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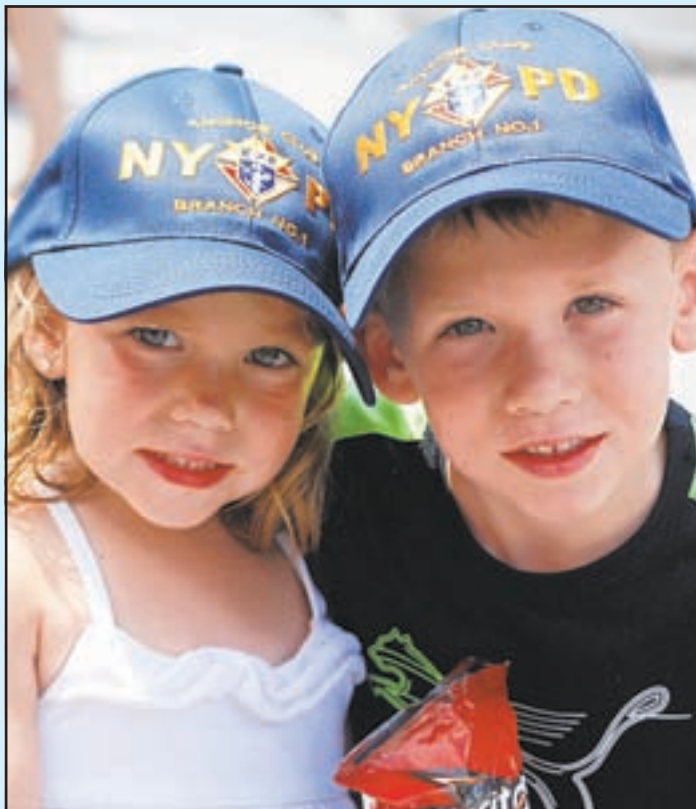
BY COLIN MIXSON

A bombshell letter lobbed into a crowded Council race has raised eyebrows and prompted contradictory denials.

Councilman Lew Fidler (D-Marine Park) penned a letter leveling dramatic accusations against his one-time campaign volunteer — and current candidate for Council in the neighboring 48th District — Igor Oberman, whom he accused of acting as a “mole” on behalf of David Storobin, Fidler's opponent in the 2012 race to replace disgraced pol Carl Kruger in state Senate.

“Igor Oberman purported to support me. In actuality, he was a ‘mole’ inside my campaign for Storobin,” Fidler wrote in the letter dated June 25 that he fired off to several labor unions and political clubs who have either endorsed

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Cops' kids at Coney

Remi and Robert Brisette enjoyed an afternoon at Coney Island with the NYPD Anchor Club on July 9. For more on their fun, **see page 10.**

Photo by Arthur De Gaeta

BEWARE ZOMBIE TREES

Locals say storm-ravaged deadwood could fall and kill

BY COLIN MIXSON

If the city doesn't take care of its dead-tree problem, then the dead trees are going to take care of us.

A salty plague that super-storm Sandy wrought upon Brooklyn's trees has some Bay

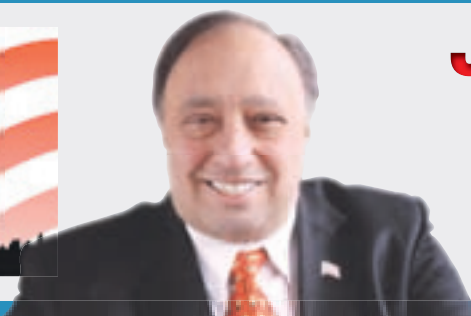
Ridge residents worried that once-healthy, now-dead trees are threatening the lives of pedestrians and drivers from across the borough — and the city isn't doing anything about the looming zombie-tree scourge.

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UNHAPPY ENDING FOR RIDGE 'SPAS'

Cops shut 12 massage parlors after our story

BY WILL BREDDERMAN

Cops raided 12 Southern Brooklyn spas and arrested 19 people on July 10 for an array of charges including prostitution.

Authorities noted that the businesses — five in Bay Ridge, six in Dyker Heights, one in Bensonhurst — had rubbed some residents the wrong way for months, despite presenting themselves as legitimate relaxation therapy centers.

Of those in custody, authorities identified three as spa owners, and the remainder as workers and managers. Charges range from prostitution to violations of New York State Worker's Compensation law, to practicing massage without a license. Buildings Department officials said that all of the structures housing the spas were in dilapidated and even dangerous condition. Police did not arrest any of the spas' landlords or customers.

"Though these operations went to considerable lengths to disguise their true nature, it was evident to residents that illicit activities were taking place," said Brooklyn District Attorney Charles Hynes.

Law enforcement officials said that the high concentration of massage parlors in a small section of Southern Brooklyn — nearly 20 in Bay Ridge and Dyker Heights alone — was inherently suspicious.

"We know people in Bay Ridge have back pain, but we don't think that's enough to sustain 19 massage parlors," said Police Commissioner Ray Kelly.

Hynes declined to comment on why so many spas had opened in the area, but a police source said the masseuses had merely obeyed the law of supply and demand.

"They went where the customers are," the New York Police Department insider said.

Brooklyn's top lawman said his office was looking into whether any of the accused were victims of human trafficking, being manipulated or held against their will. He also raised the possibility that a single organization secretly ran all of the spas, since the women in custody all gave nearly identical stories of having a child in Asia they needed to support.

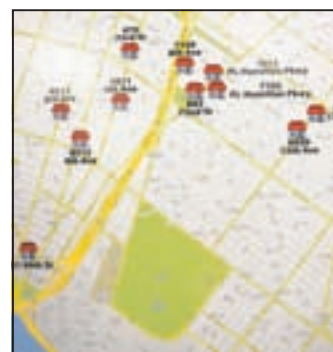
"There is a strong suspicion this was under central control," said Hynes.

Among the supposedly dirty dozen were Dream Bodywork on 99th Street near the corner of Fourth Avenue, and Jia Li Spa on Fort Hamilton Parkway between 71st and 72nd streets — which reportedly had raised neighbors' suspicions. Hynes noted that all 12 of the suspicious spas had placed innuendo-laden promotions for "sexy girls" with an "amazing touch" on seedy sites like Backpage.com and Craigslist.com.



RUBBED WRONG: District Attorney Charles Hynes and Police Commissioner Ray Kelly (top) announced a sting that took out several massage parlors across Southern Brooklyn (right) for allegedly offering sexual services through suggestive ads (above) on sleazy websites.

Photos by Elizabeth Graham



Police hunt attackers of elderly woman

BY NATALIE MUSUMECI

Police are hunting for five gun-wielding crooks who tied up an elderly woman and robbed her in her Crown Heights home last month.

Cops said a female perp — aided by four male suspects — rang the 87-year-old wom-

an's doorbell at about 6:25 pm on June 15. When the victim opened the door the band of brazen thieves forced their way in, police said.

The armed robbers tied the woman up and swiped her jewelry before fleeing on foot, cops said.

Surveillance video cap-

tured the brutes staggering out of the building after the ruthless heist.

Police released a sketch of the female crook and the surveillance tape in the hope that the public could identify them.

The male criminals range in heights from

5-foot-7 to 6-foot-2, while the female thief is believed to be 5-foot-1, according to cops.

Anyone with information regarding this robbery should call (800) 577-8477.

All calls will be confidential.



BRUTE: Cops released a sketch of a woman who they say tied up and robbed an elderly woman in her Crown Heights home on June 15.



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DA challengers battle

Thompson claims that George could seal Hynes win

BY WILL BREDDERMAN

One of the two candidates battling to replace District Attorney Charles Hynes is demanding his empty-pocketed opponent drop out of the race because he doesn't have enough money to win.

Former federal prosecutor Ken Thompson touted his \$500,000-plus campaign war chest — in contrast to opponent Abe George's \$145,000 — as proof he alone can stop Hynes from winning the Democratic primary in September and his sixth re-election in November, and that George, a former Manhattan assistant district attorney, needs to get out of Thompson's way in order to get Hynes off the ballot.

"By staying in the race, the only thing that George can deliver is another term for DA Hynes," said Thompson pokesman James Freedland.

But political analysts said Thompson lacked hard data showing that George's continued candidacy would prevent Thompson from winning. They argued that it is unlikely George's supporters would all automatically back Thompson should their candidate drop his bid, and that Hynes will probably triumph either way.



Ken Thompson



Photo by Stefano Giovannini

GAUNTLET DOWN: District Attorney hopeful Ken Thompson (left) called for rival challenger Abe George (right) to withdraw from the race so he can face Charles Hynes alone.

"Why should Thompson call for the undermining of democracy — i.e. 'Get off the ballot because I said so?'" said veteran Democratic consultant Hank Sheinkopf. "Where is the evidence, the poll numbers, that George remaining in the race is a significant-enough decider?"

George noted that Thompson's latest fundraising numbers included \$195,000 that the trial lawyer loaned to his own campaign. The Sheepshead Bay native — who last year received a \$44,000 loan from his mother to start his campaign — said he had plenty of dough to win, and vowed to carry on.

"I believe in a three-person race," said George. "We have a pathway to vic-

tory, and I'm going to continue campaigning every day all over the borough."

Both candidates claimed Hynes — who has almost \$590,000 cash, none of it borrowed — is vulnerable in the primary because of the recent spate of scandals that have erupted around his office.

Critics have accused the incumbent of failing to prosecute Hasidic and Orthodox Jewish child molesters in order to curry votes in those communities. His office has also come under fire for wrongful convictions resulting from the alleged misconduct of star assistant district attorney Michael Vecchione and retired police detective Louis Scarcella. Hynes has also received criticism for his closeness to disgraced

former Assemblyman Vito Lopez. Hynes recused himself from prosecuting Lopez for alleged sexual harassment because of their political ties.

Hynes's camp denied wrongdoing on Vecchione's part, and noted that the district attorney was reviewing all cases Scarcella was involved in. The campaign pointed to Hynes's innovation in creating drug rehab programs as an alternative to prison, and initiatives allowing ex-cons to re-enter society. It dismissed George and Thompson's attacks as hollow politicking.

"In all these cases, the facts are before the public and they will decide between the daily carping of the two opponents or the tangible record of Joe Hynes over 23 years," said spokesman George Arzt. "We are certain they will choose a rock-solid record over political posturing every day of the week."

Sheinkopf agreed that an outbreak of public outcry could damage Hynes — but suggested the scandals were not enough to dislodge him from power.

"Hynes has had a terrible time on the PR side. The question is 'are people paying attention?'" Sheinkopf said. "Law enforcement offices are not easily vacated with challenges."



SHANDA: Two Hasidic men attacked Hynes for his prosecution of whistleblower Sam Kellner. Photo by Elizabeth Graham

Jews accuse Hynes of sex-crimes cover up

BY WILL BREDDERMAN

Jewish protestors picketed Charles Hynes's office on July 10, accusing the district attorney of protecting child molesters, while pursuing a sex-abuse whistle-blower, to garner support from the religious Jewish community.

The demonstrators blasted the borough's top law enforcement official for what they claim is the politically motivated prosecution of Sam Kellner, a whistle-blower on sex abuse in the Hasidic community.

"I think Charles Hynes's interests are not the interests of the public. He's more interested in getting votes," said protest organizer Chaim Levin.

Kellner — a Borough Park resident — in 2008 reported to Hynes's office that a powerful neighborhood cantor, Baruch Lebovits, had molested Kellner's teenaged son, according to The Jewish Week. But the district attorney's office refused to pursue the case on the strength of a single allegation and Kellner spent the next several months bringing forward youths who claimed Lebovits had sodomized them against their will, leading to the cantor's arrest that year and conviction in 2010.

But Lebovits's son, Meyer, came forward after the sentencing with what he claimed was a 2009 audio recording of Kellner attempting to extort \$400,000 from the cantor's

family. Cops arrested Kellner and the Borough Park resident faces 21 years in prison if found guilty.

An appeals court reversed Lebovits's conviction in 2012 on a technicality. Lebovits is awaiting retrial.

A New York Times reporter who listened to Meyer Lebovits's recording — a key piece of evidence in Hynes's case against Kellner — wrote last month that the Yiddish conversation on the tape does not contain any discussion of extortion.

Hynes has come under fire in the past for tacitly endorsing the Hasidic policy of "mesirah," which discourages Jews from reporting other Jews to secular authorities, allegedly in return for the Hasidic Jewish vote. Levin said he was afraid the prosecution of Kellner would frighten people from reporting sex abuse in the religious Jewish community in the years to come.

"It's so painful to see this happening, because it's going to make it so hard for people to come forward in the future," said Levin, adding that he had suffered sexual abuse as a child, and had been told to keep silent.

Both Abe George and Ken Thompson — who are challenging Hynes in the September Democratic primary — appeared at the protest, but Levin denied being affiliated with either of them.

Hynes's office declined to comment.

House parties may need to register with police

BY DANIELLE FURFARO

A push to require house-party planners to notify the police in advance of ragers has ruffled the feathers of Brooklynites who say they will fight for their right to party.

Councilman Jumaane Williams (D-Flatbush) said he will introduce a bill that would make it mandatory for people planning parties of more than 40 people to alert the police ahead of the event.

But pro-party people say such a law would clamp down on their right to get down.

"That's hideous," said Larisa Fuchs of event promotion company Gemini & Scorpio. "The idea that you

would have to check in with mom and dad at the NYPD is ridiculous."

Fuchs, whose company throws parties in a variety of sizes, from large bashes in warehouses to small events in residential lofts, added that such a law would give the police department the right to overstep its bounds.

"It creates another excuse for the NYPD to shut down parties that they feel like shutting down," said Fuchs.

Williams came up with the idea after a gunman who was angry that he had been denied entry to a house party in East Flatbush shot eight people last week.

That party was one of several organized by a promoter who advertised

the party with street fliers and social media, charged a cover, and sold liquor, something Williams said was illegal to begin with.

"They are already violating cabaret and liquor laws," said Williams. "You have to make sure these promoters aren't putting people in danger."

Williams said he is aware that the legislation will have to be carefully worded to avoid making it too difficult to throw house parties. He said he is willing to entertain suggestions.

"I want to make sure we separate out the house clubs from the normal house party where people come to socialize and drink and enjoy music," said Williams.

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Third Avenue fest is set for July 19

Summer Stroll returns – with later hours

BY WILL BREDDERMAN

Third Avenue's Summer Stroll is back this year, and amped up in every way.

The 2013 Summer Stroll will transform Third Avenue into a pedestrian plaza — shutting the street to parking and traffic and opening it up for fresh-air commerce — on four Friday nights this year, in two sections.

On July 19 and 26, businesses between 80th and 90th streets will get to put tables and tents out front for visitors to browse their wares. On Aug. 9 and 16, the party moves to the stretch between 69th and 80th.

And this year, shops will be allowed to provide amplified entertainment outside their doors — in contrast to 2012's acoustic-only rule. The event will also run half an hour longer than last summer, going all the way to 10:30 pm. But like in 2012, motorists will be allowed to pass through on the cross-streets.

Summer Stroll got off on the wrong foot when first proposed in 2011 as a way to boost small businesses in a sagging economy. Merchants and residents raised fears that the fair would bring traffic congestion and drunken chaos. But the open-air market won



STROLLING ON: Ridge teens Courtney McEvoylee and Mariya Abramenko will get to hang out at the Third Avenue open-air market again this year — hopefully without the umbrella!

Photo by Steve Solomonson

approval from Community Board 10 in Feb. 2012, as supporters pitched it as a cultural counterblast to the depiction of Bay Ridge as a dim-witted, party-hearty haven in the short-lived “Jersey Shore” knock off “Brooklyn 11223.”

But even with CB10 approval, the stroll was no walk in the park. Wet weather put a damper on the fun two of the four nights in 2012.

The effort paid off, nonetheless. Event mastermind

Bina Valenzano of the Bookmark Shoppe between 84th and 85th streets said participating stores enjoyed 15–50 percent increases in revenue on the Summer Stroll nights last year.

Summer Stroll, Part One [Third Avenue between 80th and 90th streets, in Bay Ridge] July 19 and 26, 6 pm. Free.

Summer Stroll, Part Two [Third Avenue between 69th and 80th streets, in Bay Ridge] Aug. 9 and 16, 6 pm. Free.



BIG FOR SMALL BUSINESSES: Bina Valenzano, owner of The Bookmark Shoppe on Third Avenue in Bay Ridge, and Charles Otey, editor of the Bay Ridge Eagle, thought last year's Summer Stroll was good for local businesses.

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SEEING STARS: Singer Nelly scored on a grand slam (above). Former LA Dodgers pitcher Steve Garvey and LA Clippers basketball star Matt Barnes (center) showed up for the game at MCU Park on July 12. The event also featured topless men (right) advertising a suit drive for Men's Wearhouse. Photos by Steve Solomonson



Celebrities play ball for a good cause

BY COLIN MIXSON

MCU Park played host to a game of celebrity softball on July 12, where New York Giants defensive end Justin Tuck and heavy-weight boxing champ Evander Holyfield went up against the less-than stellar athleticism of reaty stars such as Vinny Guadagnino of "Jersey Shore" fame.

"It was great, if you like really bad softball," said Bruce Garber, zone operations manager for Men's Wear-

house, who was at the event promoting the clothing chain's annual suit drive.

It was a rainy Friday evening, which got the game off to a late start. It plodded along at a snail's pace, with the less-athletic celebrities doing what they could, and the actual athletes playing it safe to avoid injuries, according to Garber.

"It was kind of a washout," he said. "The players were walking on tip toes

to keep from slipping."

In the end, there were only around 1,000 fans in the stands and the two celebrity teams drew a tie at 10-10, but it was all for a good cause.

Proceeds from the evening went to help victims of Hurricane Sandy, while the folks from Men's Wearhouse, which helped sponsor the event, were able to raise awareness to their suit drive, with which they hope to donate 150,000 suits to men in need.



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Improvements on track for G train

MTA to streamline timetable, add benches

BY DANIELLE FURFARO

The Brooklyn Local deserves a makeover, but the MTA says it doesn't have the money to do it.

On Monday morning, the Metropolitan Transportation Authority released a report that includes a battery of changes it plans to make to appease long-suffering G-train riders, but most won't take effect until the cash-strapped agency finds the dollars needed to get the job done.

The most important improvement — a 25-percent increase in service between 3 pm and 9 pm that would help alleviate overcrowded trains — would require an additional \$700,000, funding state Sen. Daniel Squadron (D-Brooklyn Heights) says he'll help the agency obtain.

In the meantime, the MTA says it will help riders out a little bit with these improvements that will come within the next year:

- Create a more streamlined timetable that will

better interact with the F line schedule, allowing G trains to be better spaced at all 20 stations.

- Pick a standardized place on the platform where the four-car train will stop every time, so riders don't have to guess where to wait for the four-car trains.

- Rearrange benches and trash cans on the platforms so that they are in the area where trains will stop.

- Add public address systems to the 12 G-train stations that currently do not have them.

- Make changes to the way it ushers riders into the trains at the ends of the line at Church Avenue in Kensington and Court Square in Queens.

- Add additional signage to point riders in the right directions.

Those changes were cheered by Squadron, who pushed the agency to conduct a full review of Brooklyn's beloved Toonerville

Trolley to find ways of improving service.

"Now G train riders will be en route to much-needed relief that may one day lead to the G meaning great," said Squadron. "These recommendations will allow the G train to keep pace with skyrocketing growth in Brooklyn."

Members of Riders Alliance, a straphangers activist group, attended the Monday meeting to show their support for the changes. The group has spent the past several months rallying and meeting with the MTA on how to improve service.

"The trains come very infrequently, which is compounded by the fact that they are irregular," said Alexis Saba, who lives of the Clinton-Washington stop in Crown Heights.

"I am happy for these changes, because it means I will not longer have to leave my house half an hour early," she said.



G-WHIZ!: State Sen. Daniel Squadron stands with Rider's Alliance members who helped fight for changes on the G train. Community Newspaper Group / Danielle Furfaro

BUSINESS, BROOKLYN STYLE

Coney Island Hospital Recognized for Clinical Excellence in Women's Health

Healthgrades Award Distinguishes Coney Island Hospital as Top Performer in Maternity Care

The New York City Health and Hospitals (HHC) today announced that two HHC acute care hospitals in Brooklyn earned top performing hospital awards for excellence and superior clinical outcomes in women's health. The awards were presented to Coney Island Hospital and Woodhull Medical and Mental Health Center by Healthgrades, the national organization that helps healthcare consumers evaluate and compare hospital performance. The awards were determined based on quality and safety indicators for hospitals in 18 states and represent the cycle of a woman's healthcare experience — from the needs of starting a family, to caring for their unique health needs.

"We are extremely proud to receive this distinction, which recognizes our commitment to women's health and our tradition of providing outstanding care to women and babies in Brooklyn, particularly as we reopen our Labor and Delivery unit for the first time since Hurricane Sandy," said Arthur Wagner, Executive Director of Coney Island Hospital.

"This recognition offers strong validation of our quality of care and surgical expertise to help prevent unnecessary hospitalizations and complications for women in our community," said George M. Proctor, Executive Director of Woodhull Medical Center.

Coney Island Hospital received

the Healthgrades 2013 Maternity Care Excellence Award and ranked among the top 10% of best performing hospitals for services to mothers during and after childbirth or for the care of their newborn babies. Maternity Care ratings were based on an analysis of complications due to vaginal deliveries and C-sections, and newborn mortality rates. The Healthgrades report highlights that patients treated at 5-star rated hospitals like Coney Island Hospital had 55% fewer complications during a vaginal childbirth delivery and 77% fewer during a C-section delivery than those treated at 1-star rated hospitals.

The Women's Health Center at Coney Island Hospital is a comprehensive practice and inpatient area that offers many of the services female patients will need throughout their lifetime. The hospital has a state-of-the-art labor and delivery suite, a beautiful nursery, and a top neonatal intensive care unit. General obstetric and gynecological care is available six-days-a-week, offering ultrasound specifically for women and other services such as prenatal care, family planning, and HIV testing and counseling.

For more information about Coney Island Hospital or Woodhull Medical Center, visit www.nyc.gov/hhc. For information about the Healthgrades awards, visit: www.Healthgrades.com/quality.

60TH PRECINCT

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Temper tantrum

Police took a man into custody who they say engaged in disorderly conduct at a car service on Neptune Avenue on July 15.

A woman who was at the car service near Brighton Fourth Street at 12:59 am told police she saw the man acting violently — breaking two glass bottles, throwing a large sandbag and trash all over the floor, and repeatedly hitting the partition with a wooden stick.

The woman also said the man yelled several threats and curses at her.

She told police the suspect was drinking alcohol from an open container throughout the incident.

The man has been charged with disorderly conduct, harassment, and consumption of alcohol in public.

Knife to meet you

A man is charged with threatening another man at knifepoint on Mermaid Avenue on July 15.

The victim said he was between W. 16th and W. 17th Streets at 8:25 pm when the suspect approached him brandishing a large kitchen knife and threatening to stab him. Police say the victim was able to take the knife away from the suspect before any damage was done.

The man is charged with criminal possession of a weapon.

Choke valve

A man was arrested for attempting to choke another man on W. 32nd Street on July 10.

The victim said he was in his car near Neptune Avenue at 1:30 pm when the suspect approached, opening the driver's-side door. Police say the suspect choked the victim with both hands and, in the process, broke his rosary beads, which were valued around \$100.

The suspect is charged with attempted assault. — *Scott Hansen*

61ST PRECINCTSHEEPSHEAD BAY-HOMECREST-
MANHATTAN BEACH-GRAVESEND**Sucker punch**

Two 18-year-old men were arrested for allegedly beating and attempting to rob a man on Avenue U on July 12.

The victim told police that he was near E. 29th Street at 7 pm when one of the suspects stopped him, and the other man sucker-punched him across the jaw.

A police officer was nearby to observe the attack, however, and arrested both suspects at the scene, one of whom was found carrying a box-cutter, cops reported.

Crime app

Cops are hunting for a purse snatcher who robbed a 56-year-old woman on E. 18th Street on July 9, taking her handbag that

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contained the victim's iPhone, cards, and \$4,500.

The victim told police she was near Avenue V at 3:50 pm when a man approached her, saying he wanted to ask a question. When the goon was close enough, however, he sprung his attack and latched onto the victim's bag, wrenching it from her hands before fleeing.

Fortunately, police were able to use the iPhone app, "Find My iPhone," and tracked the victim's phone to the lobby of a Brighton Beach Avenue apartment building, cops said.

Time bandits

Two thugs beat and robbed a man on Avenue U on July 3 — bashing him in the head and taking his watch.

The victim told police he was out partying and was on his way to get the bus near W. Seventh Street at 3 am when the fiends bashed him in the back of the head and took \$40 and his watch.

Pistol whipped

A gun-wielding goon beat and robbed a woman of \$300 on Avenue X on July 5.

The victim told police that she was between Haring and Brown streets at 3:20 pm when the suspect attacked her, pistol whipping her several times before throwing her to the ground and making off with her cash.

Beat down

A 35-year-old man was arrested for allegedly beating and robbing another man on E. 14th Street on June 30, taking \$1,260.

The victim told police that he was near Neptune Avenue at 9 pm when the older man punched him twice in the face and ran off with his cash.

Tool time

Some thieves looted an Ocean Parkway construction site on July 11 — taking thousands of dollars in of power tools.

The foreman told police that he and his workers left the site between Avenues R and S after a day's work at 5 pm, and returned at 8 am the next day to find that they were missing seven expensive tools, including a \$7,500 floor sander and a \$2,900 jack hammer.

Cash grab

A crook ransacked a man's Emmons Avenue apartment on July 10, taking \$15,000.

The victim told police that he left his apartment between E. 15th and E. 16th streets at 11 am, and returned shortly after

noon that day to find his front door ajar and \$15,000 missing.

Jewel thief

A burglar stripped an E. 26th Street apartment of jewelry on July 4.

The victim told police that he left his apartment between Kings Highway and Avenue P at 8 pm, and returned at half-past midnight to find he left a window unlocked and that a thief had used the opportunity to take \$500, and \$1,500 worth of jewelry. — *Colin Mixson*

68TH PRECINCT

BAY RIDGE-DYKER HEIGHTS

Shirt off his back

A fashion reject wearing his T-shirt over his face jumped a man for his jewelry on 70th Street on July 9, police say.

The victim reported he was walking between 10th Avenue and Fort Hamilton Parkway at 11 pm when the ruffian ran up behind him and shoved him to the ground. The perp then plucked a platinum ring off the victim's finger and ripped two necklaces — one diamond and one gold — off of his neck.

Donut run

A thief swiped \$200 in cash from a vehicle parked outside a doughnut shop on 71st Street on July 7, according to cops.

The victim told police he left his car with the door unlocked and windows open outside the breakfast joint near Third Avenue at 3 pm and ran in to buy coffee. When he came out half an hour later, his money was gone.

Big beef

A money-hungry villain raided a Fourth Avenue steakhouse on July 14, authorities report.

The victim told cops he closed down the restaurant and bar between 94th and 95th streets at midnight.

When he re-opened at 6:30 am, he discovered a fiend had made off with \$8,000 and a laptop — and had destroyed the establishment's expensive security system.

Dirty 30

A burglar busted into a popular Third Avenue eatery overnight on July 12 — but found just \$30 in the till, police state.

The restaurant's owner said he locked up the Lebanese food emporium 11:30 pm, and returned at 9 am the next day to find the glass of the front door shattered and

the register emptied of the surprisingly small amount.

Locked up

A thug stole a woman's keys on 89th Street on July 11, police report.

The victim said she was walking between Third and Fourth avenues at 2:30 am when the crook ran up behind her and snatched her bag away.

The woman pursued the perp for half a block before finding he had dropped her purse on the ground — without her keys inside.

62ND PRECINCT

BENSONHURST-BATH BEACH

Running on empty

A petroleum-thirsty perp stole 300 gallons of gas from a Kings Highway station on July 14 or 15, cops report.

The depot owner said he closed his business near the corner of Stillwell Avenue at 11 pm and returned the next day 11:15 pm to find someone had broken the nozzle on one of the pumps — and had drained out more than a thousand dollars worth of gas.

Off the rim

A crook jacked the tires and flashy hubcap covers from a vehicle left on Shore Parkway on July 11, police state.

The victim said he parked his car near the corner of Bay 13th Street at 12:01 am. When he came back, he found a thief had made off with his treads and rims.

Gym rat

A lowlife lifted a woman's cash-stuffed bag from the locker of an 86th Street gym, according to cops.

The victim reported that she put her bag — with \$500 inside — in the compartment at the fitness facility between 19th and 20th avenues at 6 pm and went to work out. When she returned, the pocketbook was gone.

Padded down

A villain yinked a woman's iPad right out of her hands on 83rd Street on July 9, authorities allege.

The victim told cops she was walking between 23rd and 24th avenues at 9:50 pm when the punk ran up and snatched the pricey gadget away.

The perp then fled with two companions toward 24th Avenue.

Slice and dice

Three thugs cut up a man on 71st Street on July 10, police report.

The victim said that he was near 16th Avenue at 11 pm when the terrible trio came up and demanded his cash.

When he refused, one of savages pulled out a blade and slashed open the man's arm and hand. — *Will Bredderman*



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Kids get special day in Luna Park

BY MELISSA GOLDIN

Nearly 70 families and almost 20 police officers came out to the NYPD Anchor Club's annual widows and children outing at Luna Park on July 9 to enjoy a day at the world-famous destination.

The excursion, which is part of a series of events held each year for the families of NYPD officers who have died on and off duty, is all about providing a special day for the kids.

"We give the kids a day to smile and be happy and let them know they're never forgotten and that no matter what they're still part of our family," said Anchor Club president Mike McInnis.

Attendees went for a spin on the rides at Luna Park, checked out a fully restored vintage police car, and chowed down at a barbecue. Mounted police officers, police dogs, and an NYPD emergency services vehicle came out to the event as well. The group



CRUISING: From left, Joly Maginnis and Julia Barnett explored a vintage police car at the NYPD Anchor Club's event in Coney Island on July 9.

Photo by Arthur De Gaeta

then headed to Sheepshead Bay and an NYPD harbor unit took the kids out on its boats.

"It's not going to bring back the person that was killed, but I think it's nice," said Maureen Brisette, a Wantagh, Long Island resident who has come to the

Coney Island outing nearly every year since her brother was killed in 1989. "The Anchor Club really never forgets the families of the cops that were killed."

The Anchor Club is a branch of the Knights of Columbus, a fraternal benefits organization which both

raises money and volunteers for charitable causes. It was founded in 1922 and is made up of both active and retired police officers. Other Anchor Club functions include a Christmas party in December and ice skating at Rockefeller Center in March.

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Gardeners protest pipeline

BY COLIN MIXSON

A coalition of gardeners and environmentalists protested the Rockaway Delivery Lateral, a proposed natural gas pipeline to run along Flatbush Avenue that they claim would definitely harm local wildlife and possibly cause a catastrophic explosion.

The demonstrators lined Flatbush Avenue on Sunday with signs displaying facts about the pipeline and its accompanying metering station that they hope will persuade the public to join their crusade against its construction. If the pipeline is built it will carry highly explosive, pressurized natural gas.

"Most people don't know about this. People don't know that these things could explode as they're driving past," said JK Canepa, a member of the Coalition Against the Rockaway Pipeline. "One of the reasons we were out there was to give the public information, so their voices can be taken into account."

The protest took place



PUT THAT IN YOUR PIPE: Members of the Coalition Against the Rockaway Pipeline lined Flatbush Avenue in protest of the proposed natural gas pipeline that the Williams Company wants to bury under Floyd Bennett Field.

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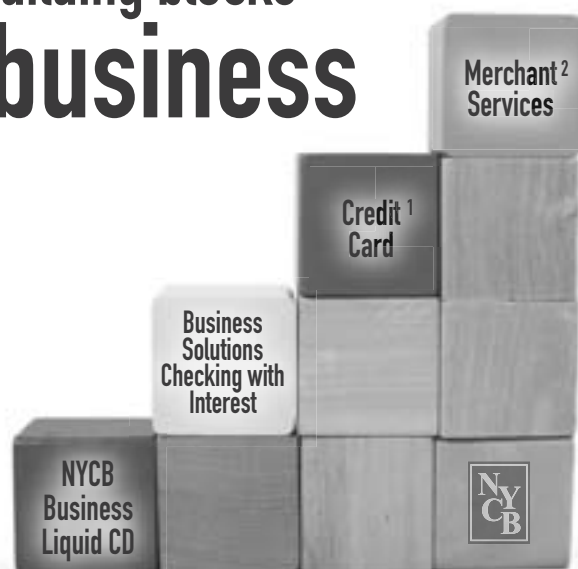
the same day that National Grid, a supplier of electricity and natural gas, was laying pipes that would connect to the Rockaway pipeline, in anticipation of what many consider to be a done deal.

The protestors had camped overnight at Floyd Bennett Field, where the Floyd Bennett community garden, a plot of land set aside for locals to grow fruits and vegetables, is located. The old air field is also the home to Hangars One and Two, where the Williams

Company, a natural gas supplier and operator of the proposed Rockaway pipeline, hopes to install metering and regulatory stations.

The Floyd Bennett Garden Association, the 500 gardeners who utilize the community garden, and other environmentalists, are concerned that methane, which the nearby metering station will vent, will create a noxious environment for their placid, outdoorsy hobby, as well as obliterate the local fowl population, according to gardener Lois Pinetree.

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Rabbi gets permits for new synagogue

City grants variances over objections



GOING UP: The city said it was OK for owners of an Avenue N lot to build a synagogue on their, despite the protests of neighborhood opponents who say the over-sized house of worship will eat up their precious parking spots.
Photo by Steve Solomonson

BY COLIN MIXSON

The Board of Standards and Appeals awarded Rabbi Moishe Bergman and his congregation, Khal Bnei Avrohom Yaakov, the variances required to build a synagogue on Avenue N near E. 27th Street in Midwood, over the objections of some neighboring homeowners.

The agency cited a 1968 ruling from the Court of Appeals of New York to justify its decision to support the synagogue.

"A religious institution's application is to be permitted unless it can be shown to have an adverse effect upon the health, safety, or welfare of the community," the agency's decision read. "General concerns about traffic and disruption of the residential character of a neighborhood are insufficient grounds for the denial of an application."

The Court of Appeals ruling was made in the case of Westchester Reform Temple v. Frederick W. Brown more than 40 years ago. Recent federal laws like the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act in 2000 show that practice

of easing regulations for religious buildings with regards to zoning is not a thing of the past.

For unwelcoming neighbors, those laws and rulings make preventing the construction of religious buildings a tough nut to crack, despite zoning, according to Community Board 14 Chairman Alvin Berk.

"Decisions like RLUIPA, and other state and city rulings, make it very hard for neighbors to fight religious developments," he said.

But that's still not stopping the Murphy family, which lives on E. 27th Street near Avenue N, from trying.

Mary Ellen Murphy has penned several letters to the Board of Standards and Appeals opposing the ruling, as well as looking for help from Councilman Jumaane Williams and from the Board of Standards and Appeals itself.

Now that the congregation has permission to build a simcha hall that can seat more than 200 members in its basement, it will clog up parking in the surrounding blocks, says Murphy. "Simcha" means "festive occa-

sion" in Hebrew.

"That simcha hall is going to be open every day," she said. "Parking is going to be a huge issue."

Furthermore, Murphy's husband, Bob, said the box-shaped synagogue will stick out like a sore thumb.

"If you tell me it's in character with the other houses in the neighborhood, you're blind," he said.

Community Board 14 did not support synagogue opponents in May 2012, when it voted 27-4 in favor of the plans, albeit with the stipulation that the simcha hall only be used for member-sponsored events.

If the Murphys have any consolation, however, it's that even if the community board had sided with them against the project, the Board of Standards and Appeals probably would not have, according to Berk.

"If the community board were to vote against the zoning variance, with the current legislative climate, the BSA would approve the variance despite the our objections," he said.

Rabbi Bergman did not return calls for comment.

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At Hinsch's, the signs they are a'changing!



GONE, BUT NOT FORGOTTEN: Somewhere, taps is playing for Hinsch's original projecting sign. Photo by Arthur De Gaeta

BY WILL BREDDERMAN
Hinsch's legendary luncheonette has lost its iconic neon signs — and owner Mike Moudatsos says that, while one will return, the other is gone forever.

Moudatsos — who bought the classic Fifth Avenue counter in March — said that both the light-up sign directly above the door, and the jutting marquee fixed to the second story, had suffered damage and needed to be taken down.

Moudatsos said the neon name over the entrance that welcomed customers for 65 years shorted out last week while workers were cleaning the exterior of the building. He sent the sign in for repairs, and vowed it would return by July 19. But the owner said the projecting beacon that caught the eyes of passersby on 85th and 86th streets with promises of “Candy” and “Soda” had deteriorated over the decades and posed a public hazard.

“They didn’t clean the sign for so many years, everything’s destroyed, all the



SIGN OF THE TIMES: New Hinsch's owner, Mike Moudatsos, said the classic sign over the entrance suffered damage during a cleaning of the exterior, and needed to be repaired. But he said Hinsch's old hanging sign was a public danger, and had to be replaced entirely. Community Newspaper Group \ Vince DiMiceli

lights are rusted out. It was ready to fall,” said Moudatsos.

Moudatsos — who owns a chain of souvlaki joints bearing his name in Staten Island — announced from the outset that he intended to tweak the ice cream parlor’s moniker to “Mike’s Hinsch’s.” But he promised to keep the essence of the eatery the same — despite his having radically

transformed a throwback A&W carhop on the Rock.

“We’re going to try to keep the place like it is, we’re not going to go crazy,” the Greek diner mogul said at the time. “The place has been here 60-plus years, and people like the place, the neighborhood wants it to stay the way it is.”

Moudatsos bought the financially flailing greasy spoon and ice cream parlor

from Skinflints owners Gerard Bell and Bill Gardell, and their partner Roger Desmond. The trio had themselves saved the beloved eatery from closure in 2011.

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In the modern world, swimming pools have had many faces — from above-ground to in-ground; from those in legendary, family destinations such as Palisades Amusement Park in New Jersey where a salt-water swimming pool was added in 1912, to those luxurious pools and spas found in world-famous resort settings. Current trends in residential swimming pools point to more intimate and natural settings that combine the backyard swimming experi-



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Fidler's mole

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or are considering endorsing Oberman.

Fidler's poison pen letter goes on to say that he and his campaign were aware there must have been a spy in their midst, saying that "information about our efforts with Russian speaking voters was leaking like a sieve within minutes." But he only suspected that Oberman was the culprit when he saw his volunteer celebrating with Storobin at his opponent's victory party.

"The culprit revealed himself on election night, when Igor Oberman appeared at the Storobin victory party (weeks before the results could be known, if you recall) with his arms raised in triumph, interlocked with Storobin," Fidler wrote.

A spokeswoman for Oberman said that the Brighton Beach attorney stopped by both parties as a liaison with the Russian community to congratulate both candidates on hard-fought campaigns.

Fidler described Oberman as a volunteer and an official endorser in his campaign for state Senate, which he ultimately lost to Storobin by a mere 13 votes. Oberman was privy to an e-mail list in which campaign plans were discussed and implemented, according to Fidler.

David Storobin flatly rejected any suggestion that he had employed Oberman as a spy in his campaign for state Senate in a phone interview, saying that, seeing as how Oberman attended his fund-raiser and was an early donor in his campaign, he would have to be crazy to retain Oberman's clandestine services for one simple reason — it would be too obvious.

"That would have been ridiculous, considering everyone saw he came to my fund-raiser and donated money to my campaign," said Storobin. "So it would have been preposterous to employ him as a mole."

Campaign finance records show that Oberman did donate \$250 to Storobin, but Oberman's campaign pointed out that he made the contribution later in the year, during Storobin's unsuccessful re-election campaign against Simcha Felder.

Storobin, however, said that he dis-



MOLE MEN: In a letter sent to several unions and political clubs, Councilman Lew Fidler fingered Council candidate Igor Oberman as a "mole" in his unsuccessful 2012 special-election campaign for state Senate. File photo

tinctly remembered Oberman attending his fund-raiser on January 19, 2012, in the lead-up to his race against Fidler. The Oberman campaign said that was not true.

"Oberman did not attend a January fund-raiser for Storobin nor has he attended any fund-raiser for him," said spokeswoman Chelsea Connor. She said the late 2012 contribution to Storobin "was made as a personal friend ... despite the fact that Oberman does not agree with him politically."

Ironically, if Oberman prevails in the Democratic primary, his opponent in November will likely be Storobin, who is running on the Republican, Conservative, and School Choice lines in the race.

In the primary, Oberman faces district leader Ari Kagan, Community Board 15 chairwoman Theresa Scavo, public-interest lawyer Natraj Bhushan, and Chaim Deutsch, chief of operations for the term-limited incumbent Michael Nelson.

As for why Fidler decided to make the inflammatory accusations, Storobin ascribed the provocative move to sour grapes.

"This is just Lew Fidler being Lew Fidler," said Storobin. "He's a bitter man trying to stay relevant by picking a fight."

Zomtrees

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"I've called 311 several times," said Cynthia Stonbely, whose Shore Road terrace overlooks the Belt Parkway, where the branches of dead trees hang ominously overhead. "Nobody ever comes down."

Stonbely says she hasn't seen any city foresters chopping down the dead trees in Shore Road Park near her house, where dozens of dead, saltwater-logged trees loom over the west-bound lane of the Belt Parkway, threatening to topple over onto the thoroughfare at any mo-

ment. One of arboreal zombies already caused havoc on the Belt several weeks ago when it fell across the major traffic artery during the morning rush.

Fortunately, there were no wrecks in that instance, only a major backup as city workers hustled to clear the tree-clogged lanes, but the Bay Ridge resident says there are still plenty of trees just waiting to elicit shouts of "timber," and she's not taking any chances.

"I won't don't drive in the right-hand lane," said Stonbely. "I'm afraid the trees are going to fall."

And motorists on the Belt aren't the only ones

who should be wary of falling wood.

Locals say grannies, nannies, and infants strolling through the park could be the first victims of the dead trees' revenge, as many of the storm-ravaged branches of the neglected, ailing plants appear poised to snap.

"There's a lot of grandmas and nannies with strollers, and I don't think they're aware of the danger," said Joyce Ayoub, who also lives near the park in a Shore Road apartment. "It's scary."

The Parks Department, which is responsible for the upkeep of the trees, did not return calls for comment.



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Brooklynites make own TV show

Comedy group raises \$85,000 to create six-episode sitcom

BY MELISSA GOLDIN

Plenty of young Brooklynites call themselves budding filmmakers, but a group of borough-based comedians are actually working to make their dreams a reality by raising more than \$85,000 to cover the costs of producing their own independent television series.

Dinner for One, a sketch comedy troupe that has produced videos for the popular humor website Funny or Die, raised \$85,511 this spring on Mobcaster from 157 donors to create a six-episode situation comedy series that they hope to sell to a television network or some other distributor, such as Netflix, Hulu, or Amazon. Mobcaster is a website where independent producers can utilize crowd-funding to finance and screen their own shows.

Among their backers is actor Paul Giamatti, a Brooklyn Heights resident and star of the films "Sideways" and "Cinderella Man."

Called "Life Sucks," the comedy series follows the lives of three 13-year-old students who must move past their social stigmas to help each other make it through the hormone-fueled chaos that is middle school. The show also hopes to address the awkward feelings many people still have about that time in their lives. The show will start filming on July 22 at MS 88 in the South Slope.

"Instead of paying for therapy we're making a TV show out of it," said Kyle Miller, the show's producer, co-creator, and co-writer. "We wanted to embrace the moments that still make us cringe."

Dinner for One was formed in Boston about five years ago by six Emerson College students: Allyson Condrath, Max Fox, Jake Mann, Ian Wexler, Alex Zagey, and Miller.

After graduating in 2011, the six together moved to the borough, settling in Bay Ridge and Prospect Leffert's Gardens. Since then, the troupe has performed sold-out shows at the improvisational theaters Upright Citizens Brigade and Peoples Improv Theater. Two of their videos on Funny or Die have garnered thousands of views. A parody of HBO's "Girls" called "Robots" has more than 18,000 views, and "Zach Braff is ruining Kickstarter for the rest of us" has more than 25,000.

In 2012, the troupe created a 20-minute video intended to be the pilot

show for "Life Sucks."

They entered the video into two competitions at the New York Television Festival — the Comedy Central Short Pilot Competition and the Independent Pilot Competition. After the video landed among the top 25 entries, the troupe was approached by Aubrey Levy, the co-founder of Mobcaster. Levy encouraged them to start a campaign on the website to fund a season of six episodes.

Dinner for One has also teamed up with the California-based Proximity Theatre Company, of which Wexler was one of the founding members. They plan to run a theater workshop for middle schools while the series is being filmed. The first 45 kids who sign up will be featured as extras in the series.



PRETEEN PURGATORY: Sketch comedy group members Jake Mann and Ian Wexler shake Kyle Miller down for his lunch money while Max Fox looks on for the group's new, independent television series called "Life Sucks," which explores the trials and tribulations of middle school. Photo by Elizabeth Graham

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Slopers sign off on slower streets

CB6 OKs plan to 'calm' Fourth Avenue

BY NATALIE MUSUMECI

A Park Slope panel has changed course and approved the city's controversial plan to radically redesign a dangerous stretch of Fourth Avenue after it shot down a slightly different proposal last month.

Last Wednesday night, Community Board 6 voted 21 to 3 in favor of a traffic-slowing plan that reduces car lanes in both directions from three to two to make room for wider parking spaces and fatter pedestrian islands. The approved plan addresses a 1.4-mile stretch where 53 people were killed or severely injured between 2007 and 2011, according to the city. The plan will also ban some left turns along the 28-block stretch from 15th Street to Atlantic Avenue.

The board finally approved the plan following a four-hour public hearing, with the condition that the Department of Transportation come back in one year to review its effect.

"It took a little time, but we definitely made the right decision," said CB6 transportation committee member Gary Reilly, who also backed the first city proposal. "If we failed to act, more people will be hurt and someone will die."

Last month, the community board rejected the transportation agency's initial proposal, even though the board's transportation committee approved it. Opponents feared the plan banned too many left turns.

But after the vote, activists and concerned residents passionately pushed the board to reconsider. The original plan was the city's response to complaints residents made at a public workshop in the neighborhood in February about narrow medians, double parking, cars speeding on the boulevard, and other hazardous pedestrian conditions.

"Fourth Avenue is so



A GO FOR LEFT TURN BANS: Community Board 6 voted on Wednesday to approve a controversial city plan that would ban six left turns along dangerous Fourth Avenue and reduce car lanes from three to two in both directions.

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dangerous — I feel so unsafe crossing the street with my children," said activist Grace Freedman of Saint Marks Place. She called the board's initial rejection "unjust," considering the proposal had garnered a large amount of community input before it was developed.

But the city came back to the community board with some minor changes to its initial proposal, such as banning only six left turns instead of eight, which was enough to win approval this time around.

"We understand that maybe eight was too many," said project manager Jesse Mintz-Roth. The city expects to implement the upgrades this summer.

Left turns will no longer be allowed by Bay Ridge-bound traffic at Dean Street, Third Street, Ninth Street and 14th Street. Downtown-bound traffic will no longer be allowed to make left turns onto Eighth Street and 13th Street. The initial proposal had also banned turns onto Degraw and Butler streets. At those intersections, the short turning bays will become part of wider pedestrian islands that will be marked by lane delineators.

Only Downtown-bound lanes from Carroll Street to Atlantic Avenue will retain the three-lane structure. The

previous plan called for lane transition to start at Union Street. The two-block extension will allow the stretch to flow easier, said Mintz-Roth.

At intersections keeping the existing turn lanes, the medians will broaden from two feet to six feet, and the 11-foot cross walk median will expand to up to 19 feet.

Many people applauded the new plan, but some residents who opposed the left-turn bans said they were fearful that traffic would spillover onto narrower residential streets, such as Fifth Street and 10th Street, and that it would create more congestion from the Barclays Center and other developments on the strip.

"I really do think that part is a mistake," said CB6 member James Bernard of Park Slope, who voted against both plans. "I just think we need to be able to make a left turn on Ninth Street and Third Street."

Transportation officials said that the new plan closely mirrors Sunset Park's recently redesigned Fourth Avenue traffic lanes from 15th to 65th streets.

In Bay Ridge, Community Board 10 voted to delay the vote on the revamp until the fall because some members opposed creating a concrete pedestrian median on the strip.

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McGolrick mayhem

Teen vandals set fire, threaten puppies

BY DANIELLE FURFARO

A gang of marauding teenagers is terrorizing McGolrick Park in Greenpoint, breaking park benches, setting fire to the maintenance building — and threatening local puppies with death, neighbors say.

Residents claim gangs of teens have caused trouble in the park, located between Russell and Monitor streets and Driggs and Nassau avenues, for years, but that the youths launched a particularly vicious campaign last week, brazenly vandalizing the park in broad daylight and setting fire to the maintenance building last Tuesday night — and holding a knife to the neck of one park-goers' pooch.

"I saw this one kid throwing paint on the ground and spreading it around with a stick in the middle of the day," said Ben Moss, who lives across the street from the park. "The Parks Department was still there, but they were powerless to stop this kid."

Moss added that he no longer wants to go into the park because he fears the teens.

"One time, I was walking through the park and they threw a ball at me," he said. "I'm scared to confront them. They are such a big group of strong kids who seem aggressive."

The Fire Department quickly squelched

the fire that was set at 9:36 pm on Tuesday night, but it knocked out power to the entire park, and it still has not been restored.

"We are having a concert there tonight, so now I have to go get a generator," said Holly Fairall, co-chair of Friends of McGolrick Park, on Friday. "We are wasting so much time and energy and money fixing these messes rather than dealing with the problem so it does not keep happening."

As if the arson wasn't enough, the teens continued to terrorize the park after the fire. They came back on Wednesday and Thursday nights to tag more walls and pour more paint on the ground, and according to Fairall, a group of teens held a knife up to the throat of a dog who was walking through the park with its owner on Thursday night.

"The dog's owner was livid," said Fairall. "She spent all day in the police station."

Det. Brian Sessa said the department is investigating the fire and the graffiti and plans to step up patrols in the park.

Fairall met with members of the NYPD as well as Assemblyman Joe Lentol (D-Wil-



INSULT TO INJURY: Park volunteer Larry Smith (left) points out some of the damage caused by the arson fire that someone set in the McGolrick Park maintenance building. Not only did the vandals set fire to the building and tag it with spray paint, but they went back in, stole paint that was stored there and poured it all over the sidewalk (right). They also painted a string of obscenities all over the park (below).



Photos by Stefano Giovannini

liamsburg) and Councilman Steve Levin (D-Williamsburg) on Friday afternoon, and brainstormed for ideas on how to stop the onslaught — including possibly closing the park at dusk instead of at 1 a.m.

"There is no reason people should be hanging out in the park at midnight just to cause trouble," said Fairall.

She said she will organize a public meeting on the issue within the next few weeks.



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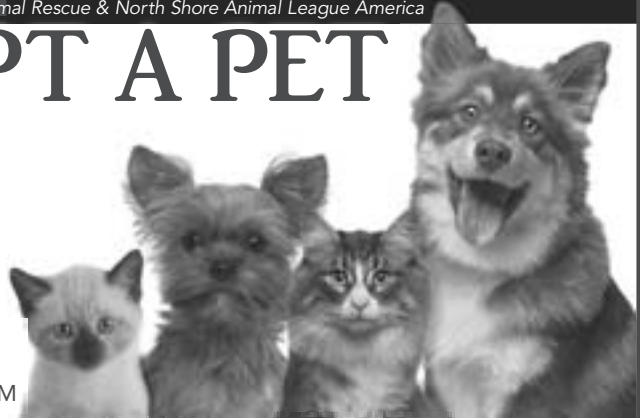
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Senior run down on Bay Pkwy

Bensonhurst woman killed while crossing the street

BY COLIN MIXSON

A 79-year-old woman was struck by a car and killed while crossing Bay Parkway a block away from her Bensonhurst home on July 13. Police, firefighters, and paramedics rushed to the accident near 72nd Street after witnesses called 911 at 9:07 pm, when they found 79-year-old King Fong lying in the street unconscious.

The driver, who remained at the scene, was driving his Dodge sedan south down Bay Parkway when he struck Fong as she attempted to cross the street, according to police.

Fong was talking on her cellphone and crossing against the lights when she was struck, according to a New York Post report.

The victim was declared dead after paramedics took her to Lutheran Medical Center, according to police.



HIT: Police investigate the scene near 72nd Street where 79-year-old King Fong was hit and killed while crossing Bay Parkway on Saturday.

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Ambulance co. 'fesses up to fraud

BY WILL BREDDERMAN
A Brighton Beach ambulance company took the state for a ride — and now it will have to pay the fare.

Majestic Ambulette — headquartered on Brighton 11th Street between Brighton Beach and Oceanview avenues — pleaded guilty to Medicaid fraud on July 10, and agreed to refund the state the more than \$560,000 it had received illegally between 2008 and 2010.

Majestic admitted that it had hired ambulances from I & E Transportation — a company without state certification — to transport people to Brooklyn medical centers, and then billed the state Medicaid office for the cost. The law explicitly forbids such subcontracting to an unapproved transportation service. For every trip Medicaid reimbursed, Majestic would give 80 percent of the money to I & E and skim off 20 percent for itself. The total cost to taxpayers exceeded \$3.45 million for 9,083 rides with



MEDICAID MARSHAL: New York Attorney General Eric Schneiderman busted Majestic Ambulette, a Brighton Beach ambulance company, for stealing \$560,000 from Medicaid. Associated Press

Majestic turning a tidy \$561,119 profit.

To cover its tire tracks, the crooked company registered the I & E vehicles under the Majestic name. But a joint state and federal

task force ferreted out the crime.

“The theft of taxpayer funds, and especially dollars meant to provide health care to those in need, cannot be tolerated,”

said New York State Attorney General Eric Schneiderman.

Majestic owner Igor Gekhtbar pleaded guilty in May to falsifying business records.

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Block party to bring back old Brooklyn

BY COLIN MIXSON

A young woman in Sheepshead Bay has taken it upon herself to restore to her little corner of Brooklyn an American tradition that had been lost in the wake of a culture clash, but may yet be restored in the aftermath of a hurricane.

Christina Iannotti, who has lived in Sheepshead Bay all her life, misses the feeling of community she remembers from the Brooklyn of her youth, when front stoops were like village squares and neighbors chatted daily like an extended family.

She wants to recreate that feeling by bringing her neighborhood together in the best way she knows how, through a festival that can only be shared among neighbors: a block party.

"I am trying to bring back the old Brooklyn," she said. "Back when everyone said hello to one another and we all sat in front of our houses until 1 am just talking and laughing and enjoying a beautiful summer night. It would be a great

start to a new direction in our community."

Iannotti lives on E. 21st Street, on the block between Voorhies Avenue and Shore Parkway, in the house her grandparents bought when her father was 10. Today, the three-story home stands like a diagram displaying three generations of Iannotti's family. Her grandmother lives on the top floor, her parents in the middle, and Christina sleeps in the basement apartment made especially for her.

But after 27 years, the block is no longer the one she grew up on. The friends she had as a child — the ones she played with every day outside on the street — began heading off in middle school to greener, suburban pastures as their families moved to Long Island and New Jersey.

However, the departing families weren't replaced by native-born Americans who enjoyed long roots in the borough. Almost every empty house was filled by someone from a foreign

land. Most were immigrants from Russia or eastern Europe, but almost all were fresh from the old country. Many barely spoke English, making them difficult for Iannotti to befriend.

"All of a sudden there were more foreigners," said Iannotti. "They didn't speak English, and they weren't introducing themselves."

Iannotti didn't have the concerns typical of residents in a changing neighborhood. The immigrants weren't taking her job and she wasn't worried about a "bad element" moving in next door. She was just a girl upset that there were fewer kids living on the block, and thus fewer playmates. She was also disheartened to see the front porches where her parents and neighbors had once sat gabbing late into the night become vacant.

After a time, the strange distance between the neighbors on E. 21st Street became the norm. Iannotti went to college, got a job working with children, and had a son

of her own. She grew up, and gave up on ever again knowing the neighborhood feeling of her youth.

Then, Hurricane Sandy hit Brooklyn.

Amid the flooding, falling trees, and power outages, the estranged neighbors on the block changed. They realized they had to rely on each other.

"If somebody needed a bottle of water, suddenly someone was there to help," said Iannotti.

After years of living next to people without knowing their names, and walking by them without speaking, somehow a switch had been flipped in everyone's heads, and a collection of strangers suddenly became a group of friends — a neighborhood.

"It wasn't, 'that's the guy who lives in the blue house,' it was, 'this is so-and-so, they have a few kids and they're nice people,'" said Iannotti. "That's how it was after."

The block party is set for July 20, but Iannotti is hoping it will feel like a Saturday from long ago.



AN IANNOTTI BLOCK PARTY: Christina Iannotti, top right, with her dad Bill, top left, her mom Louise, center left, her son Vincent, neighbor Naomi Loriga, and cousin Vanessa Latimer. Christina's trying to bring her estranged neighbors together for an old-school Brooklyn block party.

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Battle of the bags at Slope Co-op

BY NATALIE MUSUMECI

First they came for the plastic bags. Now they are coming for the *other* plastic bags.

A proposal to banish plastic produce bags — the kind used by patrons to store cucumbers and apples while they shop — from the Park Slope Food Co-op is tearing the famously progressive, shopper-run grocery store apart.

Co-op bean counters are at odds with the store's environmental committee (yes, it has one, as all businesses should), which is lobbying to stop freely offering the more than 7,000 plastic roll bags the store's customers use a day, and which end up in landfills.

"This proposal is a good step toward lightening our plastic footprint," said Jenna Spevack, an environmental committee member who added that patrons would be free to bring their own plastic produce bags and reuse them. "The goal is to encourage reuse, and

many members have started to carry a few bags in their purse or backpack."

But other members say nixing the widely used plastic bags for a pricier non-plastic alternative will cost members more money, make it harder for customers to shop, and could present a hygienic issue for those who choose to protect their food with the plastic bags for sanitary reasons, according to a thorough argument against the proposal post on the grocery store's website.

The co-op successfully banned plastic shopping bags from the store in 2008, but the managers say that stripping the store of the plastic roll bags used to carry items like organic bunched kale and bulk grains would be detrimental for business and may even push some members to quit the 40-year-old co-op.

"Operationally it will be disruptive and I think it would upset people," said Anne Herpel, a manager at the store. "It would have

greater unintended consequences."

She claimed that removing the plastic roll bags will likely change shoppers' habits and could even force them to switch to pricier pre-packaged items instead of the loose, locally grown fare if they forget to bring a reusable bag and opt to not buy a cotton muslin drawstring bag for \$1.25 at the co-op.

Still, the environmental committee, which pushed to have a charge for the roll bags included in the 2008 ban of plastic shopping bags, said that the free distribution of the plastic roll bags violates the co-op's environmental policy and mission statement, according to a slide show detailing the proposal.

The bags are made from cheap, nonrenewable natural gas, which encourages to the controversial practice of fracking, and goes against the co-op's stance against fracking, according to the environmental committee.

The proposal to get rid

of the plastic roll bags was originally up for a vote by membership at a meeting of the co-op in May, but the vote was postponed because the several hundred members that showed up could not all fit in the auditorium at Fifth Avenue's MS 51.

The vote will be rescheduled for the fall once the co-op secures a larger meeting space, said Herpel.

Until then, some members of the grocery store are hoping that the proposal does not go through.

"I would not be happy," said frequent shopper Beth Kleber, who uses the plastic bags to carry items like vegetables and cilantro. "I understand their motives and that their hearts are in the right place, but I just don't agree with going cold turkey like that."

The co-op's roll-bag strife isn't the only plastic bag controversy going on in the Slope.

Last month, the neighborhood reasserted its role in the vanguard of the anti-



REUSABLE: Beth Kleber will have to start buying these reusable cotton bags for \$1.25 at the Park Slope Food Co-op if the progressive grocery store stops providing plastic roll bags (inset).

Photos by Stefano Giovannini

plastic-shopping-bag movement when an environmental-advocacy coalition involving Councilman Brad

Lander (D-Park Slope) rallied to demand that the city ban the ubiquitous shopping paraphernalia.



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Lydia 'Buffy' Buffington, Gowanus activist, dies at 61

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BY SHAVANA ABRUZZO

Adored Brooklyn activist Lydia "Buffy" Buffington, who helped seniors obtain affordable housing and distributed toys to children during the holidays, died peacefully in her sleep at her Carroll Gardens home on July 3. She was 61.

The community liaison for the Gowanus Canal Community Development Corporation had a heart condition, but she was in

owner of D'Amico Foods on Court and Degraw streets.

D'Amico said she and Buffington sold raffle tickets at the annual Court Street fairs, where people made a beeline for the vivacious woman with the infectious smile.

"Lydia was larger than life," she said. "She knew how to work a room."

Fellow Court Street merchant Vincent Mazzone, of Mazzone Hardware at Fourth Place, recalled how Buffington enlivened Yuletide tree lightings at Carroll Park with gifts she bought herself.

"Lydia would come with boxes of nice items to give away to the children, and she refused to be reimbursed," he said. "It made a big difference in the event."

Smart as a whip and multi-lingual, Buffington, a former media executive for JC Penney, also served on the economic, waterfront and housing committees of Community Board 6. But her focus, as the 17-year "heart and soul" of the Gowanus Canal Community Development Corporation, was directing seniors to low-rent housing opportunities — often accompanying them to court appointments, said her boss.

"Lydia would offer hope to people, and you could see

the person become encouraged, knowing they were in the hands of someone who cared," said Bill Appel, the group's executive director.

Buffington's own life wasn't spared tragedy.

She was the youngest of seven siblings, whose parents buried two children before emigrating from Puerto Rico to the U.S. mainland when she was less than a year old. She took on her niece Ana Lydia and her

nephew Carlos as her own after her sister Martha died in 1993. Buffington's husband Rick passed away in 2007.

Yet the hardships didn't detract her from her work, which could become intense at times.

Buddy Scotto, of Scotto Funeral Home on Court Street and First Place, where her wake was held, remembered a highly charged meeting a few years ago, when the community met to

discuss a potential business improvement district for the area. Landlords, who didn't want to incur the extra expense, battled the idea — a fight Buffington found literally overwhelming, according to Scotto.

"Lydia actually fainted because she was so committed to the cause," he said.

Lydia Buffington's good works and generosity of spirit will live on in her beloved Carroll Gardens,

agreed close friends and associates.

Lydia Buffington was cremated at Greenwood Cemetery, and her remains were brought to Long Island to rest alongside her late husband Rick Buffington. She is survived by her siblings Janice Treglia, and John and Berhman Castanon, in addition to six nieces and nephews, and eight great nieces and nephews.



MISSED: Lydia "Buffy" Buffington, late community liaison for the Gowanus Canal Community Development Corporation.

good spirits at a recent family picnic, according to relatives. Buffington, a widow, was also seen out and about on Court Street — a commercial strip she helped to beautify with new trees and bright lights — a few days before her death.

"I was having breakfast with my husband at Le Petit Cafe, and Lydia was sitting at the next table with friends," said Joan D'Amico,

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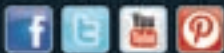
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Gary Wagner

Military builds an ecofriendly facility

HARBOR WATCH

A ground-breaking ceremony on July 9 celebrated the start of construction for a \$62-million project that will both decrease energy costs for military commands on Naval Support Facility (NSF) Indian Head, Md., and demolish the last remaining coal-fired power plant operated by the Navy.

The project will modernize utility services on Naval Support Facility Indian Head, Md., that are critical to sustaining key mission capabilities on the installation. It will provide the installation with decentralized steam and a 3.5 megawatt co-generation facility for electricity and steam.

Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Energy Thomas Hicks praised the project for its cost savings and efficiencies, as well as its strategic value.

"What it's about is improving our capabilities in the fleet—our combat capabilities, our warfighting capabilities—by reduc-

ing our vulnerabilities to increasingly volatile fuel costs. Ashore, [it's about] reducing our vulnerabilities associated with increasingly brittle electric grids and modernizing our system to be more resilient, more efficient," said Hicks.

Energy efficiency is critical as the Navy seeks to meet half of its energy needs through alternative sources by 2020, said Hicks.

"What you see here is a project that is going to save the Navy \$7.5 million a year in the tough fiscal environment that we're in and that we're going to be facing for several years, if not a decade or more. We're going to need projects like this that deliver those types of savings."

"This project will fundamentally transform the steam distribution system at Indian Head," said Capt. Peter Nette, commanding officer for Naval Support Activity South Potomac, as he welcomed guests in the opening program for

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Bros running for health

The Novotnys share their love of exercise with their families

HARBOR WATCH

Two brothers have turned a passion for running and fitness into a lifestyle that impacts just about every facet of their lives.

Lt. Col. Ryan Novotny, and his younger brother, Maj. Reid Novotny, have taken the sport of long-distance running into a friendly competition and have involved their families in making running and fitness a way of life.

"My wife, Betsy, and I decided before having children that we would make eating fresh food and exercising a family effort," said Ryan. He explained that he and his wife encourage their kids to participate in as many different sports as possible. "Our goal is to set a good example for our children and show them that fitness is a lifelong pursuit."

To Reid, being fit helps him deal with — not only normal conditions — but those stressful situations as well. He says fitness goes beyond the physical task of simply exercising.

Ryan, a congressional legislative liaison in Washington, and Reid, who is on his way to take command of a communications squadron in Japan, are both long-distance runners, competing in four marathons and a half marathon together and eight marathons separately.

The Novotny brothers grew up in an environment where friendly competition was encouraged, whether it was on the playing field or in the living room playing board games. That culture of competition between the two Air Force officers continues to this day.



ENDURANCE: Maj. Reid Novotny kneels in front of a Boston Marathon banner the day before he and his brother, Lt. Col. Ryan Novotny, competed in the marathon.

US Air Force

"I held the Novotny brother record for a while, until Ryan ran his first marathon after setting his sights on qualifying for Boston," said Reid. "I ran a 3:05, and I know Ryan and Ross have trained well enough to beat this record. I secretly hold my breath every time they go out to run. I suspect the record will fall again soon, which means I'll be running a lot in the upcoming year."

That competitive drive temporarily took a back seat this past April, when the two brothers, along with more than 23,000 fellow runners, were shocked and numbed by two blasts that killed three and in-

jured more than 100 at the Boston Marathon.

"We had decided that the finish line would be too crowded, so my family cheered me on at mile 24, getting me through the home stretch," said Ryan. "I finished an hour before the first blast ... and went back to the hotel where my wife and kids were waiting for me. On our way home we heard the news on the radio, then saw a dozen emergency vehicles leaving Boylston Street with the first wave of victims. I immediately called Reid to see where he was at ... and was relieved that he was OK. Then, over the next hour and a half, we spent our time replying

to phone calls, emails, Facebook posts and text messages from more than 100 people concerned about us and our families."

While unhurt, Reid's brush with tragedy was a little too close for comfort.

Reid added that he was thankful that his wife and daughter were not able to attend, "because there is no doubt in my mind we all would have been at the finish at that exact time."

With Reid headed to Japan for a new assignment and a new position as a squadron commander, he says the move won't stop that competitive spirit between him and his brothers.

Goods delivered one way or another

Service members say cargo is 'life blood of downrange soldiers' in operating bases

HARBOR WATCH

When serving on a remote forward operating base in Afghanistan, service members rely on deliveries of ammunition, tools, food, water and other supplies. Many times these vital provisions are airdropped by 8th Expeditionary Air Mobility Squadron cargo jets.

"Cargo is the life blood of downrange Soldiers," said Tech. Sgt. David Young, the 8th EAMS Air Mobility Control Center flight chief here. "More than 50 percent of the (U.S. Central Command's area of operation) air drops originate from here, making what we do significantly important. We're not flying supplies to just the big, established bases; we also fly to the really forward deployed guys at FOBs way out in the middle of nowhere. The sup-

plies we provide them are their lifeline."

More commonly known as, "The Mighty Ocho," the 8th EAMS coordinates, loads and maintains the aircraft responsible for delivering these life-saving supplies.

"Air Mobility Command sends us cargo missions, and as the AOR's central hub, we coordinate when these jets will land, where they'll park, how the cargo will get to the aircraft and how its loaded, the fuel, the maintenance, aircrew rest — all this we do to get a quick turn on the jet's mission and on its way to the folks who need it most," Young said.

"Our cargo missions really remind me of why we're here," said Staff Sgt. Ryan Metz, the 8th EAMS training in charge. "It makes me



ON THE BOARD: Staff Sgt. Ryan Metz inputs data on the Global Decision Support System.
Benjamin Stratton

feel like I'm part of something bigger than myself." In a section of five — which operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week all year — Young and his crew have at least two members

on shift at any given time working as the Squadron's nervous system. "Leadership puts down instructions on how they want to run things," Young said. "We funnel that out to

the 'body parts' — such as maintenance and the air terminal operations center, and they commence the mission and give us feedback whether the mission went off fine or if it had problems along the way."

Airmen then take that information and route it up to leadership who then decide how the processes can be improved so the mission runs smoother for next time.

Contrary to operations at home station, Young said there are a lot more unexpected changes to be handled. Between opportune cargo movements, aeromedical evacuation missions and dignified transfers that come up, airmen have their plates full.

"These things come up a lot more often than they would at home station — so

they (AMC) need someone to manage these changes on the fly and they do that through us," he said.

Having their hands in every aspect of 8th EAMS's mission, it's not surprising to see why Young is so passionate about his job.

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Midshipmen on USS George Washington learn all about the fuel operations

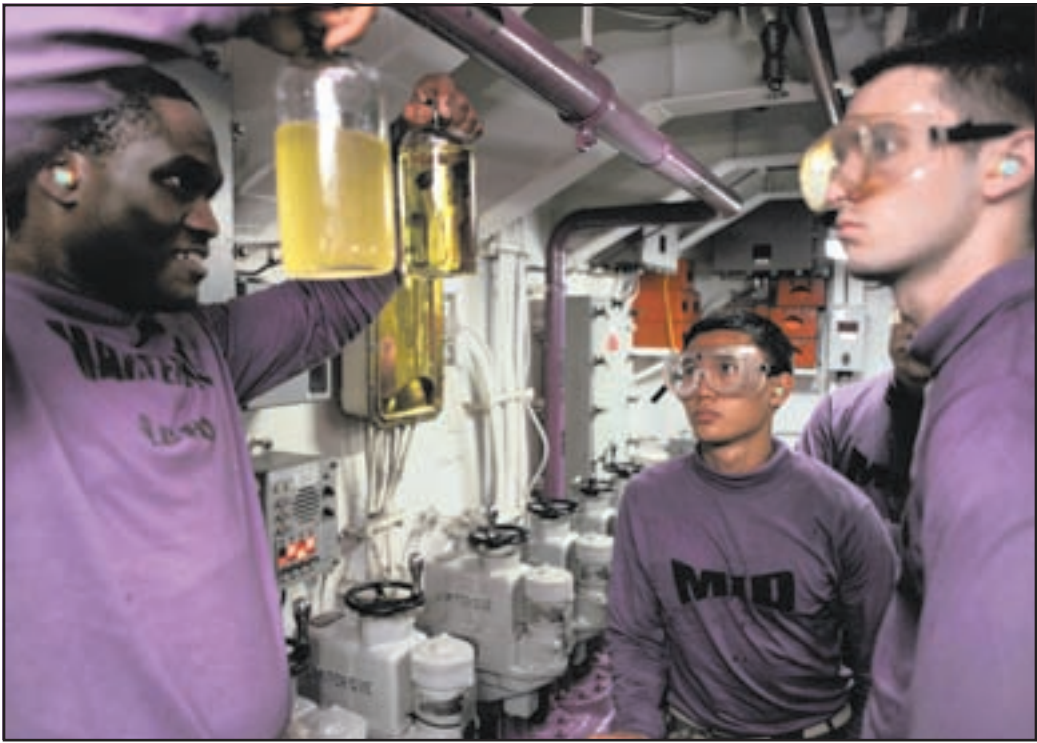
HARBOR WATCH

Midshipmen assigned to the U.S. Navy's forward-deployed aircraft carrier USS George Washington (CVN 73) received training in fuel operations during their summer cruise, in the Pacific Ocean on July 6.

"We were provided a first-hand look at what Fuel [Department] does aboard George Washington," said Midshipman 2nd Class Stephan Keehan. "We witnessed the entire process from the pump room to filtration to the aircraft on the flight deck."

On their tour, Midshipmen observed and performed quality assurance checks.

"The purpose of today's tour was to give [midshipmen] an orientation on the fuel process from refinement, to processing and to inspection," said Chief Aviation Boatswain's Mate



MAN YOUR STATIONS: Chief Aviation Boatswain's Mate Nelson Lubin trains midshipmen aboard the carrier USS George Washington.

Nelson Lubin. "Most of the midshipmen want to become pilots, so they need to understand what the fuel process is to get them in the air."

Midshipmen were also exposed to the people, nicknamed "Grapes" for the purple jerseys they wear. Grapes work every day to assure quality fuel flows to the ship's embarked aircraft.

"This experience showed me that the fuels job isn't easy, and it takes the collective hard work of many people to get the job done," said Keehan.

"This opportunity gave me a different perspective than what I expected for my summer cruise."

The tour was also an opportunity for Fuel Department to pass on their values and to enhance the development of future officers.

"It makes me feel good to have the opportunity to train and demonstrate to someone what we actually do," said Lubin. "They saw our hard work and how there is a tremendous amount of teamwork, dedication, responsibility and leadership to get quality fuel to the aircraft."

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Gas

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the ground-breaking event.

"This utility is essential to specific mission capabilities on NSF Indian Head that are critical to our nation's armed forces," added Nette.

A combination natural gas turbine and heat recovery steam generator will replace the installation's Goddard Power Plant. Constructed in 1957, the Goddard Power Plant generates steam, compressed air and approximately 67 percent of the electric power used at NSF Indian Head. The power plant requires frequent costly repair and maintenance. Because of the outdated equipment, both steam production and steam transmission have become unreliable, directly affecting the mission of the supported commands on NSF Indian Head.

Capt. Kenneth Branch, commanding officer of Naval Facilities and Engineering Washington (NAVFAC),

said maintenance of the aging facility was a "constant battle" and praised cost-savings the project will provide.

"This project stood the test of every single accountant that went after it; the numbers are there. If you truck coal and you lose steam over 30 miles [of line], the numbers are there."

Branch highlighted the environmental benefits of the project and thanked the state of Maryland for its cooperation as the Navy worked to meet rigorous environmental standards.

"I am pleased we have a plans and agreement with Maryland to cease our coal-fired emissions soon," he said. "The Navy's commitment to the environment and the Chesapeake's health is strong and stronger today with this project. Thank you to the state of Maryland for your support to make it happen."

In order to become compliant with new Clean Air Act standards, the Goddard Power Plant would require extensive upgrades. Once the new natural gas facili-

ties are completed, the de-activation and demolition of the Goddard Power Plant will result in a significant reduction in environmental impacts.

The new system will cut energy use by 50 percent, water consumption by 75 percent and steam requirements by 80 percent, resulting in approximately \$7.5 million savings each year. Additionally, more than 50 billion pounds of carbon emissions will be reduced each year.

Natural gas, a cleaner and more efficient fuel source, will serve as the primary fuel for the new steam- and power-generation facilities. NSF Indian Head currently does not have any natural gas distribution infrastructure, and the nearest natural gas supply line is located approximately five miles northeast of the installation in the Bryans Road, Md., community.

The project will include the construction of a new natural gas transmission line from Bryans Road to NSF Indian Head.

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Elliott says let the randy pols run for office

To the editor,
Disgraced ex-Gov. Eliot Spitzer announced that he wants to be the next city comptroller.

I believe he should not have resigned, but should have toughed it out. I also believe that Anthony Weiner should stay in the race for mayor.

But I don't think disgraced politicians should seek a lower office to redeem themselves, and make the city their rehabilitation center.

Presidents Warren Harding, Woodrow Wilson, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, John F. Kennedy, Lyndon Johnson, Richard Nixon, and Bill Clinton all had extramarital affairs. Frankly, it is none of the public's business. We need to focus on the issues, the priorities, and the economy, and how they will affect the domestic and world scenes, so as to maintain justice at home and abroad.

Politicians need to bear that in mind what Richard Nixon once said: "People in politics live in a fishbowl."

It is important that constituents know that office holders of the public trust do not always exemplify positive human behavior.

The press is also not blameless for scrutinizing the personal affairs of candidates and incumbents. **Elliott Abosh**
Brighton Beach

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To the editor,
There was a time, not so long ago, when politicians were first elected, then found out to be involved in some type of scandal.

Nowadays, first you are a known scoundrel, then you run for office. I guess this is good because of all the time, money, and investigations saved finding them out later.

Now at least we know exactly what we are electing. **Emilio Puccini**
Staten Island, N.Y.

Reader-to-reader

To the editor,
In response to Vicki Wulfken's letter ("Dizzonors," Sound off to the editor, June 14), I am also appalled by Anthony Wein-

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er's behavior. I am not voting for him, but he is entitled to forgiveness and a chance to redeem himself.

Wulfken ignored Bill Thompson, John Liu, Sal Albanese, and Bill de Blasio, who are also running for mayor. She mentioned Joe Lhota as a candidate worth supporting.

Lhota worked for ex-Mayor Giuliani, whose moral failings were worse than Weiner's. However, that did not prevent him from functioning as mayor.

She also praises John Catsamatidis because he is a successful businessman. We have a mayor, who is a very successful businessman, and I do not believe that we should elect another one.

Mayor Bloomberg, despite his well-intentioned ideas, has problems dealing with individuals as equals. This stubbornness is a quality that helps him become a rich businessman, but is a negative in running a city.

He has destroyed the education system in his war on unions and workers' rights. I can go on, but it is clearly not in the best interest of the average New Yorker to elect a businessman.

In addition, a mayor can only advise on tolls, as it is the Metropolitan Transportation Authority that makes the final decision. **Alan Podhaizer**
Coney Island

Trayvon verdict

To the editor,
The verdict in the Trayvon Martin murder trial is in, and the world seems aghast at the not-guilty result.

When this case started, it was just another minority-on-minority crime, until the media blew it well out of proportion. At first, George Zimmerman was an Hispanic man who killed the "black kid." Then, the New York Times started calling Zimmerman a "white Hispanic." Everything changed from there, as now — in the minds of the minority community — it became a white-on-black crime.

Protesters against the ruling have been blind to the facts. The media has done a disservice to every community by increasing tensions between the races. It has shamefully done everything possible in the past 17 months to erase whatever good things were done to bring us together.

Here in the city, as the verdict was read and the story ended, the local TV news outlets reported on no less than five murders — black-on-black, and black-on-

Hispanic — to round out the news. I see no one in the streets protesting about that.

Robert W. Lobenstein
Marine Park

Rovin' Randi

To the editor,
American Federation of Teachers president Randi Weingarten took a summer excursion to Israel, visiting with Palestinian teachers in order to reach some common ground with both groups, instead of coming back to New York and trying to reach a contract deal with the city and the United Federation of Teachers — the same union she managed to leave in a mess, as former president.

Two days after she left the Palestine territories, reports circulated of young Palestinian children reciting the most anti-Semitic poetry on television. To Randi and the other leftists out there: There will never be peace when children at such a young age are instilled with such vehement hatred.

Both the Israeli and Palestinian school systems have to be better, but I am sure the Palestinian teachers don't put up with the nonsense that New York public school teachers have to endure on a daily basis. Their supervisors likely have taught in classrooms, and are not from the business world.

In the summer of 2012, Randi rang doorbells for President Obama's re-election in Missouri. Though he lost the election, Gov. Romney carried Missouri by 10 percentage points. Now, the following summer, she visits Palestinian teachers. Need I say more? **Ed Greenspan**
Sheepshead Bay

Candid Bloomy

To the editor,
Mayor Bloomberg is fortunate that he isn't running again for mayor because like Mitt Romney, he made a very bad mistake politically, when he spoke the truth about stop-and-frisk, stating, "We disproportionately stop whites too much and minorities too little."

Romney's statement was also correct — that 47 percent of Americans, who don't pay taxes or are on some type of assistance, will vote for Obama, so why bother to try to get their votes. He never meant that he didn't care about that 47 percent of Americans.

Mayor Bloomberg's facts are correct about the stop-and-frisk numbers for various reasons. But of course it is taken out

of context and misconstrued to demonize him.

He may not be perfect. But I, for one, am worried about the state of this city when he leaves office. **Cronin Miller**
Midwood

Fightin' words

To the editor,
That drunk who harassed the couple while eating in a Greenwich Village restaurant got what he deserved — a punch in the nose for calling that diner the n-word.

No big deal, no racial or hate crime involved here, no civil rights violation, just a good, old-fashioned punch in the nose.

Stop this lunacy about making it a federal case for using any derogatory word to anyone of any race, nationality, religion, or anything else. Don't pretend the word doesn't exist.

But people should think twice before using words or names that are offensive and degrading. If you do use them, you do so at your own risk.

Maybe a punch in the nose, and a few minutes in la-la land, while unconscious, is just the remedy to stop using the n-word. **Jung He Keun**
Queens, N.Y.

Wreckhia

To the editor,
Council Finance Committee Chairman Dominick Recchia allocated \$2.7 million of \$11 million from his share of councilmembers' annual, pork-barrel, member-item funding to groups in Staten Island — outside of his Brooklyn council district.

This might make sense to him, but not to taxpayers and intelligent voters. Everyone knows he is attempting to make friends and win votes on Staten Island, when he runs in 2014 for the 11th Congressional District seat currently held by Rep. Mike Grimm.

Recchia's justification for these expenditures was his desire to assist Staten Island residents impacted by Hurricane Sandy. If Recchia's motivation was authentic and not politically driven, why didn't he also allocate funding for residents of Gerritsen Beach and other neighborhoods in Brooklyn and Queens outside of his district, who were equally devastated by Hurricane Sandy?

Recchia's nose is longer than Pinocchio's! **Larry Penner**
Great Neck, N.Y.

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Stan empties out his wallet

“What's in *your* wallet?” I seem to hear that question every time I flip on the TV.

OK. So I asked myself to look and pare down the always-widening leather in my pocket. There's my driver's license, my carry permit, and three credit cards. Then, in the next compartment, there's my Triple-A card, my Walgreen's card, two library cards (one current and one that expired almost three years ago), and the business cards of seven restaurants.

I don't remember the last time we dined in any of them.

There, on the back of one of those cards, are the numbers R37 L23 R9. That looks like the numbers to open a combination lock. What lock? Where? I haven't the foggiest. Should I save it?

A pair of ticket stubs to a Mets game at Shea Stadium. Now why am I saving them? Was it a rained out game? Do the stubs have any value? Beats me.

There are also the business cards of two politicians, one exterminator, one men's clothing store, and four lawyers. Oops. Make that five.

That last one has a note from an attorney asking me to call him. I have no excuse to do that, so I will wait until the next Jewish holiday and wish him happiness and good health.

On the subject of health, I found two health insurance cards, my Medicare card and, of course, the all-important Costco card. While on a tour bus in Mexico we were stopped by the local *policia* who demanded everyone show a photo ID. I must have recently shopped at Costco because it was on top of the few cards I pulled out. “That's good,” he said as he looked at my photo and handed it back to me.

The idiot on my right saw what happened and couldn't stop giggling. He finally stopped when I gave him a dirty look. The last thing I needed in Mexico



IT'S ONLY MY OPINION

Stanley P. Gershbein

was for some fool to call attention to me in front of the cops.

Moving on I find nine various slips of paper with telephone numbers on them, not all in my handwriting. Some had the first names above the numbers and, for the life of me, I don't remember who any of them are. Nor do I know how long I've been carrying them around.

In the large section there's some money, postage stamps, and dollar-off coupons for toothpaste. These coupons expired in April of 2012. Yup. It really *is* time to clean out the garbage.

Then there's something that looks like either a shopping list or a recipe. Or maybe a shopping list *for* a recipe. In that same end in the corner folded sections I found eight notes that I scribbled to myself that began with “Col.” Those were thoughts that I intended to use in future columns. I don't remember what they were about and when I intended to use them.

There are also several credit card receipts dated more than three years ago.

I am not a fan of Alec Baldwin, but today I was very happy to hear him ask, “What's in *your* wallet?” I am StanGershbein@Bell-south.net with a wallet that is half the thickness it was an hour ago.

Snowden's flight of the rat

Self-declared deep throat Edward Snowden should only feel as obliged to cheep about oppression in his future curbed world, as he did in his past free world.

The former federal worker has been on the run since spring for spilling the beans about top-secret American and British surveillance programs, holing up in human-rights-alooof China and Russia to evade charges of theft, and unauthorized and willful communication of government property.

But karma is king. And Snowden's crusade to admonish Uncle Sam is evaporating faster than a Popsicle on a volcano.

His appeals for asylum have been rebuffed by his preferred countries, who don't want sour relations with the U.S. over a milque-toast stoolie.

“I have no intention of hiding who I am because I know I have done nothing wrong,” Snowden blustered to the Guardian newspaper while airing sensitive



A BRITISHER'S VIEW

Shavana Abruzzo

information about our national interests that could endanger Americans, hearten our enemies, and compromise our international allegiances.

The blabbermouth discovered, likely much to his dismay, that no sound country was willing to touch him with a barge pole, leaving him scrounging the bottom of the barrel of world nations for a lair in which to rest his two-timing head.

Welcome mats, at last check, were forthcoming from Venezuela, Nicaragua, and Bolivia, whose leaders can't wait to shield an American traitor.

Snowden will no doubt find lots to grass about in that democracy-choking triumvirate — if he's got the *cojones*.

He can rest assured it won't be easy to trill like a

canary in Venezuela, where dirty-laundry whistle-blowers are hauled off to prison on trumped up charges. Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro, barely in office three months, is already limiting the rights of Venezuelans to speak freely and protest peacefully.

Snowden can also forget about tattling on Nicaragua, another cesspit of skullduggery, where billboards beam the smiling face of President Daniel Ortega, as an omnipresent threat to spirited Nicaraguans.

The former Marxist guerrilla leader's control runs all the way up to the justice system. A lower court judge shelved sexual abuse complaints against Ortega, claiming he couldn't be prosecuted because he was a politician. Ortega also bonded,

during a 2007 visit to Iran, with anti-western crackpot President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad. At the time, Ortega said proudly, “The revolutions of Iran and Nicaragua are almost twin revolutions, since both revolutions are about justice, liberty, self-determination, and the struggle against imperialism.”

Ditto for Bolivia — another hotbed of human rights violations, where free speech, women's rights, and those of the indigenous population are quelled mercilessly.

Snowden is about to discover that the abounding, false sense of security about the harsh realities of life outside the freedom fishbowl is one downside of growing up in the land of liberty, as a privileged and petulant echo boomer. The other is that the grass is not greener on the other side. Especially if you ditch the planet's most broad-minded country for one of its more intolerant ones.

But that's Ed Snowden's problem now.

Jo: We need more truth in the news

Ever since man decided to write the day's events and post it on a pole in the fork in the road, we the public have had an unhealthy fascination with all things news. What once let us know how many ruts there were in the road and how to avoid them has become a giant media circus with huge corporations running the show and vying for the number-one spot.

It's not that I'm complaining. Hey, if it wasn't for the news business I would be out of a job. No, it's just that the old-fashioned job of the town crier has changed over the centuries from just keeping us informed to just keeping us entertained.

Last Sunday's premier of the “The Newsroom” on HBO was more fact than fiction in its portrayal of the industry. In an age where everyone and their mother is clamoring for the latest scoop, today's pur-



NOT FOR NUTHIN'

Joanna DelBuono

vveyors of news are more interested in “I call it as I see it, and if I don't see it, I just make it up,” than “Just the facts, ma'am, just the facts.” Many no longer take the time to check out those facts before blurring them out. And many others do check them out, then skew them in a different light.

Many of the current crop of news jockeys have

traded in the goal of a coveted Peabody and Pulitzer to winning an Oscar, Tony, or Emmy.

Some members of the Fourth Estate can now apply for their Screen Actors cards, because they ain't reporting the news any longer, they are spinning tales. The sole purpose of the news show is to increase sales, up the ratings, and forward the corporations' own agenda. And many newscasters follow the patterns of the wind instead of the threads of fact.

It's sad to say, but some of today's news gatherers are more worried about keeping the big corporations that run the media in the black, than making sure those that read, listen to, or view the news are in the know.

Who cares if what is reported is the truth or not, as long as the corporations that run the outlets make their profit margins.

So ask yourself, what

happens when the media panders to the numbers and the bottom line and not the truth? We the knowing public get a lopsided view of reality, which leads us to make uninformed decisions and assumptions that we shouldn't be making.

In 2013, fiction has become truth and truth has become fiction.

We can no longer always trust what we see, read, or hear, because some of it isn't the whole truth and nothing but the truth. Some journalists no longer journal, they create works of fictionalized, non-fiction when reporting the current events. Sort of like the world of “The Newsroom,” but not quite.

Not for Nuthin™, but a dose of Edward R. Murrow right about now wouldn't hurt us any.

Good night, and good luck.

Follow me on Twitter @JDelBuono.

Here's the pitch: Screecher goes to a game

I'm madder than a kid in the porcupine section of the petting zoo over the fact that I can't for the life of me find a free parking spot when I head over to Coney Island like I did when I used to.

Look, I've told you a thousand times before that the ol' Screecher's got the shortest arms and deepest pockets than any man alive, and the one thing that really burns my britches more than anything is having to pay for a spot when I know for a fact that somewhere out there in this great city of ours there is a free parking space just waiting for my lovely wife Sharon to pull into.

Now, I don't need to tell you that all parking should be free, because statistics prove that that is what everybody in his right mind thinks. So as far as I'm concerned, paying for parking is a sucker's bet — and the Screecher ain't no sucker.

So you wanna know what I do when I want to go to a Cyclones game? No? Then take a blowtorch



BIG SCREECHER
Carmine Santa Maria

to this newspaper because I'm going to tell you anyway.

I have Sharon jump on the small portion of my knees that

can be considered my lap and zip her down to the Boardwalk atop my trusty steed *Tornado*.

Then I don't have to pay for parking, and I can bring my own seat into the ball park!

And that's just what I did last week when I was invited, as usual, to throw out the first pitch of a game between the Cyclones and some other team from some other place. I couldn't wait to toss the ball from the grandstand like all those presidents before me, as throngs of photographers gathered around to take my picture and put it on the cover off all the newspapers.

But a funny thing happened on the way to the forum. Once again — just like I did last year — I got so enamoured with all the delicious food that is served at the fabulous ballpark, that I lost track of time and never got to fire off my patented screecherball (the one that screams at you while it screeches past!).

There I was, amidst the beautiful breezes coming from the At-

lantic and the razzle-dazzle of the cheering crowd, and all I could think about were all the goodies hawked throughout the park, including the Nathan's Famous Franks, the Gabila's knishes, the cotton candy, French fries and popcorn (two great tastes that taste great together!), ice cream, ices, frozen drinks, beer, hamburgers, chicken tenders, fresh lemonade, custard, Crackerjacks, loaded fries (in case you wanted more fries), peanuts, pretzels, nachos, fried dough, and anything that could have been devoured in all of Coney's historic amusement district.

You gotta believe, whenever the Cyclones invite me down, the team makes a killing because I can't wait to get my fingers on all that delicious finger food. I only wish I had more fingers!

Now's the point in the column where I bring up something else to make sure this one isn't too much like last year's.

I think it is about time everybody realized that Coney Island's

beaches have finer sand than Taormina, Sicily, the French Riviera, the Italian Riviera, Myrtle Beach, Florida, Malibu on the West Coast, and South Beach on Staten Island.

And I'll even pit our Coney's sand against Hawaii or the Lido in Venice.

It all boils down to silicone, which, under pressure, becomes diamonds. And that's why Coney Island's sand and the Cyclones baseball diamonds are the finest in the world.

Remember when the toughie kid use to kick sand in your face when you were reading the old comics? Well, if it was Coney Island sand, it would have tasted fine. I don't recommend eating cucumbers with sand on them! No matter where the sand is from!

But I do once again recommend that, for an evening of fun, go to a Cyclones night game.

But not a day game. It's too hot.

Screech at you next week.

Was 'Weinergate' planned all along?

Imagine that for more than a decade you've been plotting to become mayor of New York City and you've been blocked from that path by the wealthiest man in town.

You're a reasonably well-known congressman, but your name probably won't resonate in Staten Island or with voters in Riverdale or Astoria or Bedford-Stuyvesant.

You have limited campaign dollars to spend to reach 8.2 million potential voters and you need to do something that'll get your name recognition sky-high.

Then, one day it comes to you in an epiphany — what if you commit a sexless, high-profile indiscretion that will surely create a feeding frenzy on social media and the tabloids.

Sure, it could lead to a year or two in the political wilderness doing penance, but everyone knows that Americans — and New Yorkers — are suckers for a penitent comeback story.

Heck, even Bill Clinton became known as the Comeback Kid, and his sexual peccadilloes — much more egregious



MAYORAL SPIN CYCLE
Tom Allon

than a planned social media tweeting of private parts — didn't get in the way of his ascent to the presidency.

Wow, Anthony Weiner thinks to himself, this is a very bold and risky move. But it just might work. I'll achieve universal name recognition, skip that boring and tedious run-up campaign in 2012 and,

as an extra bonus, get to spend real quality time with my newborn son.

While the above conspiracy theory seems far-fetched, I've recently wondered whether this whole rollout by Anthony Weiner was all carefully planned two years ago.

Because so far, with Weiner vaulting past long-time New York pols Christine Quinn and Bill Thompson in the polls, the "Twittergate" scandal has given Anthony Weiner millions of dollars worth of free, well, exposure.

Mike Bloomberg spent a hundred million dollars on each campaign, give or take, to win in 2001, 2005, and 2009. Mark Green, who has run so many times for office in New York that I've lost count, said to me in 2009 when he was planning one last electoral stab at Public Advocate: "My name recognition is 90 percent. Do you know how much money you have to spend to get that high name recognition? Bloomberg type money."

Well, not if you're Anthony Weiner circa 2013. Every move of his "reality show" campaign seems to draw media attention,

even the color of his pants at the Gay Pride Parade.

When I was running for mayor last year, I used to jokingly say that I probably had to announce that I was going to light myself on fire in Times Square to get throngs of media to listen to my policy ideas.

Not so with the crafty and media-savvy Weiner.

Still, universal name recognition may get you into the top tier in the July polls, and maybe even into the mayoral run-off in September, but it is no guarantee of victory.

Just ask Mark Green, the "almost Mayor" of 2001 and the 90 percent name recognition guy who lost to Bill DeBlasio for public advocate in 2009.

Not all name recognition is positive. Anthony Weiner could learn that the hard way this Fall.

But wouldn't it be a stroke of cynical genius if the Weiner circus was all a planned mayoral strategy?

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The circus is back in town: Vau De Vire, a troupe that is behind the magic of San Francisco's famous Edwardian Ball, will bring elements of the ball to Gemini and Scorpio's Lost Circus.

CIRQUE DU MACABRE

Edward Gorey-inspired performers join circus party

By Danielle Furfaro

It's as if a steampunk circus wasn't weird enough.

A Gowanus group known for its wacky parties is holding its latest themed spectacle with special guests who also love to perform with a twist — that is, the imaginative world of artist Edward Gorey.

Musicians and performers who draw their themes and metaphors from Gorey's work — macabre stories and surreal illustrations of sullen skulls, winged creatures, and hapless children — are joining Gemini and Scorpio's annual steampunk party called the Lost Circus, where jugglers and silk rope dancers mingle with the costumed crowd.

"It's a sort of a pagan lounge ensemble," said Justin Katz, bandleader of Rosin Coven.

"We enjoyed being a theatrical band and did what we could in terms of creating characters. Now we are co-creating story lines."

The musicians of Rosin Coven and the acrobats and dancers of Vau de Vire Society are like the Gemini and Scorpio of the west coast. Their most famous shindig is the Edwardian Ball, a huge costume party based in a gothic world of beady-eyed creatures and characters.

The band and the performance troupe started out as two separate projects, but they realized they were magical when

they joined together to celebrate everything Gorey.

And these artists who like to dress in black are headlining this year's Gemini and Scorpio party for a good reason — it's the Gowanus group's tenth anniversary.

Other special guests include Debauche, a New Orleans Russian mafia band who play rocking gypsy punk, Desert Sin, a troupe that specializes in a neo-tribal, exotic fusion of dance and theater, the Armored Combat League, who hold exhibition matches of medieval armored combat, and DJ Joro Boro, whose delirious rhythms combine Slavic circus with Burning Man.

As with previous year's renditions of the Lost Circus, the whole thing is a mix of performance and participation. Ticket holders have to dress according to code, which is elaborate as it is inclusive — "dark cabaret, traveling circus, steampunk Victorian," are among the guidelines — and artists will expect audience members to do more than stand and stare.

"We have a beekeeper's drinking song that fosters an animal rebellion," said Katz. "We'll see what the audience does with that."

The Lost Circus at the Irondale Center, (85 S. Oxford St., between Lafayette Avenue and Fulton Street in Fort Greene, geminiansdscorpio.com). Aug. 10, 9 pm–4 am, \$30, \$40 VIP seating, \$15 after 1 am.

Ten years of freaky fun: Looking back on Gemini & Scorpio's parties

By Danielle Furfaro

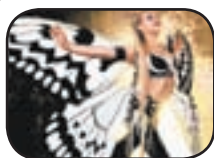
When Gemini & Scorpio launched 10 years ago, it was intended to be a website dedicated to listing creative outing ideas for those dipping their toes into the world of online dating.

Then the company started to throw parties for singles and since then, the company has thrown increasingly unusual — and sexy — parties.

Here are some of the most unusual parties the company has thrown:



• **Cantina at the End of the Universe:** a pan-alien adventure party where ewoks mingled with paranoid androids serenaded by an alien monster puppet band.



• **Fairy Forest Frolic:** an intimate, playful, and erotic costume party where faerie love songs filled the air and druids, witches, and enchanted animals enjoyed Valentines Day in the forest.



• **Swing House:** a jazz and swing speak-easy brought straight from the 1930s to the electro-funk era. The party featured burlesque acts, vintage clothes, and plenty of dancing.



• **Firefly:** a movie practically made for the steam punk loving Gowanus group, this all night screening of the hit sci-fi series was a lovely blend of cosplay and socializing.



• **Russian-Bathhouse:** a dance party in a Coney Island Avenue banya had a live gypsy band and Balkan music on the turntables. There's nothing like swim suits, pierogies, and open vodka bar.

CARTOON CHARACTERS

Animation festival features classics, new films, and milestones

By Melissa Goldin

Beavis and Butt-head were not what the creators of Mickey Mouse and Felix the Cat had in mind when they inked their modest characters, but animated personalities have become lasting staples of contemporary culture and now, fans of cartoons have the rare chance to see some of the first classic, silent animated shorts from the 1910s to the early 1930s in the four-day, 10th annual Animation Block Party on July 27.

"The opportunity to see this content on the big screen doesn't come around very often," said event founder Casey Safron.

Regardless of the story or setting, one of the most important features that came out of these early animations (and has continued to hold meaning in later works), according to Safron, are the characters. He pointed to Mickey Mouse, Felix the Cat, and even SpongeBob SquarePants as characters who have and will endure for decades.

They are also reminiscent of the times in which they were made. Just as Beavis and Butt-head — whose moral compass consisted mainly of musical taste and nihilist toilet humor — were a reflection of the so-called MTV generation, classic animated films played with themes from the Roaring '20s, Prohibition, and the rise of the corporation, to name a few.

Ten shorts will be screened at the Brooklyn Academy of Music's theaters, including a rare 35mm print of Harry Baily and John Foster's 1930 "Making 'Em Move." The rest have been transferred to digital film. All of the shorts are between five to eight and a half minutes and are provided by Tom Stathes' Cartoons on Film.



Things have changed: The upcoming Animation Block Party will include Mike Judge and Yvette Kaplan's 1996 "Beavis and Butt-head Do America," an example of just how much cartoons have exercised their freedom of speech, Pixar's "The Blue Umbrella," yet another case study of how the company has taken animation to new heights, and Paul Terry's 1923 animated short "Jolly Rounders," one of the many silent cartoons screening at the festival.



The screening will be followed by a panel moderated by Safron featuring Stathes, Howard Beckerman, an animation historian who has worked in the field for over 60 years, and David Gerstein, a comics author and editor.

Animation Block Party is a festival dedicated to showcasing professional, independent, and student animation from around the world. Festival highlights include exclusive content from Nickelodeon and Cartoon Network, as well as screenings of "Beavis and Butt-head Do America" and "The Secret of NIMH," both on 35mm film. Also included is "The Blue Umbrella," a short from Pixar's "Monsters University" about the love story between two umbrellas who are brought together on a rainy day in the city.

The festival will feature over 100 screenings (some of which will be world premieres) in addition to a number of other special events, but, according to Stathes, viewers shouldn't miss the classic shorts screening.

"So many historic films have been lost through neglect or deliberate destruction," he said. "It's a blessing to still be able to watch these films today."

Animated films at BAMcinématek [30 Lafayette Ave. between Ashland Place and St. Felix Street in Fort Greene, (718) 636-4100, animationblock.com]. Silent classic shorts on July 27, 4:30 pm, "Beavis and Butt-head Do America" on July 27, 9:30 pm, "Wind & Tree" on July 27, 7 pm, the "Secret of NIMH" on July 28, 9:30 pm, \$8-\$13. "The Blue Umbrella" at Music Hall of Williamsburg [66 N. Sixth Street between Kent and Wythe avenues, (718) 486-5400, animationblock.com]. July 24, 8:30 pm, \$20.

VIDEO GAME ROCK STARS: Band makes tunes out of toys

By Colin Mixson

Let you've never heard a sick Gameboy solo. As part of its July Gameplay Festival, the Brick Theater is playing host to the quirky boy-girl music duo called Bright Primate, where she's the singer and he's the — we're lacking a better term here — Gameboyist?

"I'm literally on stage with a hacked version of a Gameboy," said James Therrien, a professional Gameboy musician. "One of the tricks during a show is not trying to look like a stupid kid playing Pokemon on stage."

Bright Primate, which consists of Therrien and singer Lydia Marsala, is a fair example of your typical chiptune band, a highly innovative, if extremely bizarre genre of electronic music that synthesizes beats and melodies by sampling sounds from old-school, 8-bit video games.

Perhaps the most recognizable aspect of a chiptune performance is that, in lieu of a guitar, keyboard, or synthesizer, most, if not all of the musical magic happens via the four simple buttons on your average Gameboy, that big, grey, and ugly handheld gaming device from the 80s, which is now enjoying a second renaissance more than two decades after it was released, as an instrument of all things.

Therrien describes the chiptune scene as something utterly contemporary, filled with a small, but extremely dedicated fan base that literally could not have existed before the internet spawned things like forums and online fan groups.



Smart monkey: Bright Primate professional Gameboy musician James Therrien lays down a video game solo in concert. Photo by Kevin Gondek

"It all stated online," said Therrien. "There are two main chiptune forums, where everybody hangs out on, and the concerts became these places where you could meet the people you only knew from online."

Funny enough, many of Bright Primate's biggest fans are actually video game designers, who discovered Therrien at one of his shows and invited him to compose music for their games.

"I went to school for composition and studied conducting at a conservatory, so music's always been my interest, but getting the video game gigs actually came out of chiptune," he said. "We go to these shows and then I'd have all these emails from video game companies."

The classically trained Gameboyist probably won't be involved in the chiptune scene forever and, after six albums, fears he may be exhausting the potential of his portable, 8-bit, battery-powered instrument.

"That's what I'm known for, its sort of sad," he said. "I've done so many chiptune-esque sound tracks, I'm trying to explore new things."

However, in a world where everyone is struggling find there niche, there are worse things than being trapped in what is perhaps one of the world's smallest, strangest, and most unique of all niches.

"We're perpetually relegated to the nerd ghetto," said Therrien, "but we love it."

See Bright Primate in concert at the Brick Theater [579 Metropolitan Ave. between Lorimer Street and Union Avenue in Williamsburg, (718) 285-3863, bricktheater.com] July 20, 10:30 pm. \$5.



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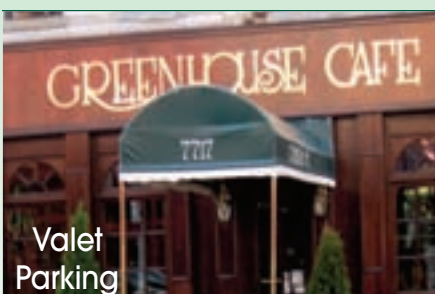
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■ AROUND TOWN

IT'S GIRL POWER

Spice Girls singalong party is scary, sporty

By Jaime Lutz

You know what you want, what you really, really want.

Fans of the '90s cult trash classic girl group Spice Girls can attend a screening of the movie starring the band, "Spice World," at the Gowanus venue the Bell House on July 19 — but "screening" is perhaps too strong a word.

Attendees are encouraged to sing along with the movie, compete in a trivia competition, and celebrate the Spice Girls much like they celebrated themselves, with a healthy dose of fun.

"I am a fan of the Spice Girls and I went back and watched the movie a few years ago and it's actually really funny," said event organizer Michael Austin, whose favorite Spice Girl is Baby, thanks for asking.

"It's really reminiscent of the early Beatles films. They're willing to make fun of themselves."

That's something Baby, Ginger, Scary, Posh, and Sporty do for sure — the hijinx in the film include running away from the paparazzi, listening to Baby Spice detail her stuffed animals, and encountering aliens.

All this absurdity makes it perfect, Austin said, for a Rocky Horror-style reappraisal — something he tries to get started with this singalong.



Zigzag ah: Michael Austin and Jerry Mouse are getting together Spice Girls fans to watch their hit movie, "Spice World."

Photo by Stefano Giovannini

Participants can dress up as their favorite Spice Girl, or they can even invent their own. Singers will give tribute performances, fans will compete in karaoke, and as the night goes on, the themed drinks will continue to pour, leading to all kinds of silly activities.

When Baby Spice sucks on a lollipop in the movie, for instance, everyone in the audience gets a lollipop; the audience also

gets spice packets to throw at the screen, thus defeating the bad guys in the movie with "the power of spice."

And, of course, whenever someone mentions "girl power," a drink is due.

"The Spice World Sing-Along" at Bell House [149 Seventh St. between Second and Third avenues in Gowanus, (718) 643-6510, www.thebellhouse.nyc.com]. July 19, 8:30 pm, \$12.

Staying spoiler free

Where to go watch the final episodes of 'Breaking Bad'

By Jaime Lutz

If you're among the many Brooklynites who brag about not owning a TV, you might feel tough out of luck.

The last season of the incredible drug kingpin drama "Breaking Bad" premieres on August 11 — but never fear — like a pop-up meth lab, viewers can get in on the phenomenon in some unexpected places around the borough.

Here's what we recommend for white-knuckled viewing — perfect for a crowd of people gasping together about whatever shocking death comes next.

If it's Jessie, we are going to lose it.

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What is it good for: A group of anonymous artists whose work straddles the line between the absurd and political are having a 13-year retrospective at the Brooklyn Museum.

Anonymous group's art gets retrospective

By Samantha Lim

The revolution will be anonymous — and pretty funny, too.

A politically charged and faceless group of artists are getting their 13-year retrospective at the Brooklyn Museum and the very first installation art-goers will see shows off their sense of humor: a singing bucket and mop, the latter propped vertically not unlike a stand, belting out "Con te Partiro" in Andrea Bocelli's signature tenor.

Although comical at first glance, a closer look at the red stained mop and bloody water at the bottom of the bucket reveals violent undertones. The song's romantic lyrics take on a sinister color.

"We've used mop buckets in our work because they evoke a kind of ubiquitous responsibility," said one of the unnamed artists of the group known as the Bruce High Quality Foundation.

"They are necessary to keep spaces clean and white. So the piece is about that supposed cusp between the free abstract space of art and the burdens of the real world."

Little is known about anonymous members of the foundation aside from the fact some of the members are alumni of Cooper Union. The foundation is committed to preserving the legacy of Bruce High Quality, a fictional artist who lost his life during the Sept. 11, 2011 catastrophe. The works range from mixed-media installations to silkscreen paintings, and are often marked by a mischievous streak.

The foundation's trademark wit is a tactful means of putting audiences at ease while tackling uncomfortable issues.

Another amusing piece that's really being serious is "Apology." It's hard to suppress a smile when a gargantuan inflatable rat confides in you, and almost impossible not to listen to what it's saying.

"I wish things were different," says the blow-up figurine in a self-deprecating male voice. "Or maybe I wish I weren't alone... My friends tell me I need to love myself."

The sound of air whooshing in and out of the synthetic rat gives it the impression of breathing laboriously.

"'Apology' is about mourning the state of organized labor in the United States," said one of the artists.

"Occupy Wall Street didn't make us feel hopeful as it did for many. It made us sad that such a powerful force in the development of our democracy, organized labor, was no longer able to lead the way."

"The Bruce High Quality Foundation: Ode to Joy 2001-2013," at the Brooklyn Museum [200 Eastern Parkway, (718) 638-5000, www.brooklynmuseum.org]. Through Sept. 22, Museum hours: Wed, Fri-Sun 11 am-6 pm, Thurs 11 am-10 pm.

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Dining at the Pearl Room a wonderful culinary adventure

BY CAMILLE SPERRAZZA

The Pearl Room, a restaurant in Bay Ridge, is a Brooklyn gem.

It's been recognized by Michelin, Zagat, and Wine Spectator.

"We're the most-awarded restaurant in the borough," says Anthony Rinaldi, executive chef and owner of the Pearl Room.

Rinaldi has earned a few personal acclaims, too. He was just named "Restaurateur of the Year" by the Italian-American Organization, UNICO. At age 24, he was named one of the top 25 chefs in New York, he says. He was working in Manhattan at the time, creating wine dinners that focused on his pairings. At the end of the evenings, he would be introduced to those in attendance, and always received a big round of applause.

It was at one of these dinners where he met the Pearl Room's previous owner who wanted to hire him to become the restaurant's executive chef. Rinaldi, a Canarsie native, didn't want to entertain the thought; he liked working in the city. But the guy showed up another night, and spent part of that evening chatting with Rinaldi's mom. When the applause died down, Rinaldi heard his mom's voice: "Chef, get over here. Is Wednesday a good day for you to go to the Pearl Room for a meeting?"

The meeting went well. Very well.

"I fell in love with the atmosphere," Rinaldi says. "I felt comfortable right away because I was with the people I was raised with." He accepted the position, and shortly afterwards, he bought the restaurant.

That was 10 years ago, and the Pearl Room has morphed to one of the pre-



mier establishments in Brooklyn.

The outside of the restaurant is recognizable by its beckoning blue lighting, but that doesn't do justice to the beauty that lies within. The setting is modern, with colorful abstract artwork, and dark tiled floors. A rear dining room contains a ceiling of pastel shades and recessed lighting, cut into an oval design. Upon entrance, there's a huge, welcoming bar; and to the right, an open kitchen.

In this vicinity are comfortable booths, with extremely high backs that shut out the rest of the world, allowing you to focus on your dining companion. Red rose petals, atop white cloths, adorn the tables, enhancing the venue. Modern, silver-toned chandeliers, one with red lighting, and another with green lighting, contribute to the ambience. Dining here appeals to all the senses.

Start with appetizers such as the delicious oversized macadamia and coconut fried shrimp, served on a bed of watercress and carrots, with a sweet and sour dipping sauce. Enjoy a salad of greens, dotted with goat cheese, pomegranates, toasted almonds, and olives, juxtaposed with ever-



Executive Chef Anthony Rinaldi presents his creative gourmet entrees.

ing at attention, dressed in a champagne vinaigrette. It's presented on a solid white dish, so the eye focuses only on the bright ingredients of the salad itself.

Appetizers range from staples such as crispy pepperoncini fried calamari, served in a spicy lemon pepper vinaigrette, to specials such as a "pasta purse" of four cheese — Boursin, goat, explorateur, and Brie — served with a creamy truffle sauce. Each plate is presented to guests for viewing, then served by the wait staff.

There are numerous seafood entrees. Highly recommended is the pine nut-crusted lemon sole, pan fried with garlic, served with a mound of butternut squash risotto, and fresh Swiss chard.

stripe bass, in a lobster-brandy sauce, topped with coconut shrimp, served with sautéed spinach and a potato croquette; and pan-seared Chilean sea bass, served over a pea-and-horseradish risotto, accompanied by asparagus spears.

While seafood lovers can take delight in the variety offered here, there's plenty to keep meat devotees happy, too: grilled Angus shell steak, served with creamed spinach and potatoes; prime filet mignon, with whipped potatoes and Swiss chard; and prosciutto-wrapped pork tenderloin, served with potatoes that are infused with sun-dried tomato.

Take advantage of Rinaldi's wine expertise by enjoying a bottle that enhances

your entrée selections. The elegant, long-stemmed glasses in which wine is served adds to the pleasure.

Rinaldi takes pride in providing guests with the unique and different, so he is constantly creating new specials for the menu. Some recent ones have included zucchini flower appetizers, with diced figs and Boursin cheese, wrapped in prosciutto, served with a dash of pesto and balsamic drizzle. A special entrée may include Dover sole, stuffed with crabmeat and pesto, topped with garlic, white wine, tomato sauce, clams, and mussels.

Expect dessert to be just as enticing, with warm chocolate truffles, created from chocolate that's been imported from Belgium. It's thick, rich, and served with a mound of fresh whipped cream.

Dining at the Pearl Room is a wonderful culinary adventure.

The Pearl Room [8201 Third Ave. at the corner of 82nd street in Bay Ridge, (718) 502-6227, www.ThePearlRoom.com]. Open daily, noon-11 pm. A three-course \$23 prix fix lunch is served daily, noon-4 pm. An \$18 Sunday brunch is served 11:30 am-3 pm.

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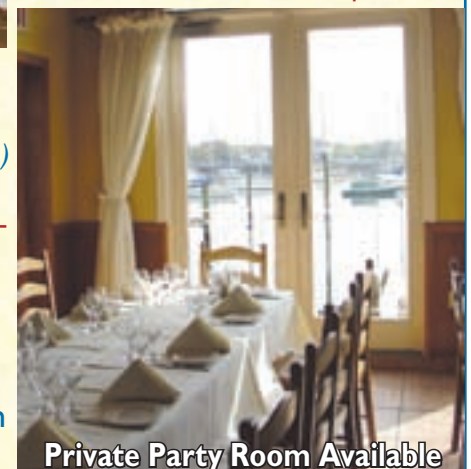
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FRI, JULY 19

FREE BEACH PARTIES ALL SUMMER LONG: Join Commander Rican Vargas and his famed Coney Island Dancers for free outdoor Boardwalk parties all summer long, with DJs spinning house, disco, soul, and funk. **Free.** Noon. Coney Island Boardwalk [1001 Boardwalk W, at W. 10th Street in Coney Island, (347) 496-2032], www.coneyisland-dancers.com.

MUSIC, CLASSIC ALBUM NIGHT: Cathyland Productions presents classic album ight. See New York bands Jacob's Ladder, Cathy Cerwenka & Friends, and Michael T & the Vanities perform three classic albums in their entirety. \$7. 8 pm. Brooklyn Bowl [61 Wythe Ave. between N. 11th and N. 12th streets in Williamsburg, (718) 963-3369], www.brooklyn-bowl.com.

FAMILY

GET HIP: JazzReach presents a bee-bopping, hip-hopping performance. **Free.** 10:30 am - 12:30 pm. Brower Park (Brooklyn Ave. at Prospect Place in Crown Heights), www.cityparksfoundation.org.

PLAY STREETS: Thanks to the Police Athletic League, children enjoy traditional sidewalk games and learn from a wide range of recreational and cultural arts programs. Features activities include Double Dutch jump rope, hopscotch, nok hockey and basketball as well as art and crafts. Play streets closed on July 26. **Free.** 9 am-5 pm. Fox Playground (E. 52nd St. and Avenue H in Midwood), www.palnyc.org.

WALK UP AND PADDLE: Children 6 years and older are inviting to tryout kayaking. Must be accompanied by an adult. **Free.** 9:30 am-11:30 am. Floyd Bennett Field (Flatbush Ave. at Aviator Road in Marine Park), www.nycgoparks.org.

RIDE THE CAROUSEL: Yeah it's open; the beautiful 101 year old ride is up and running for little children to enjoy. \$2 per ride. 12-5 pm. Prospect Park Audubon Center (Enter park at Lincoln Road and Ocean Avenue in Prospect Park), www.prospectpark.org/audubon.

BLOOMING NATURALIST: Make your own journal, learn hot to use binoculars and field guides. **Free.** 2-3 pm. Prospect Park Audubon Center [Enter park at Lincoln Road and Ocean Avenue in Prospect Park, (718) 287-3400], www.prospectpark.org/audubon.

FREE FAMILY NIGHT: All ages celebrate summer and Boogie to the beats laid down by our visiting DJ in the cafe. Build up your imagination with

our awesome block-building block party. Explore the secrets behind some of our BIG collection objects. Fridays are fantastic in Brooklyn! Free with museum admission. 5 pm. Brooklyn Children's Museum [145 Brooklyn Ave. at St. Marks Avenue in Crown Heights, (718) 735-4400], www.brooklynkids.org.

MUSICAL SHABBAT: Welcome Shabbat with sing-a-longs and dancing accompanied by violins, accordions, and guitars. RSVP to reserve a spot. **Free.** 6:30 pm. Bay Ridge Jewish Center [405 81st St. between Fourth and Fifth avenues in Bay Ridge, (718) 836-3103], bayridgejewish-center.org.

"YOU'RE A GOOD MAN, CHARLIE BROWN": Based on the comic strip Peanuts by Charles Schulz. **Free.** 7 pm. The Old Stone House [Third St. between Fourth and Fifth avenues in Park Slope, (718) 768-31905], www.theold-stonehouse.org.

SAT, JULY 20

TOUR, SUGAR IN THE CITY: Robin Shulman, author of "Eat The City," is teaming up with Urban Oyster for a special version of our Waterfront Tour focused on the story of sugar. \$40. 11 am-7 pm. Old Fulton Ferry Pier [1 Water St. in DUMBO, (347) 618-8687], www.urbanoyster.com/eat-the-city-waterfront-sugar-tour.html.

MUSIC, HATIAN GUITAR: Go see the second concert of the HCX Mizik Ayiti! Summer Series, featuring performances by Haitian guitar legend Tit Pascal and soulful young musician Talie Cerin. **Free.** 6 pm. Five Myles Gallery [558 St. Johns Pl., (347) 565-4429], haiculturalx.org/program-03.

DANCE, "HEY, WE SHOULD": Live dance performance by choreographers Janelle Barry, Sharyn Korey, Nicole Sabella and Jessie Stinnett. \$15. 8 pm. Shape Shifter Lab [18 Whitwell Pl at Third Avenue in Park Slope, (646) 820-9452], brownpapertickets.com.

MUSIC, THE HOT SARDINES: A unique blend of hot jazz, Dixieland and Tin Pan Alley. **Free.** 8 pm. Kingsborough Community College [2001 Oriental Blvd. at Oxford Street in Manhattan Beach, (718) 368-5000], www.on-stageatkingsborough.org.

FILM, ROOFTOP FILMS: 'Short Term 12': Go check out "Short Term 12," a 2013 drama that follows the staff and patients at a shelter for at-risk teens. **Free.** 8 pm. The Old American Can Factory [232 Third Street between Fourth and Fifth avenues in Park Slope, (718) 417-7362], rooftopfilms.com/2013/schedule/short-term-12.



Havin' a ball: Theo Eastwind, a street performer of 18 years, has arranged a lineup of excellent buskers for the third-annual Busker Ball at Spike Hill on July 24.
Photo by Samantha Simkevich

CITY OF WATER DAY 2013: Celebrate the waterfront with kayaking, seining, arts and crafts and movies. **Free.** 10:30 am-2 pm. Brooklyn Bridge Park (Furman St. at Orange Street in Red Hook), www.nycgoparks.org.

WORKSHOP, PENDANT LIGHT FIXTURE WORKSHOP: Join the amazing spirits of Urban Chandy, a modern chandelier designer, and learn how to wire and frame out your own pendant light fixture. RSVP online. \$75. 12:30-2:30 pm. BIG!NYC Gowanus [69 Ninth St. between Smith Street and Second Avenue in Gowanus, (718) 725-8925], www.bignyc.org/workshop.

OPEN MIC NIGHT: Singer/songwriter Oscar Albis Rodriguez hosts and headlines The Moxie Spot's weekly open mic night. All performers are welcome, including musicians, comedians, poets, and more. **Free.** 9:30 pm. The Moxie Spot [81 Atlantic Ave. between Hicks and Henry streets in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 923-9710], themoxiespot.com.

FAMILY

HEALTH FAIR: The Nurses' Ministry of Onward sponsors its third annual health fair. Free health screenings and counseling will be offered, as well as informational material, free gifts for kids, a live DJ, and more. **Free.** 11 am-7 pm. McCarren Park [Bedford Avenue and Lorimer Street in Williamsburg, (718) 387-4116].

RIDE THE CAROUSEL: 12-5 pm. See Friday, July 19.

POP UP MACY'S FISHING CLINICS: Children 15 years old and younger learn how to fly fish and ecology. **Free.** Noon-5 pm. Prospect Park Audubon Center [Enter park at Lincoln Road and Ocean Avenue in Prospect Park, (718) 287-3400], www.prospectpark.org/audubon.

PINOCCHIO: For children ages 3 years old and up. The classic story comes to life on the puppet stage. \$9 (\$8 children). 12:30 and 2:30 pm. Puppetworks [338 Sixth Ave. at Fourth Street in Park Slope,

(718) 965-3391], www.puppetworks.org.

HISTORY IN YOUR HANDS: Children learn how to process wool into yarn, card, spin and use a drop spindle and even make a felt ball to take home. \$3 (Children free). 1-2 pm. Lefferts Historic Homestead [452 Flatbush Ave. between Empire Boulevard and Eastern Parkway in Park Slope, (718) 789-2822], www.prospectpark.org.

EZRA JACK KEATS STORY HOUR: Gather around the Peter and Willy statue for story telling and adventure. **Free.** 1-3 pm. Imagination Playground (Ocean Avenue and Lincoln Road in Prospect Lefferts Gardens), www.prospectpark.org.

PUPPETRY IN PRACTICE: MetLife presents Zoo Hula-balo, inspired by Yiddish folktales. Free with museum admission. 1 pm. Brooklyn Children's Museum [145 Brooklyn Ave. at St. Marks Avenue in Crown Heights, (718) 735-4400], www.brooklynkids.org.

JUNIOR ENGINEER: Children of all ages take the challenge and design and build your own version of bridges. Free with museum admission. 1:30 pm. New York Transit Museum [Boerum Place at Schermerhorn Street in Downtown, (718) 694-1600], www.mta.info/mta/museum.

"YOU'RE A GOOD MAN, CHARLIE BROWN": 7 pm. See Friday, July 19.

SALES AND MARKETS

BAY RIDGE GREENMARKET: Shop, share recipes and meet the neighbors. And a great selection of produce, seafood baked goods, seasonal fruit, veggies, and flowers. This year the market is adding dairy, eggs, pickles, and cured meats. **Free.** 8 am-3 pm. Walgreens parking lot (Third Ave. at 95th Street in Bay Ridge), www.grownyc.org/greenmarket-site/brooklyn/bay-ridge-greenmarket.

SUN, JULY 21

ART, HARD WATCHING: An afternoon of live performances and performances-for-video consisting of artists using artifacts from pop culture to critique and explore their impact on love, vulnerability and masculinity. **Free.** Noon. Glasshouse (46 Union Ave. in Williamsburg), www.bipaf.net/bipaf/angelaatthewoods.

DANCE, "HEY, WE SHOULD": 8 pm. See Saturday, July 20.

FREE YOGA: Enjoy the summer weather with some free yoga at Prospect Park with YogaSole. Enter at the Bartel Pritchard Lot, 15th St. (adjacent to 15th St F train station), just across from the Pavilion Movie Theater. Walk straight ahead, down the drive to the main loop. **Free.** 10-11 am. Prospect Park [15th Street Bartle Pritchard Square, (718) 541-1382], yogasole.com.

BRIGHTON LINE MEMOIRS: Come on a series of five walks in Prospect Park, Brighton Beach, Ditmas Park, Central Flatbush, along Avenue U, and connecting rides along what was once the Brooklyn, Flatbush, and Coney Island Railroad dating back to 1878. Tour is limited to 25 people. Email to pre-register or for more information. \$39. 10 am-5:30 pm., (718) 961-8406, www.GeogNYC.com.

WALT WHITMAN'S FORT GREENE PARK: Walk around Fort Greene Park, a green-sward that owes its existence in large part to Walt Whitman's editorials written for the Brooklyn Daily Eagle, and learn about the poet's intimate connection with Brooklyn's first official park. **Free.** 1 pm. Fort Greene Park Visitor Center [Myrtle Avenue and Washington Park in Fort Greene, (718) 722-3218], www.fortgreenepark.org.

SINGLES, FRIEND GROUP: Group forming for women 48 to 65 to go to movies, lunch, dinner, shows and trips. Meet each week. No walk-ins - Reservations a must. 2 pm. El Greco Dinner [Sheepshead Bay Rd. and Emmons Avenue in Sheepshead Bay, (718)

336-7908].
ARTIST TALK: Sienna Gallery and Brooklyn Metal Works presents an artist talk with Julia Maria Kunnapp who creates unique ethnic jewelry. \$10 (\$5 students and members). 3-4 pm. Brooklyn Metal Works [640 Dean St. between Carlton and Vanderbilt avenues in Prospect Heights, (347) 762-4757], bkmetal-works.com/2013/06/12/julia-maria-kunnapp.

CONCERT, MARTIN MCQUADE: The crooner honors the legendary Frank Sinatra. Dinner reservations requested. 6-9 pm. Schnitzel haus [7319 Fifth Ave. at 73rd Street in Bay Ridge, (718) 836-5600].

WORKSHOP, SUMMER SUNSET MEDITATION: At this basic meditation workshop students will practice a traditional sun salutation sequence, breathing techniques, Shiatsu self-care techniques, and basic chanting. \$15. 6:30-7:30 pm. Slope Wellness [816 Eighth Avenue between Eighth and Ninth streets in Park Slope, (718) 415-0738], www.slopedwellnessny.com.

FAMILY

FIELD DAY: Families play games, sports and activities. Recommended for children 4 to 10 years old. **Free.** 10 am - 1 pm. Brooklyn Bridge Park (Furman St. at Joralemon Street in Red Hook), <http://www.nycgov-parks.org>.

RIDE THE CAROUSEL: 12-5 pm. See Friday, July 19.

POP UP MACY'S FISHING CLINICS: Children 15 years old and younger learn how to fly fish and ecology. **Free.** Noon-5 pm. Prospect Park Audubon Center [Enter park at Lincoln Road and Ocean Avenue in Prospect Park, (718) 287-3400], www.prospectpark.org/audubon.

PINOCCHIO: 12:30 and 2:30 pm. See Saturday, July 20.

HISTORY IN YOUR HANDS: 1-2 pm. See Saturday, July 20.

JUNIOR ENGINEER: 1:30 pm. See Saturday, July 20.

MON, JULY 22

TOUR, WOODEN HOMES TOUR: A group is conducting tours of Brooklyn's wood-framed row houses, and the home owners — who often put in a lot of effort to restore these unique buildings — don't seem to mind the attention, say the guides. \$15. Meeting location provided with registration, (347) 292-7246, www.wooden-houseproject.com.

FAMILY

FREE BEACH PARTIES ALL SUMMER LONG: Noon. See Friday, July 19.

BAY RIDGE TENNIS LESSONS: Chase, sponsor of CityParks Tennis and Lacoste provides lessons to children 6 to 16. The lessons promote physical fitness, and make the sport freely available in a fun relaxed atmosphere. **Free.** 1-4 pm. McKinley Park (Ft. Hamilton Ave. and Bay Ridge Parkway in Bay Ridge).

CONEY ISLAND TENNIS LESSONS: Chase, sponsor of CityParks Tennis and Lacoste

provide lessons to children 6 to 16. The lessons promote physical fitness, and make the sport freely available in a fun relaxed atmosphere. **Free.** 9 am–noon. Kaiser Park (Nep-tune Ave. and W. 27th Street in Coney Island).

SHEEPSHEAD BAY TENNIS LESSONS: Chase, sponsor of CityParks Tennis and Lacoste provide lessons to children 6 to 16. The lessons promote physical fitness, and make the sport freely available in a fun relaxed atmosphere. **Free.** 9 am–noon. Kelly Playground (Ave. S and E. 14th Street in Sheepshead Bay).

WILLIAMSBURG TENNIS LES-SONS: Chase, sponsor of CityParks Tennis and Lacoste provide lessons to children 6 to 16. The lessons promote physical fitness, and make the sport freely available in a fun relaxed atmosphere. **Free.** 9 am–noon. McCarren Park (Bedford Ave. between Lorimer and N. 12th Street in Williamsburg).

FORT GREENE TENNIS LES-SONS: Chase, sponsor of CityParks Tennis and Lacoste provide lessons to children 6 to 16. The lessons promote physical fitness, and make the sport freely available in a fun relaxed atmosphere. **Free.** 9 am–noon. Fort Greene Park Visitor Center [Enter park at Myrtle Avenue and Washing-ton Park in Fort Greene, (718) 722–3218].

PLAY STREETS: 9 am–5 pm. See Friday, July 19.

CITYPARKS GOLF: Children 6 to 16 learn how to play golf. **Free.** 9:30 am–noon. Herbert Von King Park (Marcy Ave. and Highland Blvd. in Bush-wick).

TUES, JULY 23

FILMS, “MY BROOKLYN”
SCREENING: Brooklyn Young Filmmakers is hosting a public screening and discussion of the poignant documentary “My Brooklyn,” about direc-tor Kelly Anderson’s personal journey, as a Brooklyn “gentri-fier.” **Free.** 6:30–9 pm. Mark’s Gourmet Burgers [441 Myrtle Ave. in Fort Greene, (718) 935–0490], wearebyfc.org.

MUSIC, POOR MAN’S WHIS-KEY: Come watch Poor Man’s Whiskey, a Northern California band which fea-tures a fusion of bluegrass/old-time southern rock and old school jam, as they cele-brate the 40th anniversary of Pink Floyd’s “Dark Side of the Moon.” \$5-\$7. 8 pm. Brooklyn Bowl [61 Wythe Ave. between N. 11th and N. 12th streets in Williamsburg, (718) 963–3369], www.poorman-swhiskey.com.

FAMILY

BENSONHURST TENNIS LES-SONS: Chase, sponsor of CityParks Tennis and Lacoste provide lessons to children 6 to 16. The lessons promote physical fitness, and make the sport freely available in a fun relaxed atmosphere. **Free.** 9 am–noon. Leif Ericson Park (67th St. and Eighth Avenue in Bensonhurst).

EAST NEW YORK TENNIS LES-SONS: Chase, sponsor of CityParks Tennis and Lacoste provide lessons to children 6

to 16. The lessons promote physical fitness, and make the sport freely available in a fun relaxed atmosphere. **Free.** 9 am–noon. Lincoln Terrace Park (Buffalo and E. New York avenues in East New York).

PROSPECT LEFFERTS GAR-DENS TENNIS LESSONS: Chase, sponsor of CityParks Tennis and Lacoste provide lessons to children 6 to 16. The lessons promote physical fitness, and make the sport freely available in a fun re-laxed atmosphere. **Free.** 9 am–noon. Prospect Park (Coney Island Ave. and Park-side Avenue in Prospect Lef-ferts Gardens).

PLAY STREETS: 9 am–5 pm. See Friday, July 19.

CITYPARKS GOLF: Children 6 to 16 learn how to play golf. **Free.** 9:30 am–noon. Ma-rine Park (Ave. S and E. 32nd Street in Marine Park).

TRACK AND FIELD: Cityparks provides children 5-16 learn the basics of the sports from hurdles to relay races to long jump, shot put and javelin throw. **Free.** 9:30 am to noon. Kaiser Park (Neptune Ave. and W. 29th Street in Coney Island).

STRAPHANGERS HANGOUT: Program for special needs children 3 to 5 years old. \$10 each session. 10:15 – 11:15 am. New York Transit Museum [Boerum Place at Schermer-horn Street in Downtown, (718) 694–1600], www.mta.info/mta/museum.

GET HIP: JazzReach presents a bee-bopping, hip-hopping performance. **Free.** 10:30 am. Maria Hernandez Park (Knickerbocker & Willoughby streets in Bushwick), www.cit-yiparksfoundation.org.

TRY-IT-TUESDAYS!: Children 5 years and under learn about art, science and language in fun ways. Free with museum admission. 11:30 am. Brook-lyn Children’s Museum [145 Brooklyn Ave. at St. Marks Avenue in Crown Heights, (718) 735–4400], www.brook-lynkids.org.

SALES AND MARKETS

SIDEWALK SALE: New and used items. Flea Market. **Free.** 10 am–4 pm. Guardian Angel Church [Ocean Parkway and Oceanview Avenue in Sheep-shead Bay, (718) 907–3478].

BAY RIDGE TENNIS LESSONS: 1–4 pm. See Monday, July 22.

WED, JULY 24

MUSIC, BUSKER BALL: Singer-songwriter Theo Eastwind has once again assembled a crack team of public perform-ers for the third-ever Busker Ball at Spike Hill on July 24, an exhibition of what he says are the city’s finest soldiers in the fight for our freedom of ex-pression. \$10. 7 pm. Spike Hill [86 Bedford Ave. between N. Sixth and N. Seventh streets in Williamsburg, (718) 21 8–9737], spikehill.com.

WORKSHOP, INTERPRETATION OF DREAMS: For seniors. **Free.** 10 am. Carmine Carro Community Center [3000 Fillmore Ave. in Marine Park, (718) 869–0100].

WORKSHOP, UPHOLSTERY CLASS: Bring that chair you’ve been wanting to make better to this four-week class

and Annie Evelyn will show you how to give it new life. Over the course you will com-pletely re-upholster a chair from start to finish. \$275. 6:30–8:30 pm. BIG!NYC Gow-anus [69 Ninth St. in Gowanus, (718) 725–8925], www.bignyc.org/workshop.

READING, ALLISON LYNN: The author launches her lat-est book “The Exiles.” **Free.** 7–9 pm. PowerHouse Arena [37 Main St. at Water Street in DUMBO, (718) 666–3049], www.powerhousearena.com.

FAMILY

CONEY ISLAND TENNIS LES-SONS: 9 am–noon. See Mon-day, July 22.

SHEEPSHEAD BAY TENNIS LESSONS: 9 am–noon. See Monday, July 22.

WILLIAMSBURG TENNIS LES-SONS: 9 am–noon. See Mon-day, July 22.

FORT GREENE TENNIS LES-SONS: 9 am–noon. See Mon-day, July 22.

PLAY STREETS: 9 am–5 pm. See Friday, July 19.

CITYPARKS GOLF: 9:30 am–noon. See Monday, July 22.

BAY RIDGE TENNIS LESSONS: 1–4 pm. See Monday, July 22.

“THE NEVERENDING STORY”: Presented by the Piper The-atre, t his classic adapted by David Craig from the novel by Michael Ende is about a boy who discovers a magi-cal world. **Free.** 7 pm. The Old Stone House [Third St. between Fourth and Fifth avenues in Park Slope, (718) 768–3195].

CIRQUE DU SOLEIL QUIDAM: This is the first time in Brook-lyn. \$45-\$125 (\$36-\$101 children). 7:30 pm. Barclays Center [620 Atlantic Ave. at Pacific Street in Prospect Heights, (800) 745–3000], www.cirquedusoleil.com.

SALES AND MARKETS

GREENMARKET: Local grown produce, cooking demonstra-tions, recipes, family friendly activities. **Free.** 8 am–4 pm. Barclays Center [620 Atlantic Ave. at Pacific Street in Pros-pect Heights, (917) 618–6100], https://www.barclayscenter.com.

THURS, JULY 25

WORKSHOP, PHOTOGRAPHY: For seniors. Study basic to advanced photo shop. **Free.** 11 am. Carmine Carro Com-munity Center [3000 Fillmore Ave. in Marine Park, (718) 869–0100].

FILMS, SYFY MOVIES WITH A VIEW: Check out this free, outdoor film series. This year’s theme, “With Love From...” includes “Ferris Bueller’s Day Off,” “Enter the Dragon,” “Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory,” “8 Mile,” “Roman Holiday,” “Rocky,” and “Vertigo.” **Free.** 6 pm. Brooklyn Bridge Park [Pier 1; Old Fulton Street, (718) 802–0603], www.brook-lynbridgepark.org.

FILM, ROOFTOP FILMS: See “Towheads,” a 2013 film about a harried New York mother struggling as an artist as she searches for a happy balance of her two lives. \$13. 8 pm. Trilok Fusion Center for the Arts [143 Waverly Ave. between Flushing and

Myrtle avenues in Clinton Hill, (718) 417–7362], rooftopfilms.com/2013/schedule/tow-heads.

THE BROOKLYN QUARTERLY LAUNCH PARTY: Come celebrate the launch of The Brooklyn Quarterly’s preview issue and their first Kick-starter campaign. The maga-zine will tell stories that are fresh, important, and offer an accessible and big-picture perspective on literature, cul-ture, technology, and politics. **Free.** 8 pm. Cherry Tree Bar [65 Fourth Avenue between Bergen Street and St. Marks Place in Park Slope, (718) 399–1353].

FAMILY

PLAY STREETS: 9 am–5 pm. See Friday, July 19.

CITYPARKS GOLF: 9:30 am–noon. See Tuesday, July 23.

TRACK AND FIELD: 9:30 am to noon. See Tuesday, July 23.

FREE BEACH PARTIES ALL SUMMER LONG: Noon. See Friday, July 19.

RIDE THE CAROUSEL: 12–5 pm. See Friday, July 19.

BAY RIDGE TENNIS LESSONS: 1–4 pm. See Monday, July 22.

ANIMAL ENCOUNTER: Learn all about Snappy the turtle. **Free.** 2–2:30 pm. Prospect Park Audubon Center [Enter park at Lincoln Road and Ocean Avenue in Prospect Park, (718) 287–3400], www.prospectpark.org/audubon.

WORKSHOP, UPHOLSTERY CLASS: 6:30–8:30 pm. See Wednesday, July 24.

MOVIE, “ESCAPE FROM PLANET EARTH”: Bring a chair, a blanket and food. No alcohol permitted. Face paint-ing and Popcorn. **Free.** 7 pm. Saratoga Park [Halsey St. be-tween Howard and Saratoga avenues, (718) 284–4700].

“HAROUN AND THE SEA OF STORIES”: A boy named Haroun must venture to the mythical land of Kahani to recapture the stories he grew up with. **Free.** 7 pm. The Old Stone House [Third St. between Fourth and Fifth avenues in Park Slope, (718) 768–3195].

CIRQUE DU SOLEIL QUIDAM: 7:30 pm. See Wednesday, July 24.

SALES AND MARKETS

SALES/MARKET, FARMER’S MARKET: Seasonal fruits and vegetables, organic baked goods. Sponsored by Lu-theran Health Care and Har-vst home Farmer’s Market, Inc. **Free.** 8 am–4 pm. Side-walk (Lutheran Lane, between 55th Street and First Avenue in Sunset Park).

FRI, JULY 26

MUSIC, SPOKE WORD: Though provoking Fridays at the House of Art gallery features blues and soul singer Ms. Shinh. \$10. 7 pm. House of Art Gallery [408 Mar-cus Garvey Blvd. in Bedford Stuyvesant, (347) 663–8195], hoagallery.com.

FILM, ROOFTOP FILMS: Anima-tion Block Party will feature short films made by everyone from first-time filmmakers to award-winning veterans. \$13. 8 pm. Greenpoint High School for Engineering and Automotive Technology

[50 Bedford Ave. between Nassau Avenue and N. 12th Street in Williamsburg, (718) 417–7362], rooftopfilms.com/2013/schedule/anima-tion-block-party-short-films.

ENTERTAINMENT, HAUNTED MURDER MYSTERY BEACH PARTY: Celebrate sum-mer, art and good times at LaunchPad’s Haunted Murder Mystery Beach Party; An in-teractive evening where the audience will work together to solve a murder mystery while experiencing awesome art and performances. \$10. 9 pm. LaunchPad [721 Franklin Ave. in Crown Heights, (646) 494–7211], brooklynlaunch-pad.org.

“GASLIGHT”: Bring a chair or blanket enjoy refreshments and take a chance on a fifty/fifty raffle. free. 8 pm. Nar-rows Botanical Gardens [Shore Rd. at 71st Street in Bay Ridge, (718) 748 4810].

FAMILY

PLAY STREETS: 9 am–5 pm. See Friday, July 19.

“LITTLE RED’S HOOD”: Pre-sented by CityParks Puppet-Mobile, this is a modern twist on an old tale. **Free.** 10:30 am. Brower Park (Brooklyn Ave. and Prospect Place. in Crown Heights), www.cit-yiparksfoundation.org.

FREE BEACH PARTIES ALL SUMMER LONG: Noon. See Friday, July 19.

RIDE THE CAROUSEL: 12–5 pm. See Friday, July 19.

BLOOMING NATURALIST: 2–3 pm. See Friday, July 19.

“HANSEL AND GRETEL AND THE CANDY HAUS”: The fairytale of two children who get lost in the deep forest. **Free.** 7 pm. The Old Stone House [Third St. between Fourth and Fifth avenues in Park Slope, (718) 768–3195].

CIRQUE DU SOLEIL QUIDAM: 7:30 pm. See Wednesday, July 24.

SAT, JULY 27

TOUR, EPIC BIKE RIDE: Join Brooklyn Greenway Ini-tiative for a 40-mile bike ride from Williamsburg to Rockaway Beach, showcas-ing the potential of a fully completed Brooklyn Water-front Greenway combined with a completed Jamaica Bay Greenway. Members \$25; General \$35; Teams of four \$120. 8 am–2 am. N 6th Street in Brooklyn [27 N. Sixth St. in Williamsburg, (718) 522–0193], www.brooklyn-greenway.org/event/the-5th-annual-brooklyn-waterfront-epic-ride.

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CONCERT, DAVID OSTWALD’S LOUIS ARMSTRONG CEN-TENNIAL BAND: Inspired by jazz pioneers, the Grammy Award nominated band breathes life and passion into America’s own great art form. **Free.** 8 pm. Kingsbor-ough Community College [2001 Oriental Blvd. at Oxford Street in Manhattan Beach, (718) 368–5000], www.on-stageatkingsborough.org.

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POP UP MACY’S FISHING CLINICS: Children 15 years old and younger learn how to fly fish and ecology. **Free.** Noon–5 pm. Prospect Park Audubon Center [Enter park at Lincoln Road and Ocean Avenue in Prospect Park, (718) 287–3400], www.prospectpark.org/audubon.

PINOCCHIO: 12:30 and 2:30 pm. See Saturday, July 20.

HISTORY IN YOUR HANDS: 1–2 pm. See Saturday, July 20.

EZRA JACK KEATS STORY HOUR: 1–3 pm. See Saturday, July 20.

MAP MAKING: Children 3 years and older design a map in-spired art work. Free with museum admission. 1:30 pm. New York Transit Museum [Boerum Place at Schermer-horn Street in Downtown, (718) 694–1600], www.mta.info/mta/museum.

CIRQUE DU SOLEIL QUI-DAM: 3:30 and 7:30 pm. See Wednesday, July 24.

SALES AND MARKETS

BAY RIDGE GREENMARKET: 8 am–3 pm. See Saturday, July 20.

ETSY POP-UP SHOP: West Elm partnered up with Tina Roth Eisenberg of the popular de-sign blog swissmiss to curate a collection of 12 Brooklyn-based Etsy artists. **Free.** 1 pm. West Elm (75 Front St. at Main Street in DUMBO), west-elm.com.

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MIDWOOD

Start spreading the news

Standing O sends out a warm welcome — and lots of *mazel* — to **Larry Spiewak**, new board chairman at the **Council of Jewish Organizations of Flatbush**. The *mensch* was voted in at the group's bimonthly meeting on June 20. Each and every member filled the internet with resounding "Yip-pees!" after the great news was dispatched via an e-blast.

"Could not have made a better choice," *kvelled* one longtime member.

Organization heads are well pleased.

"I know that Larry's leadership will make and immeasurable contribution to the council's endeavors," said executive director **Rabbi Yechezkel Pikkus**.

Chief financial officer **Marty Kahan**, and **Rabbi Avohom Kahn**, the new director of development, also wished the incoming chairman "Mazel tov."

Chazak u'varuch, adds Standing O ("be strong and blessed").

Council of Jewish Organizations of Flatbush [1523 Avenue M at Coney Island Avenue in Midwood, (718) 377-2900].



WINNERS: Jessica Sparacio and Sarah Rodriguez, recipients of this year's Betty Kash Memorial Scholarship, hold up their certificates.

Photo by Elizabeth Graham

May we have the envelope please!

BAY RIDGE

A hootin', hollerin' huzzah to stage-struck eighth graders **Jessica Sparacio** and **Sarah Rodriguez**, this year's recipients of the **Betty Kash Memorial Scholarship**. The award is given to students wishing to advance their study of theater and performance. And both budding thespians fit the bill, having appeared in numerous shows, and expressed an interest in continuing to hone their talents.

Jessica, a student at PS-IS 229, and Sarah, who studies at Sunset Park Prep, where selected for their illuminating essays about their experiences in theater.

The awards, sponsored by the **Narrows Community Theater**, were presented on June 6 at the Shore Hill Community Room, and honor **Betty Kash**, a beloved, longtime, group member who passed away last year.

"In her years as a performer and director, Betty worked with children and shared her talents and love of theater with them," said publicity manager **Ann Gubiotti**. "This scholarship is one way to let her work continue."

Standing O is waiting in the wings for Jessica and Sarah's Oscar nominations!

Narrows Community Theater, Inc. [9729 Third Ave. between 97th and 98th streets in Bay Ridge (718) 482-3173].

Welcome aboard

Standing O sends a shout-out to **Jon Yanofsky**, the new director of the **Brooklyn Center for the Performing Arts at Brooklyn College**. Jon has worked in performing arts for 20 years, proving his starry eyes are seasoned. The Standing O pal has an impressive resume: He worked for BRIC Arts, Irish Arts Center, Community Works, and the Stanford Jazz Workshop and Festival, among other big-name organizations.

Jon can't wait to take the stage as director, and bring new crowd-pleasers to Brooklyn.

"I am thrilled to join the center at this exciting time in its long history," he told Standing O. "I look forward to helping shape a redefined notion of the Center's role on campus, building on its rich tradition and presenting world-class arts pro-

gramming."

Jon succeeds interim managing director **Rick Berube**.

Standing O can hardly wait for the standing room-only productions that are sure to be in store for theater-goers.

Brooklyn Center for the Performing Arts [2900 Campus Rd. at Hillel Place in Midwood, (718) 951-4600].

BOROUGH WIDE

In a class of her own

A champagne toast to **Christelle Patrice**, who graduated Misericordia University in Texas with a bachelor's degree in government, law, and national security — a great boon for us because Uncle Sam needs all the help he can get.

Christelle was presented the Alumni Outstanding Graduate and Act 101 Award



DUMBO

We say, 'Hello, Cecilia'

Last week, Standing O said goodbye to Marilyn Gelber, and this week, Standing O welcomes **Cecilia Clarke**.

Standing O pal Cecilia assumed the mantle of CEO and president from Gelber at the **Brooklyn Community Foundation** on June 30.

Board chairman **Alan Fishman** is thrilled.

"Cecilia is a passionate leader and a creative thinker, who has succeeded enormously at every phase of her career," he said. "We are thrilled to have her lead the foundation."

The new CEO is the former executive director of the **Sadie Nash Leadership Project**. Before that she led the **Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture**.

Cecilia earned her bachelor's degree from **Georgetown University** in Washington, and now lives in Fort Greene with her husband and three children.

She officially starts in September. Chief operating officer **Michael Burke** will act as interim president until then.

Standing O welcomes Cecilia aboard, and wishes her a long and promising career with the foundation that does good, right here in the County of Kings.

Brooklyn Community Foundation [45 Main St. #409, between Water and Front streets in DUMBO, (347) 750-2310].

at the college's 87th graduation day. She will serve for a year with the Mercy Volunteer Corps at the Francis House Center in Sacramento, Calif., where she will manage the Almost Home Fund.

Christelle will work with families in need and act as a resource counselor, providing supervision for children while their parents receive counseling or are working in the job development center.

Standing O wishes the young go-getter good fortune in all her future endeavors.



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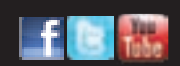
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● 'Mike's job is to shoot and put the ball in hole. And he does that very well.'

— Bishop Loughlin coach Ed Gonzalez on Mike Williams

● 'He's just a winner. He does whatever it takes to win.'

— Coach Rah Wiggins on Erving Walker

Courier's Top-10 Brooklyn high-school teams of 2013

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

The Brooklyn high-school sports season produced numerous champions and historic runs. There were great players, great games and exceptional teams. Who had the best year of them all?

Courier Sports Editor Joseph Staszewski ranks the top-10 Brooklyn high-school teams for the 2012-2013 season. The squads are selected based on their level of dominance in their sport, the level and difficulty of any title won, the historic nature of its season and the quality of their overall year. Here is the list for 2013:

1. Bishop Ford girls basketball (26-7)

It's hard to top what the Falcons did, especially under the circumstances. Ford won the school's first diocesan, Catholic state and State Federation Class AA titles all with Head Coach Mike Toro suspended as the school investigated potential inappropriate financial benefits to members of the team. The Falcons title stood and junior guard Aaliyah Jones emerged as a star, winning the Federation tournament MVP award.

2. Erasmus Hall football (12-0)

If anyone came close to Ford it was Erasmus. The Dutchman overcame losing the title game a year ago. The team went unbeaten and topped Tottenville 15-14 at Yankee Stadium behind Curtis Samuel for the elusive crown. It was Erasmus' first city title at the highest classification. The championship was even sweeter for Coach Danny Landberg, who saw his home severely damaged by Hurricane Sandy.

3. Telecommunications baseball (25-0)

The Telecom, led by Josh Palacios and Chris Lee, claimed the school's first ever PSAL Class A crown by beating Norman Thomas at MCU Park. The unbeaten campaign for Coach Ed D'Alessio's club solidified Telecom as one of the city's top programs.

4. Lincoln boys basketball (26-5)

The Railsplitters claimed the PSAL Class AA city title for the first



Photo by Ken Maldonado



Photo by Denis Gostev

DRIVING INTO THE HISTORY BOOKS: (Left) Jill Conroy and top-ranked Bishop Ford won the school's first-ever State Federation Class AA title this season. (Right) Curtis Samuel helped lead Erasmus Hall to its first PSAL Championship division football title this season.

time in three years by beating rival Thomas Jefferson at Madison Square Garden. Star guard Isaiah Whitehead officially put his name with the Lincoln greats by claiming his first crown. He and his top-seeded squad wouldn't have done it without stellar performances in the final from Elijah Davis and Desi Rodriguez.

5. Fontbonne Hall softball (20-12)

The little school on the Shore Road hill reached new heights. Fontbonne fought back from a game down to win its first Brooklyn-Queens diocesan title. The arm of Nicolette Trapani and bat of Maria Serrantino pushed the team all the way to the Catholic state title game, where it fell to Kellenberg. All the hard work of the last two years came together for a magical season.

6. Poly Prep baseball (16-8-1)

Poly didn't look like its same dominant self in the regular season and never truly found an offensive groove. When you have pitching like the Blue

Devils did that doesn't seem to matter. Andrew Zapata, Morgan Gray, and Phil Maldari were dominant in the post season and pitched Poly to a historic third straight private school baseball title.

7. Brooklyn Tech wrestling (14-0)

Two out of three isn't bad and that's exactly what No. 11-seeded Brooklyn Tech did. It erased the taste of last year's loss in the final and took down No. 1 Cardozo to claim its second PSAL city title in the last three years. Senior star Shaquille Williams put together another dominant season on the mat to help the program reach an elite status in New York City.

8. Bishop Loughlin boys basketball (21-8)

Despite being the lone team on this list without some form of a championship, you can't take away what the Lions accomplished. Four of its losses were to state champion Christ the King and two

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ONE MORE TRY: Brownsville native Erving Walker is looking for another chance to make an NBA team's roster.

Photo by Joseph Staszewski

Walker's second shot at NBA

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

After his first season playing professional basketball overseas, Erving Walker hopes his next job is a little closer to home.

The Brownsville native, and former University of Florida star, is looking for a second chance to play in the NBA. Despite a strong showing with the Phoenix Suns in the NBA Summer League last season — where he averaged 5.0 points per game — the team didn't pick him up.

Walker said the Suns' former coaching staff told him there was a place in the league for him, just not with Phoenix. So he traveled to Italy to play for Prima Veroli, where he averaged 18.7 points, 3.7 rebounds, and 3.6 assists

per game. Walker felt he learned from the experience and was encouraged to play the game the way he was comfortable.

"I think I did well," Walker said. "I was passing a lot, trying to be a true point guard. The coaches said, 'We know what you can do. We want you to be aggressive, be yourself.'"

It won't be an easy climb back. After playing in the New York City streetball circuit this summer, including time with DDN-Sean Bell at the Hoops in the Sun tournament in the Bronx, Walker still hasn't received an invite to play in this year's NBA summer league. This means he may have

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Cyclones have a rocky road trip

Clones win three, lose three, shut out once in away games versus Doubledays, Tigers

Auburn 7 Cyclones 0

July 11 at Auburn

Doubledays pitchers picked up right where they left off in last Wednesday's suspended game, as they shutout the Cyclones 7-0.

Auburn had a 2-0 on Wednesday before the umpires suspended the game because of bad weather, but the change of date had no effect on the outcome. The Auburn hurlers pitched a no-hitter through seven innings.

The Doubledays added three of the team's runs in the sixth inning when Austin Chubb scored on a sac fly and Isaac Ballou and Wilmer Difo each ran home off an RBI double by Jean Carlos Valdez.

Cyclones' second baseman L.J. "Mini-Maz" Mazzilli recorded Brooklyn's first hit in the seventh, followed by a single by catcher Tomas Nido, but Auburn shut the door on any comeback hopes with a groundout play. The Clones recorded two more hits in the last innings, but nothing came of them.

Cyclones 4 Auburn 3

July 11 at Auburn

Brooklyn's Boys of Summer scored the first four runs of the game and held off a fu-

rious comeback attempt to get the double-header split in the shortened second game.

First baseman Matt "Bright Eyes" Oberste singled at the top of the order in the second inning, later scoring on an RBI single by catcher Eddie Rohan. Oberste would also hit an RBI single and score another run in the third to put the Clones up by three early.

The Doubledays responded in the fourth with an RBI single by Wilmer Difo and an RBI sac fly by Jordan Poole.

After the Cyclones gave up another run in the fifth, pitcher Dawrin Frias entered in the sixth to retire six-straight batters to get the save in the shortened second game.

Auburn 4 Cyclones 3

July 12 at Auburn

The Doubleday's Wilmer Difo hit a sacrifice fly scoring Cody Dent to break the tie in the bottom of the ninth for the 4-3 win.

The Clones took the 3-2 lead off two runs in the fourth inning. The first came when Matt "Bright Eyes" Oberste reached second on an Auburn throwing error, followed by a James "Papa" Roche single. Bright Eyes went to third, and then made it home on a wild pitch by Auburn hurler R.C. Orlan. Catcher Tomas Nido then hit



DEEP SIX: Dawrin Frias retired six-straight Doubleday batters in the sixth inning of the second game of the Clones' double-header against Auburn on July 11. Photo by Steve Solomonson

an RBI single to allow Roche to score the go-ahead run.

The Doubledays tied the score in the

fifth off an RBI groundout and the score remained tied until the ninth, when, despite a walk by Nido and another fielding error by the Doubledays, the Cyclones couldn't cash in.

In the bottom half, Dent doubled and Austin Chubb reached base on a sacrifice bunt attempt that Nido couldn't handle, putting Dent at third and setting up Difo's game-winner.

Cyclones 2 Connecticut 1

July 13 at Connecticut

An RBI double by Anthony Chavez in the ninth drove in James "Papa" Roche to break the tie and John Mincone held Connecticut at bay for the 2-1 win.

The Cyclones started off with a bang when leadoff man Patrick "To Infinity and" Biondi tripled to right, and shortstop Juan Gamboa grounded out, allowing Biondi to come home on just the second at-bat of the game.

The Tigers tied it in the third, when Austin Schotts recorded the first of only two hits by the team, and made it home on a fielder's choice.

In the ninth, Cyclones' Eris Peguero singled to center, and Roche took his place

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of those games were absolute thrillers. Khadeen Carrington and Mike Williams helped Loughlin reach the Catholic intersectional 'AA' title game for the first time since 2010.

9. Nazareth boy's basketball (24-5)

Naz nation claimed its second straight Catholic city title, this time in the "A" after being moved up this season. The Kingsman became the first Catholic boys team to win a crown at a higher classification the year after claiming a title at a lower one. Star wing Samson Usilo returns next season, so there is no reason why his team won't be in the

mix again next year.
10. Thomas Jefferson boys track

The Orange Wave took its dominance of PSAL track to a different level this year. Jefferson used its superiority in the field events and more balanced running performance to claim a third-straight outdoor city title. It added to that by also winning the program's first indoor crown in the last 10 years behind Sidgie Green and Lesley Clervil.

Honorable mention: Brooklyn Tech boys swimming (12-0), Thomas Jefferson basketball (26-6), South Shore girls basketball (22-5), Abraham Lincoln football (8-3), Grand Street baseball (18-3), and Berkeley Carroll baseball (20-1).



IN THE PAINT: Aaliyah Lewis helped her teammates capture Bishop Ford's first ever State Federation Class AA title.

Photo by Ken Maldonado

Walker

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to head overseas for a second straight year.

The 5-foot-8 point guard has been doubted multiple times in his career. He was never guaranteed playing time at Christ the King Regional High School, where he ended up winning a city title. And many wondered if he would ever see floor time at Florida. He helped take Florida to

two Elite Eights, and left that school as its all-time assists leader (547) and its fourth all-time scorer with 1,777 points.

"He's always proved the doubters wrong," Sean Bell Coach Rah Wiggins said.

Walker says what makes him special is that he is a winning player who can adapt to any style. He can score and play up-tempo, or be a pass-first point guard in a more structured system like the one he ran with Prima Veroli.

His commitment to defense has really impressed Wiggins, but it's nothing he wouldn't expect from Walker.

"He's just a winner," Wiggins said. "He does whatever it takes to win."

Now, Walker is just waiting to see if he will get the chance to do all those things in the NBA. All he can do is keep improving and keep waiting.

"All he has to do is stay in the gym and keep working hard," Wiggins said. "Maybe his number is going to get called."

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at first as a pinch runner. Chavez then hit his line drive to left, bringing Roche around for the winning run.

Connecticut 6 Cyclones 4

July 14 at Connecticut

The Cyclones scored the first four runs of the game, but watched as the Tigers scored six in a row to steal the second game of a three game-set from Brooklyn on Sunday.

The Clones scored two runs each in the second and sixth innings. The first two came on a two-RBI single from first baseman Matt "Bright Eyes" Oberste. In the sixth, Ismael "T.J." Tijerina, L.J. "Mini-Maz" Mazzilli, and Jared King loaded the bases, before a Connecticut throwing error allowed Tijerina to score. Oberste then hit in Mazzilli on a fielder's



BRIGHT SPOT: Matt "Bright Eyes" Oberste had a good week on the road with Brooklyn's Boys of Summer.

Photo by Steve Schnibbe

choice to put the Cyclones up by two.

But the bottom of the sixth became a nightmare for the Boys of Summer, when three Cyclones pitch-

ers faced 10 batters and allowed four runs.

The Tigers added another two in the eighth off pitcher Paul Paez to take the two-run lead. The Cyclones made a two-out comeback bid in the top of the ninth when James "Papa" Roche hit his second double of the night and Patrick "To Infinity and" Biondi singled to put Roche on third. But Julio Concepcion grounded out to end the game.

Cyclones 5 Connecticut 4

July 15 at Connecticut

Matt "Bright Eyes" Oberste's 12th-inning, bases-loaded blast knocked in Juan Gamboa to catapult the Clones to 5-4 win over the Connecticut Tigers on Tuesday.

The Tigers scored the first two runs of the game and the Cyclones came back to record the next four. In the fourth, Brooklyn

loaded the bases on singles by Gamboa and L.J. "Mini-Maz" Mazzilli and a walk by Jared King. Oberste then hit an RBI single and James "Papa" Roche hit an RBI sac fly to let Gamboa and Mazzilli score.

The Clones added another two runs in the fifth and the Brooklyn pitchers continued their league-leading play when starting Carlos Valdez retired seven straight. But the Tigers came back to tie the game in the bottom of the ninth off Johnny Magliozzi, who pitched for the first time in a Cyclones uniform.

After two scoreless extra innings, the Clones loaded the bases with the same players in the same way they did in the fourth, and Oberste again delivered. Tim Peterson held the Tigers at bay in the bottom of the frame to record his first save of the year.

Rutgers signing proves Williams is one of the elite

Mike Williams will get his chance to prove all the doubters wrong and show that he's fit for a Division-I team in a major conference.

The Bishop Loughlin rising senior guard took a step towards that goal by committing to play basketball for Rutgers and head coach Eddie Jordan.

Rutgers was one of the first big schools to believe in Williams, after Scarlet Knights assistant coach Van Macon took notice. Before that, the 6-foot-2 sharpshooter had received mostly mid-major interest until the likes of St. John's, Creighton and Virginia came on late to join Dayton, Iowa, Temple and Fordham among others.

"A lot of people didn't believe in him," Loughlin coach Ed Gonzalez said. "He was a late bloomer. He just works his tail off."

It's his work ethic and desire to compete on the court that make Williams stand out, along with the finesse of his shooting stroke — arguably the best in the city. That's what caught my eye and had me telling people the perception of him was wrong.

Williams gives his maximum effort on every play, is an underrated defender, and an excellent athlete. Gonzalez couldn't quite put his finger on why people undervalued the talent of Williams, who plays his travel ball with the New York Lightning.

"Mike is a quiet kid," Gonzalez said. "I call him the quiet assassin. He's a blue collar worker in a white-collar environment. He does all the stuff to make it happen. I really don't know. Maybe his size, but his heart is so big."



JOE KNOWS

by Joe Staszewski

Maybe it was because until last season he was just one of a number of talented players on the Lions roster. Backcourt mate Khadeen Carrington is the team's highly sought-after star, holding offers from St. John's, UConn, Pittsburgh, Rutgers and a host of others. Williams, Carrington, and Elisha Boone, who transferred out, made up a talented trio as sophomores. Last season Williams and Carrington became a dynamic duo, with Williams often carrying the load.

"He proved that he belonged with these guys," Gonzalez said of Williams, about his standing with the area's top talent.

Williams averaged 19.8 points per game last season. He netted 17 in a Catholic Class AA semifinal win over Stepinac, and dropped in 23 points as Loughlin fell to Christ the King in the title game, its first since 2010.

Gonzalez believes that will continue in his senior year, and heading into the Big Ten conference at Rutgers.

"He'll be fine," Gonzalez said. "Mike's role is to shoot and put the ball in the hole. And he does that very well."

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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF KINGS
AGATHA JOHNSON, Plaintiff,
-against-
ISAAC EUGENE JOHNSON defendant
Index No.: 51636/2013
Date of Summons: May 24, 2013
Filed: April 12, 2013
SUMMONS WITH NOTICE ACTION FOR A DIVORCE
To the above named Defendant:
YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to respond to this summons and to the request for relief made by the plaintiff by serving a written Notice of Appearance on the plaintiff's attorney, at the address stated below.
If this Summons with Notice was served upon you within the state of New York by personal deliver you must respond WITHIN twenty (20) days after the service, exclusive of the day of service. If this Summons with Notice was not personally delivered to you within the State of New York you must respond WITHIN thirty (30) days after the service is completed in accordance with the requirements of the Civil Practice Law and Rules.
THE NATURE OF THIS ACTION IS TO OBTAIN JUDGEMENT OF DIVORCE, DISSOLVING THE MARRIAGE RELATION-

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SHIP BETWEEN PLAINTIFF AND DEFENDANT. THIS ACTION FOR DIVORCE IS BASED UPON THE FOLLOWING GROUND OR GROUND:
The relationship between Plaintiff and Defendant has broken irretrievably for a period of at least six months, Pursuant to Domestic Relations Law 170(7).
THE RELIEF SOUGHT BY THE PLAINTIFF IN THIS ACTION IS A JUDGEMENT DIVORCING THE PARTIES AND DISSOLVING THE MARTIAL RELATIONSHIP WHICH HAS HERETOFORE EXISTED.
PLAINTIFF ALSO REQUEST THAT SUCH JUDGEMENT GRANT THE FOLLOWING ITEMS OF ADDITIONAL AND ANCILLARY RELIEF:
Declaring Plaintiff's separate property.
Granting each party the right to resume the use of any maiden name or other pre-marriage surname.
Awarding Plaintiff such other and further reliefs as to the court may seem just and proper, together with the costs and disbursements of this action.
Pursuant to Domestic Relations Law 255 effective October 9, 2009, notice is herby given that once the judgment of divorce is signed, a party hereto may or may not eligible to be covered under the other party's health insurance plan, depending on the terms of the plan.
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between the parties duly executed and acknowledged.
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automobile insurance, homeowners and renters insurance policies in full force and effect.
IN THE EVENT THAT YOU FAIL TO APPEAR OR ANSWER, JUDGEMENT WILL BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU, by default, for the relief demanded in the Summons with Notice.
Dated: April 5, 2013
Address: Arlene McCrea, Esq. Law Office of Arlene McCrea Attorney for Plaintiff 32 Court Street - Suite Mezzanine One Brooklyn, NY 11201 718-791-9402
LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE IS HEREBY given that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Kings County on 07/09/2013, bearing Index Number NC-000563-13/KI, a copy of which may be examined at the Office of the Clerk, located at 141 Livingston Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201, grants me (us) the right to: Assume the name of (First) Jeremiah (Middle) James (Last) Jackson. My present name is (First) Jeremiah (Middle) James (Last) Amaukwu (infant). My present address is 252 East 52nd Street, Brooklyn, NY 11203-. My place of birth is Brooklyn, New York. My date of birth is January 28, 2006.

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NOTICE OF SALE
JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, in accordance with its rights as current secured party, will conduct a public sale of security: the proprietary lease and 130 shares of stock of CLINTON HILL APTS. OWNERS CORP. Said security is appurtenant to premises: located at 165 CLINTON AVE, Apt. 7F, BROOKLYN, NY 11205. Said sale includes the fixtures and articles of personal property now or hereafter affixed to or used in connection with said premises. The sale shall be on August 1, 2013 at 10:00 AM at the foot of the Courthouse steps, facing Adams Street, of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of Kings, located at 360 Adams

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Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201. The secured party reserves the right to bid. The secured party makes no representations or warranties as to the title or premises being sold herein. The sale is subject to any conditions of transfer set by the cooperative corporation or its board, and subject to any tenants or occupants of the subject premises and the Terms of Sale to be read at the sale. Victor Rawner, Auctioneer, License # 1224356
ROSICKI, ROSICKI & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Attorneys for Secured Party
Fishkill Office 2 Summit Court Suite 301 Fishkill, NY 12524 845.897.1600

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NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT: KINGS COUNTY
NYCTL 1998-2 TRUST AND THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON AS COLLATERAL AGENT AND CUSTODIAN OF THE NYCL 1998-2 TRUST; Plaintiff(s)
vs. FEMI REALTY CORP; et al; Defendant(s)
Attorney (s) for Plaintiff (s): ROSICKI, ROSICKI & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 2 Summit Court, Suite 301, Fishkill, New York, 12524, 845.897.1600
Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale granted herein on or about December 20, 2012, I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder at room 224 at the Kings County Supreme Court 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201.
On August 15, 2013 at 02:30 PM
Premises known as 1321 FLATBUSH AVENUE, BROOKLYN, NY 11226
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INDEX NO. 5616/10
William F. Mackey, Esq., REFEREE

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NOTICE OF SALE

Wells Fargo Bank NA, in accordance with its rights as current secured party, will conduct a public sale of security: the proprietary lease and 47 shares of stock of 283 East 5th Street Housing Corporation. Said security is appurtenant to premises: located at 283 EAST 5TH STREET, Apt. 1A, BROOKLYN, NY 11218-2463. Said sale includes the fixtures and articles of personal property now or hereafter affixed to or used in connection with said premises. The sale shall be on August 15, 2013 at 10:00 AM at the foot of the Courthouse steps, facing Adams Street, of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of Kings, located at 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201. The secured party reserves the right to bid. The secured party makes no representations or warranties as to the title or premises being sold herein.
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ROSICKI, ROSICKI & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Attorneys for Secured Party
Fishkill Office 2 Summit Court Suite 301 Fishkill, NY 12524 845.897.1600

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The Board of Trustees of Hebrew Language Academy Charter School will meet on Wed, 7/24 at 12:00 PM at 729 7th Ave, 9th Fl, NY, NY 10019. The meeting is open to the public.



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212 KINGSLAND AVE LLC, a domestic LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 3/1/13. Office location: Kings County, SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 2&M Accounting Co., 3310 30th Ave., Astoria, NY 11102-4602. General Purposes.

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268A THROOP REALTY LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 2/19/13 Office in Kings Co. SSNY design. Agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to Michael Zats 110 Broadway 701 Brooklyn, NY 11249. Purpose: Any lawful activity. The latest date of dissolution is 1/4/62.

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868 42nd Street Development LLC Arts of Org filed with NY Sec of State (SSNY) on 5/31/13. Office: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 4205 8th Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11232. General Purposes.

LEGAL NOTICE

BDCB LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 06/07/2013. Office loc: Kings County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Deborah Setton, 1604 East 7th St, Brooklyn, NY 11230. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

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BFC 360 Builders LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 6/19/2013. Off. Loc.: Kings Cnty. SSNY Designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 150 Myrtle Avenue, 2nd Floor, Brooklyn, NY 11201. Purpose: all lawful activities.

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DOTORY, LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 6/7/2013. Office in Kings Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 177 Seventh Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11215. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Principal business location: 535 Broadway, Brooklyn, NY 11211.

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FORTRESS ROCKAWAY LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 5/6/13 Office in Kings Co. SSNY design. Agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to Solomon Borg, 630 Third Ave., New York, NY 10017. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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Guider Avenue Realty LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 04/11/13. Off. Loc.: Kings Co. SSNY desig. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 83 Nicole Loop, Staten Island, NY 10301. General Purposes.

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Notice of Formation
Albert Goodman Preservation Builders LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 6/12/2013. Off. Loc.: Kings Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 150 Myrtle Avenue, 2nd Fl., Brooklyn, NY 11201. Purpose: all lawful activities.

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Notice of Formation of C.Y.L. 8 Realty LLC, Art. Of Org. filed Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 04/03/2013. Office location: Kings County. SSNY Designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: The LLC, 839 Bay Ridge Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11220. Purpose: any lawful activity.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: MIKLEY REALTY LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 06/26/13. Office location: Kings County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 2146 East 71st Street, Brooklyn, New York 11234. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: WATERSTONE GROUP LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 04/17/2013. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: The LLC, 1952 53rd St., Brooklyn, NY 11204. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: RP RESIDENCE LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 06/13/2013. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: The LLC 12 79th Street, Brooklyn NY 11209. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: VANESSA UNGARO LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 05/22/2013. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: C/O United States Corporation Agents, Inc., 7014 13th Avenue, Suite 202, Brooklyn NY 11228 Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: GLAM VIE LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 06/07/2013. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: The LLC, 2905 Ocean Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11235. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: BAY 23RD HALAL GYRO & FRIED CHICKEN LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 04/26/2013. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: Naseem Khan, 1947 Bath Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11214. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: GUNDRED GAMES, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 06/18/2013. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: Alyssa Gundred, 241 Taaffe Place, Apt. 213, Brooklyn, NY 11205. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: ONE LIFE ONE JOURNEY LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 03/26/2013. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: KEVIN MOORE, 106-06 GLENWOOD RD, APT #1D, BROOKLYN, NY 11236. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: JADORE CAKES LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 03/25/2013. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: C/O United States Corporation Agents, Inc., 7014 13th Avenue, Suite 202, Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: ICE CREAM HOUSE ON 36TH STREET L.L.C. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 05/30/2013. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: The LLC, 3614 15th Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11218. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: THOMAS & GRAHAM LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 04/02/2013. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: C/O

United States Corporation Agents, Inc., 7014 13th Avenue, Suite 202, Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: CPUPRODIGY LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 05/01/2013. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: The LLC, 95 Lincoln Ave., Staten Island, NY 10306. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: HMF AFFILIATES, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 03/20/2013. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: The LLC, 26 Lorimer St., Fl. 4, Brooklyn, NY 11206. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: MOTIF LOVER LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 03/13/2013. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: The LLC, 240 Kent Ave., 1st Floor, Unit 5, Brooklyn, NY, 11211. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: PILLOW TALK LINGERIE CO., LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 03/21/2013. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as

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agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: C/O United States Corporation Agents, Inc., 7014 13th Avenue, Suite 202, Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: 439-441 HENRY STREET, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 08/18/05. Office location: Kings County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, c/o Vernon & Ginsburg, LLP, 261 Madison Avenue, New York, New York 10016. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: SHAREBEARS LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 04/23/2013. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: Christopher G. Reid, Esq., 116 Third Place, #3, Brooklyn, NY 11231. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of MAD-ORANGE LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/4/13. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to 298 Ave. P #4C, Bklyn, NY 11204. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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Notice of formation of Martin Loper LLC Arts. of Org. filed with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/28/2011. Office location, County of Kings. SSNY has been designated as agent of

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the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 703 Franklin Ave, Apt 3, Brooklyn NY 11216. Purpose: any lawful act.

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Notice of formation of Midwood Property Holdings LLC Arts. of Org. filed with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 4/23/2013. Office location, County of Kings. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 1547 President St., Floor 1, Brooklyn, NY 11213. Purpose: any lawful act.

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PHYLLIP TYREE, LLC, a domestic LLC currently known as PHILLIP TYREE, LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 4/11/13. Office location: Kings County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 18 Claver Pl., Brooklyn, NY 11238. General Purposes.

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Springfield Capital Group LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 01/11/13. Off. Loc.: Kings Co. SSNY desig. as agt. upon whom process

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may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 1325 55th St., Brooklyn, NY 11219. General Purposes.

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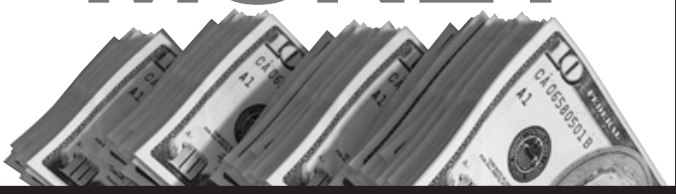
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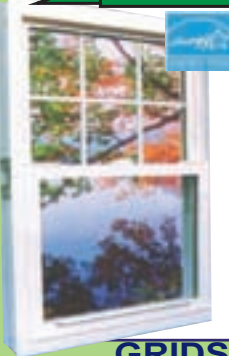
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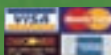
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