horizon.

*If you need a helping hand the emergency hot line is staffed 24-7. Call (800) 621-4673.*

## OUTER BROOKLYN

### Bruno's best friends

Look, Standing O usually boosts Brooklynites, however, there are those occasions in which Standing O has to roll out that big yellow donut and give



**DON'T BULLY US:** The winners of Brooklyn DA Charles Hynes's anti-bullying contest: Fiona Kocillari, Andres Valle, Willis Tran, Jessica Ross, Mohammad Rashid, John Ting, Anaiah Rivera, and Kristen Valdes.

Photo by Stefano Giovannini

## Don't bully these caped crusaders!

### BENSONHURST

Three capes to this year's winning videographers of Brooklyn DA **Charles Hynes's** annual anti-bullying campaign. The entries were so good that the judges couldn't pick just one. So they picked two. Both videos were created by students at PS 186.

One video was created by **Fiona Kocillari, Andres Valle, and Willis Tran**, and dealt with how children who are bullied learn to deal with the bullying and the frustration that goes along with it.

Winner number two, "Super Nice Guy," was the brain child of **Jessica Ross, Mohammad Rashid, John Ting, Anaiah Rivera, and Kristen Valdes**. The skit features Super Nice Guy, the hero in the cape who comes to the rescue of a girl being bullied.

Students had the help of **Adrian Ross**, activity specialist, and **Christine Agnello**, assistant program director of the Neighborhood Improvement Association's ExpandEd program, in creating the winning selections.

shout-outs to great people in the other boroughs.

Okay, here we go: many thanks to the students and staff at **Elias Bernstein Intermediate School 7** on Staten Island. One, because the students really deserve it, and, secondly, because it's Standing

Not to be left out, Principal **Bayan Cadotte** and **Elaine Delaney**, parent coordinator, also put their two cents in to create these Oscar-worthy productions.

"Bullying has increasingly become a problem in schools and the online community. It occurs daily in our schools, schoolyards, homes, and on the Internet," our pal Joe told us. And he should know — he has a special detail working on it.

Hynes added, "The contest was an effort to curb bullying. Our hope is to raise the consciousness of not only children, but teachers, administrators and parents to the reality of bullying and how each one of them has got to step up and be a part of solving this terrible problem." He's certainly raised our consciousness.

The winners get to be district attorney for a day and spend time with Hynes himself, attending meetings and conferences and all that other good stuff.

*PS 186 [7601 19th Ave. between 75th and 76th streets in Bensonhurst, (718) 236-7071].*

O's little O's alma mater.

Anyway, the generous tweens raised more than \$1,300 and handed it over to **Frankie's Friends**, a charitable group that uses the funds to help animals in need of medical attention.

This time, the cash was used to pay for



## GERRITSEN BEACH

### Thanks for the wheels

Wow, no wonder state Sen. **Marty Golden** (R-Bay Ridge) was re-elected. He really comes across with the goods. He is so in tune with his constituents that he knows exactly what they need when they need it. And in the nick of time, no less. The good senator was able to secure a grant of 43,000 buckeroos toward a new emergency fire rescue vehicle for the Gerritsen Beach Volunteer Fire Department when the venerable house celebrated its 90th anniversary.

Little did they know how handy the vehicle would be on Oct. 22, just days shy of Sandy's visit. The Gator, as it is affectionately known, assisted the fire department in all types of rescue efforts.

"I am proud to have been able to secure this grant," our pal Marty told us. "The new vehicle will further their abilities to keep the community and the residents safe."

When he handed over the ceremonial keys, Marty concluded, "I applaud the service of the crew members."


Chief **John Czap** added his thank yous as the senator congratulated the big milestone anniversary and he said, "This is fantastic and will really help the community. Now we will have much better access to the parkland and will be able to get to areas where we could not have previously."

*Gerritsen Beach Volunteer Fire Department [52 Seba Ave. at Dare Court in Gerritsen Beach, (718) 332-9292].*

emergency surgery for **Bruno**, a Staffordshire bull terrier who hails from Howard Beach — wow, Standing O really is rolling around town. Anyway, the poor pooch was injured whilst trying to evacuate from the horrors of Hurricane Sandy when he was, unfortunately, hit by a car, and his front limb was fractured. The money paid for his surgery at **Blue Pearl Veterinary Partners** in Queens.

So it's just Standing O's all around. Standing O says you can help because there are many more Bruno's out there that need assistance.

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# Boro **beat**



**NOURISHING THE SOUL:** Coney Islander Norma Lawrence said El Caribe's stuffing is the best she's had — ever.

## EL CARIBE HOSTS THANKSGIVING FOR SANDY VICTIMS

BY COLIN MIXSON

Not only does El Caribe have a big heart, it has the best stuffing in town, patrons say.

The El Caribe Country Club in Mill Island received thousands of Hurricane Sandy victims from Coney Island on Thanksgiving for an all-expenses-paid feast, but all the turkey, corn bread, and sweet potatoes were just asides to the real treat — the stuffing!

"I am still talking about the stuffing," said Norma Lawrence of Coney Island. "After El Caribe, I had dinner with my relatives in Queens and I was ranting and raving about the stuffing — their stuffing was nowhere near as good."

The kind-hearted country club had enough turkey and Thanksgiving fare for 3,000 diners, and some leftovers were sent to the MCU Stadium in Coney Island, where they were distributed to other Brooklynites in need.

"Thanksgiving is one of the few days we're closed so we can spend time with our own families," said El Caribe manager Terrence Kenniff. "But when the mayor reached out and asked us to host this dinner, we jumped at the chance. A dinner like this should be a nice lift to people who are really hurting right now."

The massive meal capped off a week of goodwill in Brooklyn.



**TRUE SPIRIT:** (Above) El Caribe employees spent their holiday serving delicious Thanksgiving fare to Coney Islanders suffering from the devastation caused by Hurricane Sandy. (Below) Savion Phillips, 13, chowed down on a cookie — one of the many delicious desserts El Caribe offered last Thursday.

Photos by Steve Solomonson

Barclays Center workers celebrated Thanksgiving on Monday by providing Thanksgiving dinner to 100 Hurricane Sandy victims inside the arena's 40-40 Club.

Over in Fort Greene, Councilwoman Letitia James got together with New York Giants defensive tackle Shaun Rogers to hand out a truckload of Thanksgiving turkeys to residents of the Ingersoll, Whitman, and Faragut houses.



## SANDY-RAVAGED CONEY IS STILL A KID'S PARADISE

BY WILL BREDDERMAN

Coney Island is a playground once more!

The Police Athletic League set up a fun zone in the parking lot of MCU Park at Surf Avenue and W. 19th Street on Nov. 24 and 25 in an effort to reach the younger victims of Hurricane Sandy.

"Most of the focus so far has been on the adults in the area," said Richard Guevara, director of field operations



**READY TO REBUILD:** Police Athletic League volunteer Crystal Nuñez plays Jenga with Damian Torres at a weekend relief event for children near MCU Park. Photos by Arthur De Gaeta

for the 98-year-old NYPD-affiliated charity. "We wanted to focus on the kids. We wanted to give them a place to go and things to do to keep their minds off the tragedy."

Kids as young as 11 and as old as 17 played board games and made arts and crafts inside a pair of heated and lighted tents, while others participated in soccer, flag football, and jump roping matches outdoors.

Meanwhile, Athletic League volunteers gave out water, hot chocolate, cookies, and crackers to the children and their families — with some lucky mothers even getting free manicures from the good Samaritans while they watched their kids have fun. And Holy Trinity Church from Whitestone, Queens, dropped off 700 sandwiches for the victims to eat.

Guevara said 60 kids joined in the fun, with as many as 40 more passing by just to get food. Volunteers with Americorps and the Federal Emergency Management Agency also swung by to warm up and relax between shifts.

"The tent became more than just activities for kids. It became a place for people to converge and just chat and interact," said Guevara, who is awaiting approval to set up similar activities in the parking lot in weekends to come. "The idea is to set up a safe haven and an oasis for the kids and families affected in the area, and the people who've come to help."



**DAY OF FUN:** Elias Deleon plays a game of Trouble during the event.

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Pints on the half-pint: Peter and Maren Harper get discounts on beer thanks to their son Rowan and the Bedford Hill Coffee Bar's happy hour for parents. Photo by Stefano Giovannini

# FINALLY, A HAPPY HOUR FOR PARENTS

## Clinton Hill bar gives deals to dads, moms

By Danielle Furfaro

Have a kid and save on beer!

A Clinton Hill bar is giving haggard parents (is there any other kind?) a chance to drink on the cheap, as long as they can prove that they've reproduced.

The Bedford Hill Coffee Bar on Franklin Avenue at Greene Avenue offers a parents-only happy hour special on Saturday nights featuring a dollar off every drink for every kiddywink you've made.

Not surprisingly, parents are saying it's a score.

"Being a parent is very rewarding, but it also consumes everything," said Maren Harper, who lives in the neighborhood with her husband, Peter and her 11-month-old son Rowan. "So it's nice to be able to step away and enjoy a beverage and enjoy them from afar for a moment."

Bedford Hill owner Allison Stuart said she hit on the idea of giving people-makers a deal

after noticing a boom in children in the neighborhood — and hearing their parents complain about them.

"One night, there was a dad in here and another couple, and they were all talking about how hard it was to raise kids," said Stuart. "That's when I decided we needed to have some kind of happy hour for parents."

Stuart has been running the promotion since the summer, and asks only that breeders bring in pictures of their kids to earn the

discount, so you don't have to belly-up with your baby to save.

"How else are you going to prove you have kids, unless you bring in your kid?" said Stuart. "And that defeats the purpose of happy hour."

*Happy hour for parents at Bedford Hill Coffee Bar [343 Franklin Ave. at Greene Avenue in Clinton Hill, (718) 636-7650 [bedfordhillbrooklyn.com](http://bedfordhillbrooklyn.com)]. Saturdays from 8 pm through 11 pm.*

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# Artful nudes

Come for the skin, stay for the art. The Galapagos Art Space is hosting a show that's out to prove that the pornography industry has as much talent in their brains as their bodies, with a multi-media extravaganza of erotic performances, nude photography, and titillating interviews with sizzling-hot adult performers.

**Mon.  
12/3**

"Just because the product might seem low-brow, the performers are not," said curator and photographer Joshua Darling, whose credits include both erotic art and pornography.

Darling has asked several adult performers, including the famed Stoya of "Stoya Video Nasty," to demonstrate their impressive acrobatic skills — outside the bedroom.

Stoya will bring along her lyra hoop to perform aerobatics, said Darling.

"[She's] kind of a megastar in her world, [but] she has these other skills that people might not assume," he said. "A lot of these people are multi-talented, dynamic, and cool. I think they deserve celebration."

Performances aside, the art space will host exhibitions of photography that are meant to be viewed as art, not porn.

"We have a cadre of some of the country's



**Loopy:** Porn star Stoya will show her skills off camera and on stage at the Other American Dream erotic art extravaganza, where she will perform aerial acrobatics on the lyra hoop. Photo courtesy of Joshua Darling

more respected erotic photographers," Darling explained. "We have professional types from Parsons, published photographers from mainstream magazines; really experienced, respected photographers."

Capping off the event will be three interviews, featuring Stoya, Buck Angel, a former-woman, now-man educator; and Lux Alptraum, who runs the website Fleshbot, a blog about pornography.

The Q and A will give porn fans a whole new perspective on their favorite stars.

"People are going to find out that a normal performer might not be just a girl who performs in films," said Darling.

"She might be a novelist, or a genuine athlete; and a transgendered person who does sex films might be an educator."

"The Other American Dream" at Galapagos Art Space [16 Main St. at Water Street in DUMBO (718) 222-8500, [www.galapagosartspace.com](http://www.galapagosartspace.com)]. Dec. 3, 8 pm, \$20. — Colin Mixson

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# BEST BETS

## Sexy tales from the crypt

Is there something strange in your neighborhood? You better hope it's not Il Masturbatore!

A bizarre lecture at the Morbid Anatomy Library in Gowanus called "Sicilian Sex Ghosts" will cover the sexual appetites of supernatural beings who reside in Palermo, Italy, including the story of an 18th century monk whose mummified corpse has been known to haunt men in their moments of weakness.

"There's one called Il Masturbatore, the Masturbator," said speaker Dr. Paul Koudounaris, who is a morbid art expert and author of "Empire of Death." "He's kind of the patron saint of why not to j--- off."

The Palermitani monk was well known in his day for chastity and restraint.

Unfortunately for him, the devil fiendishly forced the monk upon himself in his last moments alive. Members of the order found him skirt up in his study with an expression of ecstasy upon his face, and stiff with rigor mortis — a countenance his mummified remains bear to this day.

"He was known for his life of piety, but as an old man they claimed the devil got a hold of him and forced him to masturbate," said Dr. Koudounaris.

Whether the holy man thus earned his title of Il Masturbatore — or whether it was forced upon him — his story became a cautionary tale about playing with yourself.

But one randy lad of Palermo not only ignored this warning, but openly challenged the ghost of Il Masturbatore. According to Koudounaris, this poor soul had a marathon of autoerotic pleasure, all the while beckon-



**Cautionary corpse:** The mummified remains of Il Masturbatore supposedly bears the same expression as when he died some 300 years ago, some say by his own hand. Photo by Paul Koudounaris

ing death and cursing the monk of masturbation, for two days straight.

On the third, a ghostly specter dropped in on the young man.

"He was about to j--- off, and he felt this cold bony hand grab his d--- from behind, whirl him around and it was Il Masturbatore," said Koudounaris.

As the legend goes, Il Masturbatore dragged the boy by his manhood to his niche in the monastery, where he squeezed the boy's privates until the pain became so unbearable the boy passed out. He later found himself to be completely sterile.

"The kid himself later became a priest, and preached to others the evils of masturbation," said Dr. Koudounaris.

That is merely one legend among more than a dozen that haunt the Sicilian city of Palermo — an apparent nexus of paranormal sexual tales, including the story of Pene Grande, who's been known to possess poorly equipped men amidst the act of coitus, and endow them with supernatural abilities.

To explain the strange mix of morbid eroticism, Dr. Koudounaris turns not to the dead, but the living.

"The thing is, everything in that society is so permeated with sex and violence. When you get down to Sicily, on one hand it's a stereotype, on the other hand it's true," said Koudounaris. "It's just a reflection of that society and the values it held."

"Sicilian Sex Ghosts" at Morbid Anatomy Library (543 Union St. between Bond and Nevins streets in Gowanus, (718) 243-1572, [morbidanatomy.blogspot.com](http://morbidanatomy.blogspot.com)). Dec. 11, 8 pm. \$12. — Colin Mixson

**Tues.  
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## Plumbing-inspired artist turns copper into gold

Lowe's — for all your home improvement needs, and your next art installation.

Artist TJ Volonis has gained acclaim for himself making intricate sculptures that look like wall tapestries, made of copper pipes — the type that you can buy at the hardware store across the street.

"Even though it's a metal, it's still very warm in terms of tone and properties; it's a big conductor of heat and electricity," said Volonis, who gets his pipes from the Lowe's on Second Avenue across the street from his studio.

Volonis, a self-taught artist who's been making his patterned copper pieces for the last seven years in Brooklyn, constructs his art by combining copper pipes that he cuts to size with copper

joints and soldering them all together to create elaborate geometric shapes that look like a cross between a maze and an Etch A Sketch drawing.

Volonis lives in Park Slope and constructs his pieces out of a Gowanus metal workshop he uses for free.

He said his creations sell for around \$5,000 to \$6,000.

"Brooklyn has definitely been an amazing incubator," said Volonis, who is putting his impressive pipes on display at the Gowanus Loft.

"I've been able to find the space that I need."

TJ Volonis's opening reception at the Gowanus Loft [61 Ninth St. between Smith Street and Second Avenue in Gowanus (347) 763-2210]. Nov. 29, 7 pm. \$10. — Eli Rosenberg

**Opens  
11/29**

# A world upskirt

Artists Laura McMillian and Kristin Reger are inviting people to look up their skirts in a new fabric and steel art installation that demonstrates what's really under women's dresses.

The two women built five dresses out of fabric and mounted them on steel corsets, with each dress revealing a different world — a swamp, a cave, an ocean, hell, and outer space — for those curious enough to take a peek at the Textile Arts Center's "Upskirt" exhibit in Gowanus.

**Now thru  
12/21**

McMillian said the dresses were inspired by the overlooked role of women in traditional settings.

"I was raised in the South and raised to do things that were expected of a housewife," said McMillian. "The project is about how 'women's work' such as sewing is not considered important, but how important it really is, and the power that can be conveyed."

Each of the dresses look the same from the outside, but during the exhibit, each dress will have a "gentleman" allowing spectators underneath the dresses one by one — to see the different worlds.

"The dresses are each installations unto themselves," said McMillian. "They should give you the feeling that they are something you can interact with."

McMillian and Reger received a grant through the Brooklyn Arts Council to create the dresses, which they have been working on for the past several months. While McMillian has experience with fashion design, Reger brought to the project an interest in textile and graphic design.

"We came into the same project from different angles. It's big and crazy," said Reger. "We run into issues and we work out the kinks and it's ended up a lot different than we thought it would be when we started."

"Upskirt" at Textile Arts Center [505 Carroll St. between Third and Fourth avenues in Gowanus, (718) 369-0222, [www.textileartscenter.com](http://www.textileartscenter.com)]. Through Dec. 21. — Danielle Furfaro



**Lots to see:** Kristin Reger and Laura McMillian hold up a part of their Upskirt installation, where visitors can crawl under five dresses and explore. Photo by Ken Yapelli



**Copper sense:** Self-taught artist TJ Volonis is turning copper piping into sculptures in Gowanus.

Photo by Jazzmine Beaulieu

## AROUND TOWN

# A WHITE RUSSIAN CHRISTMAS

*Williamsburg theater screens holiday cartoons, serves booze*

By Natalie Musumeci

This holiday season, relive nostalgic, cartoon-filled Saturday mornings — with booze.

Serving cocktails and an all-you-can-eat cereal buffet, the Nitehawk Cinema in Williamsburg is screening cartoons from Christmas past.

"They'll show 'A Charlie Brown Christmas,' on TV, but they sure as hell won't show you the 'Darkwing Duck' Christmas special?" said event organizer and co-host Michael Austin of Secret Formula Productions, who added that his selection also includes the rare "He-Man and She-Ra: A Christmas Special," which only aired once in the 1980s before being banished to VHS obscurity.

At the "Spoons Toons and Booze Christmas Special," attendees can vote for which cartoons will be screened from a selection of more than 80 different series from the 1940s through the 1990s, including the "Flintstones," "Pinky and the Brain," and "The Real Ghostbusters."

There are two ways to vote — either



For the kid in you: Fun-loving Michael Austin is hosting a cartoon, cereal, and booze-fueled Christmas extravaganza at the Nitehawk Cinema.

Photo by Stefano Giovannini

reign victorious during the stand-up comedy and cartoon-and-cereal-themed trivia in between episodes, or drink.

The winner of the trivia match will get to choose one of the four cartoons to be viewed on the big screen, while the final cartoon is chosen by ballot. The more cock-

tails audience members drink, the more ballots they get.

"It's about revisiting your childhood and the things you loved as a kid, but with a completely new adult perspective that sometimes is fueled by alcohol," said Austin, who will be dressed up as Santa Claus.

Boozing it up at this event won't be hard to do with the ample cocktail menu that includes festive raspberry, chocolate, and mint variations on white Russians. The milk-based vodka and Kahlua mixed drink is best topped with a handful of Cocoa Puffs, said Austin.

Letting go of inhibitions and getting into the spirit of the holidays, theater-goers can also get their photo taken on Santa's lap.

"You know no matter how old you get, your parents would love a picture of you with Santa

Claus," said Austin.

"Spoons Toons and Booze Christmas Special" at Nitehawk Cinema [136 Metropolitan Ave. between Berry Street and Wythe Avenue in Williamsburg, (718) 384-3980]. Dec. 8, Dec. 9, 12 pm, \$11.

## Roman hipsters move to Williamsburg

By Eli Rosenberg

When in Brooklyn, do as the Romans do.

Williamsburg is home to a new Italian restaurant straight from the boot-shaped country itself, after an Italian family chose the hip neighborhood for the opening of their second restaurant because they say it reminds them of their own hip hometown.

"We chose Williamsburg in Brooklyn because it reminded us of Trastevere, the neighborhood in Rome in which we are located," said Francesco Panella, who owns the new spot Antica Pesa on Berry Street with his brother.

Panella said the Italian and the American neighborhoods were similar in that they are both removed from other parts of the city by a river — the Tiber in Rome, the East River in New York City — and both went through periods of turbulence before emerging as successful and highly developed today.

Others, like Brooklyn Cou-



On the menu: Bartender Michale Tjader (left) holds a "sigaro affumicato," a chocolate cigar. (Below) Diners can enjoy a white fish with a sunflower and pumpkin seed crust. at Antica Pesa in Williamsburg.

Photos by Stefano Giovannini



rier photographer and Milan-native Stefano Giovannini, had a more straightforward take on the neighborhood's similarities.

"Trastevere is like the hipster neighborhood in Rome," he said.

The restaurant serves Italian pasta staples like spaghetti cacio e pepe and homemade gnocchi with tomato and pesto, as well as heavier fare like braised beef cheek with carrots and thyme and Roman salt cod.

And while Italian families have made Brooklyn their home for generations, the owners of Antica Pesa say they meet many newly arrived Europeans in Brooklyn, mainly Parisians, and that they're the first of a soon to come Italian wave.

"In Europe, Brooklyn is considered one of the coolest spots right now," said Panella, who was a TV host in Italy for Sky broadcasting, and will soon

film a show about Brooklyn cuisine for the TV station.

"I probably consider myself one of the first Italians here, but am honored to be able to partake in this cultural phenomenon."

Antica Pesa [115 Berry St. between North Seventh and North Eighth streets in Williamsburg, (347) 763-2635 [www.anticapesa.us](http://www.anticapesa.us)].



The best reads — handpicked by local bookstore employees

### WORD's pick: "The Price of Salt" by Patricia Highsmith

Written by Highsmith under a pseudonym in 1952 (several years before Nabokov's "Lolita") and published as a pulp novel, this is a tale of forbidden love, New York in the winter, and a crazy road trip. I would call it more psychological fiction than romance, and it will definitely enfold you with its twisted plots and emotions. It also contains the best paragraph I've read in years. I was walking and reading, and it stopped me in my tracks, and I read it over and over again. No, I won't tell you what page it's on (unless you ask nicely — maybe).

— Emily Pullen, WORD [126 Franklin St. at Milton Street in Greenpoint, (718) 383-0096, [www.wordbrooklyn.com](http://www.wordbrooklyn.com)].



### The BookMark Shoppe's pick: "The Christmas Kid" by Pete Hamill

The hustle and bustle of the holiday season is fast approaching and short stories may be a perfect solution for those with less reading time than usual. "The Christmas Kid" by our own beloved Pete Hamill is a collection of short stories in and around our beloved Brooklyn. My personal favorite is titled "The Love of His Life," a bitter-sweet snapshot of a love found and lost. The Christmas Kid is a must read for anyone from New York or those with a nostalgia for the "old" New York.

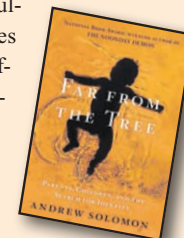
— Bina Valenzano, co-owner, The BookMark Shoppe [8415 Third Ave. between 84th and 85th streets in Bay Ridge, (718) 833-5115, [www.bookmarkshoppe.com](http://www.bookmarkshoppe.com)].



### Greenlight Bookstore's pick: "Far From the Tree" by Andrew Solomon

Written with eloquence, thoughtfulness, and grace, this book explores what happens when children are different than their parents, underscoring the fact that we do not reproduce — clone — ourselves so much as we create whole new people. Solomon observes parenthood through the lens of families raising high-needs children (disabled, outsized intellect, autism, uncommon talent, or mentally ill, to name a few) and writes with care. There are passages in this book that are such a pleasure to read that I wasn't intimidated by the 900-plus pages on a topic that, as a new mother, I find endlessly fascinating.

— Rebecca Fitting, co-owner of Greenlight Bookstore [686 Fulton St. between S. Elliott Place and S. Portland Avenue in Fort Greene, (718) 246-0200, [www.greenlightbookstore.com](http://www.greenlightbookstore.com)].





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**ENTERTAINMENT, DISNEY ON ICE:** Mickey and Minnie have searched the globe for the hippest and hottest acts to perform in Disney On Ice's "Rockin' Ever After," and are bringing them all to the brand new Barclays Center in Brooklyn! 7:00pm. The Barclays Center [620 Atlantic Ave. (718) 942-9587], www.barclayscenter.com/events/disney-on-ice.

**MUSIC, STANDUP COMEDY:** Nick Kröll: Nick Kröll will perform standup, with a preview of his new Comedy Central series, "Kröll Show." \$20. 7 pm. Bell House [149 Seventh St. at Third Avenue in Gowanus, (718) 643-6510], www.thebellhouseny.com.

**ART, CARIBBEAN, LATIN AMERICAN SHOW:** "Algo different group show" at Weeknights is pleased to exhibit work created by artists part of such a rich culture that has inhabited and influenced so much of the city landscape we co-exist in. Free. 7:30-10 pm. Weeknights

[566 Johnson Ave., Studio #27 in Bushwick, (201) 953-4062], weeknights.wordpress.com.

**THEATER, STUNTS ON STAGE:** The Williamsburg-based daredevil dance company Streb has created a new theatrical piece of wild contraptions and intense physical stunts in "FORCES! The Movical!". \$15. 7:30 pm. Streb Laboratory for Action Mechanics [51 N. First St. between Berry Street and Wythe Avenue in Williamsburg, (718) 384-6491], www.streb.org.

**ART, LAUGHTER AGAINST THE MACHINE:** The Writers of Totally Biased and W. Kamau Bell dissect a multitude of topics including politics, pop culture, race, religion, and the media. And it's funny. \$10. 8 pm. Littlefield [622 Degraw St. between Fourth and Fifth avenues in Gowanus, (718) 855-3388], www.littlefieldnyc.com.

SAT, DEC. 1

**THEATER, STUNTS ON STAGE:** 7:30 pm. See Friday, Nov. 30.

**ETSY, MODERN DAY ELVES:** The Etsy NY Team, are a collective of local artists, artisans, designers and crafters who sell on Etsy.com, the largest online marketplace for handmade goods. Free. 11 am-6 pm. The Space (50 North Third St. in Williamsburg), www.handmadeacvalcade.com.

**SALES/MARKET, HOLIDAY BAZAAR:** Music, fun, clothes, food

and a visit from Santa. FREE. 11 am-5 pm. St. Luke's Lutheran Church [259 Washington Ave. at DeKalb Avenue in Clinton Hill, (718) 399-6129].

**ARTISAN HOLIDAY MARKET:** One day artisan holiday market event at the Old First Reformed Church, featuring amazing holiday gifts such as art, jewelry, toys, chocolates, body care, handbags, clothing, stationary, scarves and hats, pottery, and more! Free. 12-4 pm. (729 Carroll St.)

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**ART AUCTION:** The New York Art Residency & Studios Foundation is delighted to announce Late Autumn Fling, our Second Annual Benefit and Silent Auction. \$ 175 Admits Two / Donor: Silent Auction & Dinner, \$ 35 Admits one, \$ 60 Admits two, \$ 40 Admits one at the door. 6-9 pm. NARS Foundation [88 35th St. 3rd FL in Sunset Park, (718) 768-2765], www.narsfoundation.org.

**COFFEE BARK:** FIDO offers goodies for dogs and owners as well as provide information of off-leash activities and issues - fun for everyone. Free. 7-9 am. Prospect Park Picnic House (West Dr. at Third Street in Park Slope), www.prospectpark.org.

**SURVIVAL WORKSHOP:** How tough are you? Can you survive in the woods? Urban Park Rangers will lead you in this workshop on how to be prepared for any situation. Free. 11 am. Salt Marsh Nature Center [3302 Avenue U in Marine Park, (718) 421-2021].

**NATURE HUNT:** Join with Wildman Steve Brill and hunt for wild coffee along with other edible and medicinal wild plants and mushrooms. RSVP required. \$20 (\$10 children under 12). 11:45 am.

Grand Army Plaza [Union Street between Flatbush Avenue and Prospect Park West in Park Slope, (914) 835-2153], www.wildman-stevebrill.com.

**QUILT SHOW:** The 21st annual show features theme of Cool-whether it's a cold wintry science, and cool colors. \$3. Noon-4 pm. Lefferts Historic Homestead [452 Flatbush Ave. between Empire Boulevard and Eastern Parkway in Park Slope, (718) 789-2822], www.prospectpark.org.

**ST. NICHOLAS DAY:** Meet St. Nicholas, hear a reading of "The Baker's Dozen" and listen to balladeer Linda Russell. \$5 (\$3 children under 10). Noon-4 pm. Wyckoff Farmhouse Museum [5816 Clerendon Rd. at Ralph Ave. in Flatbush, (718) 629-5400], www.nycgov-parks.org.

**TASKS AND CRAFTS FROM THE PAST:** Try your hand at needlepoint, play old fashioned games and more. Free. 2:30-3:30 pm. Lefferts Historic Homestead [452 Flatbush Ave. between Empire Boulevard and Eastern Parkway in Park Slope, (718) 789-2822], www.prospectpark.org.

**WORLD AIDS DAY SERVICE:** The LGBTs Ministries of St. Augustine, Immaculate Heart of Mary, and Friends of Social Justice at St. Francis Xavier, invite you to a celebration of remembrance and hope, for our 6th annual World AIDS Day Service. Free. 7 pm. St Augustine Church [116 Sixth Ave. (917) 921-8153].

**PHOTOGRAPHY, "YOU ARE WHAT YOU EAT":** Photography exhibition by artist Mark Menjivar. He created a series of portraits made by examining the interiors of refrigerators in homes across the United States. Free. 7-9 pm. 0.00156 acres Gallery [114 Smith St. in Boerum Hill, (917) 428-3810], www.acresbrooklyn.com.

SUN, DEC. 2

**MUSIC, FALSTAFF:** Students of Brooklyn College Conservatory opera Theater are presenting Falstaff, opera by G. Verdi in three acts adapted by Arrigo Boito from Shakespeare play The Merry Wives of Windsor. \$15. 2 pm. Brooklyn Conservatory of Music [58 Seventh Ave. between Lincoln Place and Seventh Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 622-3300 or email: rfrank@bqcm.org], www.bqcm.org.

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**ICE:** 11:00am. See Friday, Nov. 30.  
**FUNRAISER, LADIES NIGHT:** The twirlers at OLPH are hosting their annual fundraiser. Raffles, prizes and more. Sandy donations accepted. \$10 (includes dessert/drinks). Noon. Our Lady of Perpetual Help Gym [552 59th St. at Fifth Avenue in Sunset Park, (646) 872-0806].

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#### MON, DEC. 3

#### READING, WALT WHITMAN'S

**CIVIL WAR:** Honors students and the Walt Whitman Project offer a musical and spoken word. **Free.** 12:30-1:45 pm. St. Francis College [180 Remsen St., between Court and Clinton streets in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 489-5200], https://www.sfc.edu.

**TREE LIGHTING:** Songs by the Guild for Exceptional Children and a visit from Santa. **Free.** 7:30-9 pm. Old's Head Park House (68th St. and Colonial Road in Bay Ridge).

#### TUES, DEC. 4

**READING, DETROIT:** Detroit native and Rolling Stone contributor Mark Binelli celebrates the launch of Detroit City is the Place to Be, a journey through America's greatest urban failure that proves that Detroit might be our most promising laboratory for the future. Featuring the author in conversation with The Observer's Michael Miller. Please RSVP via e-mail. **Free.** 7 pm. PowerHouse Arena [37 Main St. at Water Street in DUMBO, (718) 666-3049], www.powerhousearena.com.

**READING, PETE HAMILL:** Local favorite Pete Hamill visits powerHouse to read and sign The Christmas Kid and Other Brooklyn Stories, in our new location's inaugural event. Please RSVP via e-mail. **Free.** 7 pm. PowerHouse Arena [37 Main St. at Water Street in DUMBO, (718) 666-3049], www.powerhousearena.com.

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#### SAT, DEC. 8

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● 'Now we're going to see who is the best in the city.'

— Dutchmen running back Jonathan Samerson

● 'It'll be a hard game, but I'm excited to play it.'

— Blackbird player Annika Foit

## Dutchmen ready to snag championship

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Erasmus Hall is going to the big game!

The Dutchmen pasted the visiting Curtis Warriors 28-6 on Saturday, paving the way for a Public School Athletic League football title showdown against Tottenville High School on Dec. 4 at Yankee Stadium.

This will be the second time the unbeaten Dutchmen made it to the championship game in the last two years. Erasmus Hall fell to Lincoln High School last year, but players say they will be leaving Yankee Stadium victorious this time around.

"We got back to where we wanted to be," Dutchmen star running back Curtis Samuel said. "But the job is not over yet. We got to finish the championship and take the win home."

Erasmus Hall senior Jonathan Samerson rushed for three touchdowns and two two-point conversions and carried the ball nine times for 135 yards — including a 74-yard touchdown run — on Saturday, giving Erasmus a 12-0 lead late in the second quarter.

But Samerson's stellar run wasn't a solo act: Erasmus Hall's defense turned in a dominant performance with Stefon Rodriguez getting an interception and Brian Houston blocking a punt to set up a one-yard Samerson touchdown with 7:59 left in the first quarter to make it 6-0.

The defensive line also stunted Kevin Austin's performance, keeping Curtis's star running back — considered one of the best in the



**LEFT BEHIND:** Erasmus Hall Dutchman Curtis Samuel leaves a Curtis High School player in the dust during the team's semifinal victory.

Photo by Steve Solomonson

city — to just 47 yards on 17 carries and allowed Curtis just a cosmetic touchdown late in the fourth quarter on five-yard connection.

Samerson doubled the Dutchmen's lead after the half with an 18-yard scoring run in the third quarter before turning the corner for a 10-yard touchdown with 4:10 left in the game.

The senior clearly ran out from under star teammates Samuel and Kahlil

Lewin's shadows with Saturday's performance, Erasmus Hall's coaching staff said.

"You [reporters] don't give him enough attention. We've always known John is the man," Erasmus coach Danny Landberg said. "He is one of the best players I've ever coached in my life."

Last year's loss to Lincoln has been the Dutchmen's motivation to make it back to Yankee Stadium, players say. Erasmus Hall

finds it fitting that it's playing Tottenville, whose only loss was a forfeit. The two squads were supposed to meet last month, but the game was cancelled after Hurricane Sandy hit.

Three weeks later, the two teams will meet again, settling the ongoing debate about which squad should be crowned champion.

"Now we are going to see who is the best in the city," Samerson said.



**SPIKE STAR:** Conference player-of-the-year Annika Foit leads the Blackbirds into the National Collegiate Athletics Association tournament.

Courtesy of LIU Athletics

## Blackbirds are NCAA bound

BY DANIEL MARTIN

The Blackbirds are flying to California — and National Collegiate Athletics Association glory.

Long Island University's women's volleyball team snagged a spot in this Sunday's NCAA volleyball tournament, where the Northeast Conference champions will face reigning national champs from the University of California, Los Angeles, in the first round.

The announcement came Sunday afternoon when a nationally televised broadcast on ESPN placed the Blackbirds — who's in the middle of a school-record 19-match winning streak — in the top half of the Berkeley region against the Bruins.

"Everyone is excited," Long Island University coach Kyle Robinson said. "We were looking to get out of our region and we're excited to go out west and play a formidable opponent."

The Bruins is led by senior Rachel Kidder, last year's Most Outstanding

Player of the NCAA Tournament. The Bruins enter the tournament having won 10 of its last 13 matches.

It will be the Blackbirds' fourth major conference opponent this season: the squad has already lost to Minnesota, St. John's, and Maryland.

That said, the Blackbirds know the team has a major obstacle to overcome.

"I think it'll be a hard game, but I'm excited to play it," said sophomore Annika Foit, the reigning conference player. "It's another huge step."

But for Robinson, the match against the Bruins and coach Michael Sealy will feel more like a reunion: he and Sealy played professionally in Belgium in the late 1990s and early 2000s and, according to Robinson, "have remained good friends ever since."

"Mike is someone I not only respect, but someone I look up to as a coach," he said. "He's someone I've learned a lot from; some-

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# South Shore steals bowl game from Grady

The Vikings beat the Falcons in a nail-biting, come-from-behind, 14-13 victory

BY MIKE MCAVOY

Talk about a come-back!

The South Shore Vikings returned a 93-yard kickoff for a score and snagged a game-stealing interception to beat William E. Grady 14-13 on Sunday — taking the Public School Athletic League's Bowl championship.

Senior Jhamel Cohen sparked South Shore's rally, knowing that he didn't want a repeat of last season, where the squad lost in the final game.

"It's a Cinderella story," he said laughing. "I had to spark my team, I had to lead them."

Grady certainly put a scare into South Shore: the team built a 13-0 lead after a five-yard touch-

down run from Marckenson Desgrotes with 3:23 remaining in the third quarter. Cohen immediately responded, returning the ball to the end zone to put South Shore on the board and cut its deficit to 13-7 on the next kickoff.

The Vikings fed off the momentum Cohen started by returning a kickoff for a touchdown — the first time the team's done this all season.

"It just sparked this championship," South Shore coach Matt Ciquera said of the impressive feat.

Timothy Bowers's interception set up the Vikings in excellent field position. Running back Ibrahima Barry ran the ball up the middle, spin-



**RUNNING TO THE GOAL POSTS:** South Shore High School's Dupreme Robinson heads to the end zone as the Falcon's Marckenson Desgrotes steps into his path. Photo by Carol Alvarado

ning away from a defender, and walked into the end

zone for a 21-yard score that gave the Vikings a

14-13 lead with 7:51 remaining in the game.

"He's one of the most lethal runners in the Public School Athletic League," Ciquera said. "When he sees green, he's gone."

Moments later, Cohen snatched a Duwan Hyman pass out of the air, in Grady territory, sealing South Shore's championship with under two minutes left to play.

It wasn't the end Grady had in mind heading into the contest, coach Andrew Jashyn explained.

"Things just didn't go our way," Jashyn said. "High school kids sometimes fold under the pressure, it happens."

Some do. But Cohen rose to the occasion on Sunday.

"I knew how bad we needed the game," Cohen said. "So I had to do it."

## Lincoln Railsplitters lose shot at third title game

BY MIKE MCAVOY

Lincoln High School's ride back to Yankee Stadium and the Public School Athletic League's title game was derailed on Saturday afternoon when the team fell to Tottenville 21-8.

The Railsplitters won't be going to its third straight title game, but coach Shawn O'Connor believes his team made a statement considering its lack of experience and the loss of the school's state-of-the-art football field to Hurricane Sandy.

"Just getting here is really something to be proud of," O'Connor said. "A lot of people can't say they've been here and we've been here for three years now. This time, we were just a

game short."

Lincoln (8-3) opened up the game looking like a team on its way to its third straight title game.

Quarterback Javon Moore found tight end Darnell Phillips for a 14-yard score before connecting with Jamiek Davis for the two-point conversion to give Lincoln an 8-0 lead with 1:35 left to go in the first quarter.

But its offense failed to reach the end zone for the remainder of the game, as Tottenville intercepted Moore on four separate occasions. The Pirates (10-1) came out and scored on its first two possessions of the third quarter after going into the half tied 8-8.

Tottenville's senior

connection of quarterback Brandon Barnes and receiver Kevin Coughlin caused fits for Lincoln: the two went for scores of six and 20 yards and Barnes finished the day with 163 passing yards and three touchdowns.

The Railsplitters went into the postseason hoping that the team would give Hurricane Sandy-ravaged Coney Island something to rally behind.

Despite the loss, players took solace in knowing they helped their neighbors out in some small way in a time of need.

"When people saw us back playing football, it reminded them that life was back to normal," O'Connor said.

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# It's Solomon's season

## Flatbush native takes Xavier High School to title match

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Xavier High School's Trey Solomon is having the best playoff season of his career — a tremendous performance he's dedicating to his 11 teammates from the Rockaways left homeless by Hurricane Sandy.

The Flatbush native and junior running back scored six touchdowns in a Catholic High School Football League quarter-final victory over Mount

St. Michael and ran for 218 yards, three touchdowns, and two two-point conversions as the Xavier Knights defeated Fordham Prep 38-20 on Thanksgiving Day.

Thanks to Solomon's efforts, Xavier will be playing its first title game since 1996 — so much needed therapy to the school's Hurricane Sandy victims, according to coach Chris Stevens.

"It helps them get another week beyond Sandy," said Stevens. "That's the biggest goal."

Yet Solomon's goals are a little more self-serving.

"For me it just means I get to spend 10 more days with the guys I love," he said. "I love my team."



**STELLAR PERFORMANCE:** Xavier running back Trey Solomon ran for three touchdowns against Fordham Prep this past weekend.



**THUMBS UP:** Laray Smith, a senior at Xaverian High School, was chosen to play an All-American football game in California this January. Photo by Elizabeth Graham

## Xaverian creates All-American

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Laray Smith will end his high school career making history — he'll be the first Xaverian player to ever be named an All-American.

The running back has been selected to play in the Semper Fedelis All-American game, where he'll be the second Brooklynite picked to play in an All-American game this year. Thomas Jefferson defensive end Ebenzer Ogundeko will be playing in the Under Armour Bowl.

Smith says he was stunned that he was picked for the honor — which comes with a number of top colleges knocking on his door.

"I really wasn't expect-

ing that," said Smith, who also runs track and is considered one of the top sprinters in the state.

Between the two sports, Smith has already gotten offers and invites from Ole Miss, Auburn, West Virginia, Tennessee, University of Connecticut, and Syracuse.

Smith says he wants to play football and run track in college, but football is still a priority.

Still, he says he's far from committing to a school, so those who want to know the football star's next step will just have to wait.

"I really don't have a time when I'm going to announce yet," he said. "I just want to wait."

## Blackbirds

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one I grew up watching play as a late bloomer. Who better to compete against someone I care about?"

Robinson said he and his players will not treat the match any differently, even though it's a NCAA tournament game.

"The message for us doesn't change much," Robinson said. "We're not going to take the trip just to roll over. We're going to go out there and give them a heck of a match."

This will be the Blackbirds' second trip to the West Coast this season. The team took part in the USF Asics Coca-Cola Invitational in San Francisco this September.

## Ida: The Saints are cursed!

BY ELI ROSENBERG

Back when she was a young spy (although she'll never tell you who she was spying on or for whom) Ida often received communiques from the island she code named HOTTROD through a book cipher.

She had chosen a musty old book for the correspondence — a tome dating back to 1897 — which she had found in her grandmother's small Bronx studio entitled, "A Settler's Garden: Reaping a Bountiful Harvest for Novice Landsman."

She managed to dig up another copy for her man-about-town in Havana — but the copy she tracked down to the Bakersfield Public Library vanished mysteriously in 1962.

Library records show that the last person to check it out was one "Joe Marti," a gentleman who lived in a trailer park in the outskirts of town — but overdue book notices to the address continually bounced back to the library's registrar.

What happened to the book is shrouded in mystery, but the message Ida received after Thanksgiving Day, 1963, was clear as the sky above the library: "2, 345, 36, 2, 77, 91, 107, 36;" or "The squash and the hammer make good fences."

### Ida's Picks:

Bills (-6), Patriots (-7), Chargers (-1), Raiders (1.5), Texans (-5), Colts (4), Broncos (-6.5), Panthers (-3), Eagles (7.5), Seahawks (4), Vikings (9), 49ers (-7)

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Jets (-3.5) over Cardinals  
"They gotta win sometime."  
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"I like the Ravens this year."

### Kryptonite:

Giants (-2.5) over Redskins  
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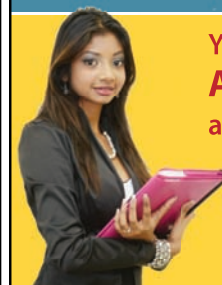
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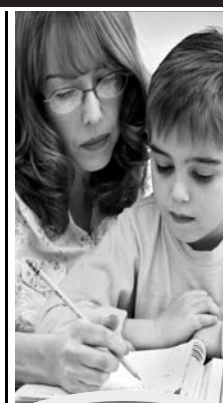
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