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## Flatbush inferno injures 3

BY COLIN MIXSON

Firefighters raced to quench an all-hands fire at a Nostrand Avenue apartment building in Flatbush on Tuesday, which sent two residents and one of New York's Bravest to Kings County Hospital suffering from smoke inhalation.

Witnesses alerted emergency dispatchers to the blaze between Tilden Avenue and Beverly Road at 11:59 pm, then dozens of firefighters and paramedics converged on the three-story brick inferno.

Carline Pierre was in her apartment with her three girls, nephew, and two cousins, when she smelled smoke coming from under the door.

"I smelled it and everybody started running," said Pierre. "There was a lot of smoke, mister — smoke and fire."

Pierre declined a trip to Kings  
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# DANGER ZONE



**FLIPPED RIDE:** A motorist overturned his car on E. 51st Street near PS 203 last Tuesday night — on a block where reckless driving is the norm, say locals.  
Photo by Steve Solomonson

## Locals say school zone is speedway

BY COLIN MIXSON

That's no school zone — it's a danger zone.

A motorist flipped his car near PS 203 in Mill Basin last Tuesday, setting off a domino effect of collateral damage — and block residents say this wasn't the first time a reckless driver caused an accident at the nearby grade school.

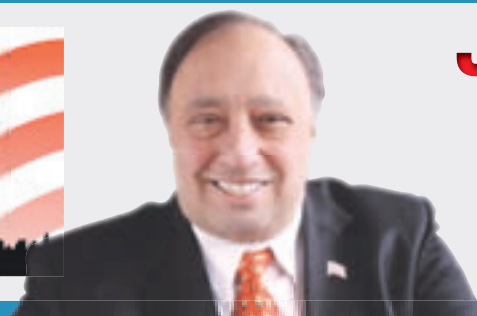
"This block is full of speed demons," said Anthony Tomarchio, who lives on E. 51st Street where the accident occurred.

Firefighters and paramedics rushed to the scene between Avenues L and M at 8:30 pm, where they found the driver's black sedan  
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# Carnival in summertime

## West Indian Day Parade turns Eastern Parkway into rainbow of color

BY NATALIE MUSUMECI

Thousands of revelers flocked to Eastern Parkway on Monday for the annual West Indian-American Day Parade, despite extreme humidity and stormy skies.

There was no shortage of booming steel drum beats, bright floats, skillfully crafted costumes, and mouth-watering east at the parade through the heart of Crown Heights.

Scantly clad dancers donning elaborate feathered headdresses gyrated their way down Eastern Parkway for the 46th annual parade — the city's largest — which celebrates Caribbean music, arts, food, and culture every Labor Day.

"It was loud and fun and full of pretty costumes," said William Howard, first vice president of the West Indian American Day Carnival Association, which has been the driving force behind the parade since the organization was established in 1967.

"Everyone enjoyed themselves," he said. "It was a great celebration of the Caribbean culture."

Throngs of spectators waving flags of Caribbean countries packed the sidewalks along the two-mile-long parade route, which kicked off on Eastern Parkway at Schenectady Avenue, headed west toward Grand Army Plaza, and then turned onto Flatbush Avenue.

More than one million revelers were estimated to be at the massive parade, and with the Sept. 10 primary election looming, mayoral candidates were out in force, waving and shaking



**JOYFUL:** (Clockwise from above) Babian Chambers and his daughter Leylani truly enjoyed watching the parade celebrating Caribbean culture. Lauren Miller of Bedford-Stuyvesant was one of the marchers donning showy outfits featuring feathers and jewels. Thousands of vibrantly dressed revelers and marchers packed Eastern Parkway for the annual celebration of the islands.

Photos by Paul Martinka



spectators' hands.

"They were letting everybody know that they understand and know the Caribbean culture," Howard said.

Borough President Mark

owitz joined Trinidadian disc jockey MC Wassy to serve as grand marshals for this year's parade.

The procession has its roots in Manhattan parades that began in the 1940s.



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**TAKING PART IN THE FESTIVITIES:** (Clockwise from above left) Borough President Markowitz, who served as one of the grand marshals of this year's parade, stood along side City Council Speaker and mayoral hopeful Christine Quinn at the celebration. Public Advocate and mayoral frontrunner Bill DeBlasio fired up parade-goers as he marched along Eastern Parkway during the annual parade. District Attorney Charles Hynes, who is up for re-election, marched enthusiastically with supporters. Even Disgraced former governor and current candidate for city comptroller Elliott Spitzer showed up to press the flesh. Former Metropolitan Transportation Authority chairman and current mayoral hopeful Joe Lhota also enjoyed the festivities at the 46th annual parade. Former comptroller and current mayoral candidate Bill Thompson showed his love for the Caribbean culture at the celebration.

Photos by Paul Martinka

## Candidates go on parade in Brooklyn

BY NATALIE MUSUMECI

The annual West Indian Day Parade wasn't just a jubilant celebration of Caribbean culture this year, it was also one last major chance for New York City politicians to campaign one more time before the upcoming primary election.

With the Sept. 10 primary election just around the corner, mayoral candidates used the 46th annual parade

that drew thousands as an opportunity to mix and mingle with revelers in the two-mile parade route along Eastern Parkway on Monday.

Mayoral hopefuls on hand included City Comptroller John Liu, former Comptroller Bill Thompson, City Council Speaker Christine Quinn, Public Advocate Bill DeBlasio, former Metropolitan Transportation Authority chairman Joe Lhota, and former

congressman Anthony Weiner, who reportedly spoke in a Caribbean accent to parade-goers.

"Anybody here from Jamaica?" Weiner shouted into a microphone in the fake accent as he was caught on video. "Anybody here from Barbados? Anybody here from Guyana?"

Then, ditching the island-inspired accent, Weiner yelled, "Anybody here from Staten Island?"





# YOUR ELECTION GUIDE

Vote smart! Head to the polls on Sept. 10 armed with crucial information about the candidates

## Democratic Primary for Mayor of New York City

Democratic candidates have rushed in to fill the open mayor's seat, bringing back unexpected faces from Brooklyn's political past. Council Speaker Christine Quinn once seemed Bloomberg's heir apparent, but her perceived closeness to hizzoner has become a liability. The frontrunner has changed multiple times, with polls showing DeBlasio in the lead as Sept. 10 approaches.



**SAL ALBANESE**

- Former financial advisor, former councilman (D-Bay Ridge), former public school teacher.
- Entered Council in 1982 representing Bay Ridge, served for 15 years. Ran for mayor in 1997 and placed third in Democratic Primary. Briefly ran again in 2000, then dropped out.
- 64, married, two children.



**BILL DEBLASIO**

- New York City Public Advocate, former councilman (D-Park Slope), former campaign manager for Hillary Clinton.
- Served as New York and New Jersey director of U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development during the Clinton Administration. Entered Council in 2001 representing Park Slope. Became Public Advocate in 2009.
- 52, married, two children.



**JOHN LIU**

- City comptroller, former councilman (D-Queens).
- Entered Council in 2001 representing Queens, became comptroller in 2010. Irregularities in fundraising for comptroller race triggered federal investigation. City denied matching funds to mayoral campaign.
- 46, married, one son.

### THE CAMPAIGN

• Other contenders have attacked Quinn for supporting term-limit extension and for rewarding and punishing council members by granting or withholding discretionary

funds. Quinn has fallen from first place in the polls to third.

- Weiner experienced a spectacular rise and fall, becoming frontrunner upon entering race, then sinking dramatically after

further sexually-charged interactions with women came to light.

- Quinn and Thompson have blasted DeBlasio for supporting term-limit extensions as councilman in 2005, then flipping his

position when the bill came up in 2008.

- The financially challenged Albanese has questioned his opponents' ability to fight for reform given the large amounts of money he says they have received from corporations.



**CHRISTINE QUINN**

- Councilwoman (D-Manhattan), New York City Council Speaker, former housing activist.
- Entered Council in 1999 special election as representative from Manhattan, became first woman and first lesbian speaker in 2006. Spearheaded controversial effort to extend term-limits in 2008.
- 47, married, no children.



**BILL THOMPSON**

- Former deputy borough president, former president of the Board of Education, former city comptroller, former investment banker. Democratic nominee for mayor in 2009.
- Became youngest ever deputy beep in 1982, became Board of education president in 1996, became comptroller in 2002. Came within five percentage points of beating Mayor Bloomberg in 2009, despite being outspent 14 to one.
- 60, married, one daughter.



**ANTHONY WEINER**

- Former councilman (D-Sheepshead Bay), former congressman (D-Brooklyn).
- Became youngest councilman in history in 1992, representing Sheepshead Bay, served for six years. Entered U.S. House of Representatives in 1999, resigned in disgrace in 2011 after accidentally posting photo of his engorged penis to his official Twitter account, the lying about it.
- 49, married, one son.

## Republican Primary for Mayor of New York City

The Democrats have gotten most of the attention so far, but there is also a lively race in the Republican primary — one just starting to go negative. It pits two politically well-connected figures from the private sector against a longtime public servant and former banker.

### THE CAMPAIGN

- Catsimatidis has bashed Lhota for voting to raise train and bus fares and bridge tolls as chairman of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority, and for referring to Port Authority police as "mall cops."
- Lhota struck back with a mailer slamming Catsimatidis for backing former Mayor David Dinkins over then-United States Attorney Rudy Giuliani in the 1989 mayor's race. Giuliani has appeared in ads defending



**JOHN CATSIMATIDIS**

- Founder of Gristedes Supermarkets and the Red Apple Group real estate company.
- The 132nd richest person in America, according to Forbes. Major donor and fundraiser for Bill and Hillary Clinton, Mitt Romney, Sen. Joe Lieberman (D-Conn.), and Congressman Jerry Nadler (D-Sunset Park).
- 64 — turns 65 on Sept. 7 — married, two children.

Lhota from Catsimatidis's charges.

- McDonald, a Bloomberg supporter, has attacked Lhota for criticizing hizzoner's response to Hurricane Sandy.



**JOE LHOTA**

- Budget director and deputy mayor under the Giuliani Administration, former executive vice president of Cablevision and investment banker. Most recently worked as chairman of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority.
- Served as Giuliani's liaison to the president, Congress, the governor, the state legislature, and the city council. Oversaw agreements with public employees unions.
- 59, married, one daughter.



## Democratic Primary for New York City Comptroller

Manhattan Borough President Scott Stringer seemed to be coasting toward an easy victory in the race to become city comptroller, the person charged with overseeing the city's money. But in July, disgraced Gov. Eliot Spitzer made his surprise political reappearance — and Stringer's cakewalk into office no longer seemed so sweet.



### SCOTT STRINGER

- Democrat, Manhattan borough president, former state assemblyman representing Manhattan.
- Served six terms in the state legislature from 1992 until 2005. Elected Manhattan beup in 2005.

• 53, married, two children.



### ELIOT SPITZER

- Democrat, former governor of New York and former New York attorney general.
- Elected New York's top lawman in 1999 and served seven years. Elected governor in 2007, but resigned in disgrace a year later.

• 54, married, three children.

### THE CAMPAIGN

- Stringer was running uncontested until Spitzer entered.
- Stringer has hit Spitzer for the prostitution scandal that forced him out of office, and for the so-called Troopergate scandal, when the then-governor had state police keep tabs on then-state Senate majority leader Joe Bruno.
- Spitzer has attacked Stringer as a limp, ineffectual machine politician with no experience handling financial matters and no significant accomplishments.

## Democratic Primary for Brooklyn District Attorney

District Attorney Charles "Joe" Hynes has been in office for 23 years but he is locked in a bitter struggle for re-election against former federal prosecutor Ken Thompson. Hynes has argued his opponent does not have the experience or the character to be Brooklyn's top prosecutor, but Thompson hopes to exploit a spate of recent scandals in the incumbent's office and unseat him.



### CHARLES HYNES

- Democrat, six-term district attorney, former New York City fire commissioner.
- Star assistant district attorney in the late 1960s and early 1970s, became a special prosecutor investigating

Medicaid fraud under Gov. Hugh Carey. Appointed fire commissioner under Mayor Ed Koch in 1980. Elected district attorney in 1989.

• 78, married, five children.



### KEN THOMPSON

- Democrat, trial lawyer, former federal prosecutor, former attorney in the United States Treasury Department.
- Contributed to a report on the Branch Davidian Compound

Raid in Waco, Tex. under the Clinton Administration. Delivered opening statement in the prosecution of five New York City police officers in the high-profile Abner Louima torture case.

• 47, married, two children.

### THE CAMPAIGN

- A second Hynes challenger Abe George dropped out of the race in late July and endorsed Thompson.
- Thompson has attacked Hynes for recusing himself from prosecuting disgraced Assemblyman Vito Lopez because of their political ties. Thompson claims that Hynes failed to speak out against the police practice of stop-and-frisk. The challenger has also alleged that Hynes abused his position to go after his political opponents.

## Democratic Primary for New York City Public Advocate

A crowd of candidates has converged around the office of Public Advocate, a position with some visibility but little actual power. All of them have sounded populist notes in their campaigns and accused each other of representing the economic elite.

### THE CAMPAIGN

- Other candidates have attacked Saujani for her work representing hedge funds on Wall Street. Saujani also drew fire after her campaign scrubbed her Wikipedia page to remove references to her work in the financial sector.
- Saujani has taunted Squadron about his family fortune, calling him "Trust Fund Dan." James labeled Squadron "another failed Albany politician," claiming he has failed to get significant legislation passed in the Senate.
- Squadron has out-fund-raised his opponents, and called on them to reject the expenditures of outside lobbying groups that have campaigned on their behalf.
- Guerriero and Wai have depicted themselves as political outsiders.



### RESHMA SAUJANI

- Deputy Public Advocate, former Wall Street lawyer. Founder of "Girls Who Code," advocacy group urging more young women to go into tech sector.
- Appointed deputy Public Advocate in 2010, after

unsuccessful bid to useat Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney (D-Manhattan).

• 37, married, no children.



### CATHY GUERRIERO

- Professor, business consultant, former administrator with the Catholic Archdiocese of New York.
- Teaches education and politics as an adjunct at Columbia and New York universities.
- 43, married, one daughter.



### LETITIA JAMES

- Councilwoman (D-Clinton Hill)
- Elected to City Council in 2003 as Working Families Party member, representing Clinton Hill. Battled effort to use eminent domain to evict constituents during Atlantic Yards Project controversy.
- 50, single, no children.



### DANIEL SQUADRON

- State Senator (D-Carroll Gardens)
- Served as an aide to U.S. Senator Chuck Schumer, defeated 30-year incumbent to become state Senator from Carroll Gardens in 2008.
- 34, married, one son.



### SIDIQUE WAI

- Advisor to police Commissioner Ray Kelly, former United Nations delegate, former Manhattan doorman.
- Worked for the New York City Housing Authority during the Giuliani Administration. Appointed delegate to the United Nations from Sierra Leone — his native country — in

2005. Became community relations specialist under Commissioner Kelly in 2006.

• 65, married, two daughters.



## 47th Council District

A fierce fight is underway to replace powerful three-term Councilman Domenic Recchia in the district spanning Coney Island, Seagate, and parts of Bensonhurst, Bath Beach, and Gravesend — an area battered during Hurricane Sandy, but home to some of the most prized real estate in the borough. All three candidates have attacked each other as being uninvolved in the community prior to running, or for representing powerful outside interests.



### TODD DOBRIN

- Former Community Board 13 member, president of Friends of the Boardwalk, union electrician.
- Garnered wide attention for opposing city plan to convert Boardwalk to artificial wood and concrete, claims that stance got him kicked off CB13 in 2011.
- 42, married, one daughter.



### JOHN LISYANSKIY

- Community Board 13 member, former Council staffer.
- Worked as a longtime aide to Council Speaker Christine Quinn, which he says meant working closely with Recchia, one of her allies.
- 33, married, two children.



### MARK TREYGER

- High school teacher, former aide to Assemblyman Bill Colton (D-Bensonhurst).
- Worked as a spokesman to Colton, and helped organize campaign against planned Waste Transfer Station at the end of Bay 41st Street.
- 31, married, one daughter.

### THE CAMPAIGN

• Lisianskiy has attacked Treyger for receiving support from powerful pro-developer groups including the Real Estate Board of New York and the Small Business Coalition,

and for having moved out of the district last year to Bergen Beach, only to move back in time to run for the Council seat. He has also called Treyger “a puppet” of Colton.

• Todd Dobrin has alleged Lisianskiy “has

no record in the district,” claiming Lisianskiy absent from the discussions about the Boardwalk and about the 2009 rezoning.

• Lisianskiy called Dobrin “an empty suit,” claiming Friends of the Boardwalk

has done nothing under Dobrin’s leadership.

• Small Business Coalition and the Real Estate Board financed ads accusing Lisianskiy of accepting donations from tax dodgers and credit card fraudsters.

## 46th Council District

The race to replace term-limited Councilman Lew Fidler has attracted a state Assemblyman and a local entrepreneur. The district covers the neighborhoods of Bergen Beach, Canarsie, Georgetowne, Starrett City, Flatlands, Futurama, Marine Park, Mill Basin, Mill Island, Gerritsen Beach, Madison and Sheepshead Bay.

### ALAN MAISEL

- State Assemblyman (D-Canarsie)
- Former member of Community Board 18 who worked for then-congressman Charles Schumer. Served as chief of staff to Assemblyman Frank Seddio.
- Elected to Assembly in 2006.

Championed a state law to ban shark fin soup.

- 68, married, two children.

### THE CAMPAIGN

• Maisel was endorsed by the political action committee Jobs for New York, which has spent \$120,000 campaigning on his behalf.

• Narcisse has called Maisel an “old man” who is running for Council only because he’s tired of commuting to Albany.

### MERCEDES NARCISSE

- Owner of Statewide Medical and Surgical Supplies
- Organized an annual toy giveaway event that has been going on for a decade. During Hurricane Sandy, she partnered with Long Island charity Toys of Hope to give away seven

truckloads of toys.

- 47, divorced, five children.

## 38th Council District

Incumbent Sara Gonzalez has come under fire from challenger Carlos Menchaca for poor attendance at council meetings and public events. Gonzalez has run the district for a decade, while Menchaca only moved there in February in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy. The district includes Red Hook, South Slope, Greenwood Heights, Sunset Park, and parts of Borough Park and Bay Ridge.

### SARA GONZALEZ

- Former chair of Community Board 7.
- Entered office in 2002 after winning a special election to replace disgraced Councilman Angel Rodriguez.
- Age 64, married. Two children.



### CARLOS MENCHACA

- Former aide to Council Speaker Christine Quinn and Borough President Markowitz.
- Grew up in El Paso, Texas. Moved from Park Slope to Red Hook in February while working on the Sandy relief effort.



- Age 32, unmarried. No children.

### THE CAMPAIGN

• Menchaca has blasted Gonzalez over allegations that she was missing in action in Red Hook in the wake of Hurricane Sandy.

• Gonzalez is accusing Menchaca of distorting the nature of the work he did following Hurricane Sandy. She says that Menchaca has depicted himself as a volunteer in the Red Hook relief effort when, in reality, he was on the ground as a paid council staffer.

• Menchaca insists that he was up front about his role as an aide to Quinn, and that it was common knowledge in the storm-battered neighborhood.

## Uncontested Races



(Left) Councilman Brad Lander is running unopposed for the 39th Council District, which covers Park Slope, Gowanus, Windsor Terrace, and Greenwood Heights.



(Right) State Sen. Eric Adams is running unopposed for Borough President, replacing Marty Markowitz.

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**63RD PRECINCT**MARINE PARK-MILL BASIN-FLATLANDS-  
BERGEN BEACH**Head shot**

Police arrested a man who they say shot another man in the head on Avenue H back on July 6.

The victim told police that he was between E. 55th and E. 56th streets at 3:50 am when the suspect aimed a pistol at his head.

"How about I shoot you in the head?" the suspect allegedly barked, before firing and striking the victim's head.

The victim was fortunate to survive the attack, and the suspect is being charged with attempted murder, according to a spokesman for District Attorney Charles Hynes.

**Need a trim?**

A 28-year old woman was arrested for allegedly threatening a man with a knife on Avenue I on Aug. 29.

The victim told police that he was between E. 49th Street and Utica Avenue at 9:46 pm when the suspect drew the blade and threatened to cut him, according to police.

**69TH PRECINCT**

CANARSIE

**Looted**

A 23-year-old man was arrested for allegedly plundering a man's E. 84th Street apartment on July 31 — taking an iPad, iPhone, jewelry, and even passports.

The victim told police that he left his home between Farragut Road and Foster Avenue at 12:30 pm, and returned three hours later to find his valuables had vanished.

The victim realized that a window he had left closed was now ajar. Detectives later dusted the window, and were able to match finger prints they found to the suspect, according to a spokesman for District Attorney Charles Hynes.

**Caught in the act**

Cops arrested a 34-year-old man who they say drove off with another man's car on E. 80th Street on Aug. 29.

The victim told police he was near Fourth Avenue at 9:10 am when he spotted the suspect peeling out with his 2000 Volvo. Fortunately, a cop spotted the car about 20 minutes later, and busted the suspect.

**Battered**

A 24-year-old man was arrested for beating a woman inside her E. 98th Street home on Sept. 2, cops said.

The victim told police she was inside her apartment between Avenue N and Seaview Avenue at 4 pm when the suspect barged inside.

The man allegedly pushed the victim to the floor, before viciously punching her over and over again.

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The victim lost a tooth and suffered cuts to her face, mouth, and arms, according to a spokesman for the DA.

— *Colin Mixson***70TH PRECINCT**

FLATBUSH-MIDWOOD

**Violent mugger**

Police arrested an 18-year-old who they say mugged a woman on Ocean Avenue on Aug. 27.

The victim told investigators that the suspect grabbed her from behind near Avenue M at 6:45 pm and tried to take her cellphone by twisting her arm.

The suspect — who faces charges of robbery, assault, petit larceny, menacing, harassment, and criminal possession of stolen property — fled with the woman's cellular device, according to documents from the District Attorney's office.

**Brawling out**

A 20-year-old was arrested for allegedly pushing a man through a glass door inside an E. 21st apartment on Aug. 27.

A witness, who lives in the apartment where the altercation happened, saw the accused start a fight with two others inside the abode between Ditmas and Newkirk avenues at 7:45 pm.

The perp proceeded to shove one of the men into the glass door, causing it to shatter, investigators say.

The suspect faces charges of criminal mischief and disorderly conduct, according to documents from the District Attorney's office.

**Brutal beating**

Police apprehended a 20-year-old accused of attacking a man inside a Flatbush Avenue liquor store on Aug. 23.

The victim told investigators that the suspect, whom he knows, approached him inside the store near Avenue D at 7:05 pm and started an argument.

The suspect demanded the victim's cellphone, and then hit the victim in the face with an object, causing the victim a broken nose and bruises to his hands.

The suspect — who faces charges of robbery, assault, menacing, harassment, and criminal possession of a weapon — snatched the cellular device and ran off, according to documents from the District Attorney's office. — *Natalie Musumeci*

**61ST PRECINCT**SHEEPSHEAD BAY-HOMECREST-  
MANHATTAN BEACH-GRAVESEND**Back stabber**

An 18-year-old man was arrested for allegedly stabbing a restaurant owner outside of his Coney Island Avenue eatery on Aug. 31.

The victim told police he was rolling down the front gate of his store between Crawford Avenue and Avenue X at 1:30 am when the suspect allegedly shoved a knife into the left side of the victim's upper back.

The victim was rushed to Coney Island Avenue, but was later able to identify the suspect, who police say they found with a knife in his pocket.

**Fore!**

Cops are hunting a gang of thugs who allegedly beat a man on E. 29th Street with a golf club on Aug. 31.

The victim told police that he was sitting in a car near Shore Parkway at 1:20 am when the suspects approached him and broke his window with the golf club, before bashing him in the head with it.

**Crutch crunch**

Cops arrested a man who they say used a pair of crutches to beat a man on E. 15th Street on Aug. 31.

The victim told police he was arguing with the suspect near Avenue U when the man snapped, and bashed the victim with the crutches.

**Dumb broke**

A thief ransacked a man's Avenue Z home on Aug. 31 — and the victim claims the crook took more than \$100,000 worth of jewelry.

The victim told police that he left his house between E. 27th and E. 28th streets at 6 pm, and returned at 10:30 pm to discover some burglar had smashed his way into the house through a rear window, before hitting pay dirt.

The victim said the crook made off with an iPhone 5, \$20,000 worth of Rolex and Michelle watches, and \$115,000 worth of assorted jewelry.

**Apple picking**

Some goon stole a woman's iPhone on E. 15th Street on Aug. 31.

The victim told police that she was between Avenues U and V at 11:35 pm when a young man waltzed up and asked for the time. But after the poor girl took out her

phone to check the time, the crook lunged for it and, after a struggle, was able to wrench it from his victim's grasp.

**Jeep jacked**

A thief drove off with a woman's 2011 Grand Cherokee she left on Haring Street on Aug. 31.

The victim told police she parked her Jeep between Avenues Y and Z at 9 pm, and returned an hour later to find an empty spot. There was no sign of forced entry at the scene, but the victim did spot her vehicle's manual on the street nearby.

**Shed head**

A crook broke into a woman's Avenue T shed on Aug. 31, and took her bicycle.

The victim told police that she last checked her shed between E. 13th and E. 14th streets at 8:30 pm, and saw that her bike was right where it was supposed to be. About eight hours later, however, she returned to find the shed doors forced open and her \$200 bike stolen.

**Armstronged**

A crook robbed a man of his ritzy racing bike on West Street on Sept. 2.

The victim told police that he was between Avenue T and Sloan Place at 2:30 pm, in the midst of closing his garage door, when another fellow suddenly ran up and shoved him, then fled with the \$2,000 Canaondale Cadd 8 racing bicycle.

— *Colin Mixson***60TH PRECINCT**

CONEY ISLAND-BRIGHTON BEACH-SEAGATE

**Fight near Boardwalk**

A 20-year-old was cuffed for punching another person repeatedly, even after his victim fell to the ground, on a Mermaid Avenue sidewalk on Aug. 31, police said.

The assaulter also kicked him — giving him cuts on his mouth, bruising and swelling in his eye, and substantial pain — during the attack that drew a crowd near W. 17th Street at 10 pm, police said.

**Good girl gone bad?**

An 18-year-old woman was arrested for threatening another person with a knife after the victim didn't lend the teen her cellphone on Brighton Beach Avenue, police said.

Police say the suspect was near Ocean Parkway at 7 pm and asked to use the phone so she could call her mother.

**Glass house**

A 36-year-old woman repeatedly stole objects from another woman — and even tried to take the eyeglasses off her face — on W. 35th Street on Aug. 29, police said.

The perp, who allegedly took the victim's backpack, iPhone, and a bag of her clothes from her home between Neptune and Mermaid avenues on repeated occasions, punched her victim to steal her eyeglasses, according to reports.

— *Jaime Lutz*



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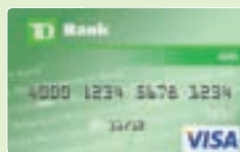
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**LADDERS UP:** New York's Bravest responded to an all-hands fire on Nostrand Avenue in Flatbush on Tuesday morning. The blaze hospitalized three people.

Photo by Paul Martinka

## Fire

*Continued from cover*

County Hospital in order to care for her family, but three people were taken off in ambulances before firefighters were able to douse the blaze about a half hour after they arrived.

But Pierre's belongings were

soaked in the process, and she's now been left to find a hotel for her family, before she starts picking the pieces.

"It's not okay," she said. "Everything's wet and smells like smoke. Everything was damaged."

The fire's cause remains under investigation, according to a spokesman for the FDNY.

## Speeding

*Continued from cover*

lying on one side, not far from a line of three other busted cars.

When the driver flipped his vehicle, he smashed into a parked car, which was shoved into another car, which in turn bashed another parked vehicle in a cascade of destruction, according to witnesses.

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It is still important to have annual oral examinations for your cat or dog to assess the plaque or tartar build up and whether it is necessary at that time to perform an oral exam under anesthesia which includes dental radiographs. At that time scaling the teeth below the gumline is performed as well as any curetting above the gumline to remove any plaque and tartar which is not visible. At that time any infection will be addressed and if any extractions are warranted they will be performed as well.

Cleaning teeth is important but some question the risk of anesthesia that comes along with this procedure. Anesthesia is necessary for several reasons, immobilization of the patient to perform dental radiographs, clean under the gumline, which can be painful, and also to place a tube into the windpipe to prevent any bacteria from entering the respiratory system. Pre-operative tests are performed to help minimize the risk of anesthesia. Also gas anesthetics are mostly used which take effect immediately and once stopped leave the system shortly. Monitoring equipment is used that is very similar to human medicine. Ask your veterinarian to discuss the procedure and risks at the yearly examination.

Oral hygiene is important for the overall health of the patient because the bacteria that build up can enter the bloodstream and seed in the heart, liver, or kidneys and cause systemic infections and disease.

If brushing is not an option there are several including special diets, which are formulated to prevent plaque buildup on the teeth, powdered supplements to sprinkle on the food or water supplements or dental wipes. Certain treats are made to help prevent buildup as well. Depending on how often preventative care is used as well as the breed of your pet, dental cleanings under anesthesia will need to be performed at different intervals. Ask your veterinarian to help you choose the best option for your pet.

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# Developers weigh in on Coney Isle race

## Attack ads accuse Lisianskiy of 'shady' fund-raising

BY WILL BREDDERMAN

Two developer-backed groups supporting Coney council candidate Mark Treyger have launched an ad campaign blasting his rival, John Lisianskiy, for what they claim are crooked fund-raising practices.

The Small Business Coalition — founded by Louis Jerome, scion of a family of Manhattan property owners — began running ads attacking Lisianskiy last week on sites like BrooklynPaper.com. The online spots refer to the council hopeful as “Shady John Lisianskiy,” and blast him for accepting a donation from the mother of a Brighton Beach restaurant owner arrested in May for allegedly bilking millions from people through a phony debt-relief agency.

The web ad claims: “Some of that stolen money made its way to Shady John Lisianskiy and his campaign for City Council.”

Lisianskiy acknowledged that he received a single \$250 donation of the mother of the accused, but pointed out that she was never charged with any crime.

“What did she do wrong? That her son got tied up in an incident? She was not indicted,” said the Ukrainian-born candidate.

Pressed to back up its allegation that the \$250 Lisianskiy received from the woman was stolen, the Small Business Coalition claimed that the accused scam artist used some of his ill-gotten gains to pay his mother’s debts.

“The fact is that John Lisianskiy has accepted some questionable contributions, including from those who benefitted from an alleged multi-million dollar scam,” said Coalition spokesman John Eddy.

Lisianskiy also sent us images of a mailer he claims were sent out by the



**LOOKING DODGY:** The Real Estate Board of New York, a group of wealthy developers backing Mark Treyger through its political action committee Jobs 4 New York, put out these mailers accusing John Lisianskiy of getting support from tax dodgers, without identifying any tax dodgers supporting him. John Lisianskiy

Real Estate Board of New York — through its electoral arm, the Jobs 4 New York Political Action Committee. The flyer’s title is “John Lisianskiy’s Campaign Depends. On Tax Dodgers,” and alleges that the candidate took money from a donor who owes more than \$5 million in back taxes.

“If John Lisianskiy associates with tax dodgers, can we trust him to manage taxpayer dollars in the City Council?” the mailer reads. “The answer is clear: We can’t trust him.”

A Real Estate Board spokesman said that the shadowy figure on the mailer represents Evgeny Freidman, head of Taxi Club Management, one of the largest yellow cab operations in the city. Freidman

gave Lisianskiy’s campaign \$2,750 — the maximum allowable amount. New York State issued a \$790,000 lien against Freidman in 2009, and an \$8,000,000 one in 2010. State records show both have since been paid. Freidman could not be reached for comment.

Lisianskiy dismissed the attack as absurd.

“Gene’s a friend, he’s a supporter, and I did not ask him if he paid his taxes,” the candidate said.

Lisianskiy demanded that Treyger condemn the twin ad campaigns.

“What kind of progressive Democrat is he if he doesn’t denounce this?” Lisianskiy said.

But Treyger’s team said they had no involvement in the attack pieces, could not stop them.





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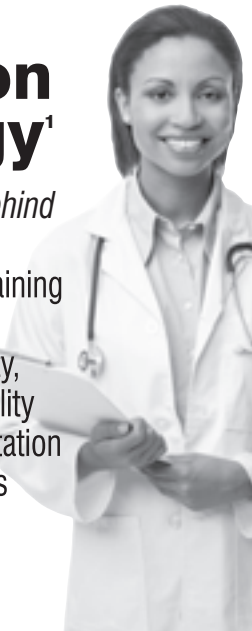
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# Speedster flips his car

Locals say school zone is being plagued by reckless drivers

BY COLIN MIXSON

That's no school zone — it's a danger zone.

A motorist flipped his car near PS 203 in Mill Basin last Tuesday, setting off a domino effect of collateral damage — and block residents say this wasn't the first time a reckless driver caused an accident at the nearby grade school.

"This block is full of speed demons," said Anthony Tomarchio, who lives on E. 51st Street where the accident occurred.

Firefighters and paramedics rushed to the scene between Avenues L and M at 8:30 pm, where they found the driver's black sedan lying on one side, not far from a line of three other busted cars.

When the driver flipped his vehicle, he smashed into a parked car, which was shoved into another car, which in turn bashed another parked vehicle in a



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Photo by Steve Solomonson

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# Cyclones fans get frisky at MCU

BY WILL BREDDERMAN

Baseball was going to the dogs at MCU Park on Aug. 28!

That's because it marked the Brooklyn Cyclones' 10th annual "Bark in the Park" night. Mini-Mets fans brought their best friends to the Coney Island stadium — that is, their prized pet pooches — to watch a display

of dog tricks and a puppy parade before the game.

The Clones management estimated that some 300 hounds got to watch Brooklyn's Boys of Summer defeat the Tri-City Valleycats. The team said that the event gave Cyclones-lovers the chance to share a special experience with their pups.

"It allows for families —

and a lot of people consider their dogs to be part of the family — to be together as a whole at the ballpark," said Pride of Coney Island spokesman Billy Harner.

Dog-less fans — or those looking to make another addition to their family — were in luck, too. The Mayor's Alliance for New York City's Animals was on hand to let

people sign up to adopt a dog in need of a home. Harner said the adoption event showed the Cyclones' real affection for Fidos and Rovers.

"Bark in the Park is always a great event because it brings awareness to groups like the Mayor's Alliance who work to protect animals through the city," Harner said.

**RUFF PLAY:** (Above and top, right) Dogs performed with frisbees during the third and sixth innings of MCU's Bark In The Park pet adoption night. Fans also brought their pets, including (from far left) Alexa Nunez, who hung out at the park with her chihuahua Wolfie, as well as Park Sloper Angie Brooks and her Pomeranian mix Barney. Photos by Steve Solomonson



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# PRIMARY ELECTION GUIDE 2013

## 33rd Council District

*It is the Battle of the Steves. Incumbent Councilman Steve Levin is hoping to win a second term, but his challenger, Community Board 2 member Stephen Pierson, is waging a toe-to-toe fight to unseat him. The district includes Greenpoint, Dumbo, Brooklyn Heights, Boerum Hill, Downtown, and parts of Williamsburg and Bedford-Stuyvesant.*

### STEVE LEVIN

- Worked at the Ridgewood Bushwick Senior Citizens Council and later as chief of staff for then-Assemblyman Vito Lopez.
- Defeated incumbent Councilman David Yassky in 2009.
- Age 32, single, no children.



### STEPHEN PIERSON

- Founder and director of Canteen, an art and literary magazine. Former professional poker player.
- Elected to Community Board 2 in 2012.
- Age 37, married, one daughter.



### THE CAMPAIGN

- Levin has blasted Pierson for never voting in a local election.
- Pierson's attacks have focused on Levin's ties to his mentor, disgraced former Assemblyman Vito Lopez.
- Both candidates vow to fight the high-rise apartment buildings planned for Greenpoint.

## 34th Council District

*Disgraced Brooklyn Democratic boss Vito Lopez refuses to give up the ghost. Lopez filed to run for council just days after resigning over reports that he sexually harassed several female staffers. Antonio Reynoso, a progressive young challenger from Williamsburg, is taking him on.*

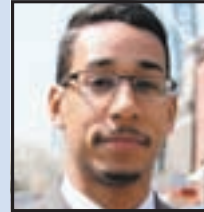
### VITO LOPEZ

- Longtime Democratic boss of Brooklyn. Served on the state Assembly from 1984 until he resigned under intense pressure in May, 2013 AFTER....
- 72, divorced, two adult children.



### ANTONIO REYNOSO

- Williamsburg native and young political insider.
- Served as chief of staff for Diana Reyna, the current 34th district councilwoman.
- 30, unmarried, no children.



### THE CAMPAIGN

- Reynoso has focused on providing affordable housing for long-term residents of Williamsburg and Bushwick.
- Reynoso has scored many key endorsements, including the National Organization for Women and the Tenants Political Action Committee.
- Lopez has stayed out of the spotlight since the beginning of election season. He has hosted a few fund-raisers, but otherwise has not campaigned.

## 35th Council District

*Longtime district Councilwoman Letitia James is running for public advocate this year and a crowded field of candidates are vying to take her place. Laurie Cumbo has emerged as a potential frontrunner, racking up influential endorsements and serving as a lightning rod for attacks from her rivals. The district includes Clinton Hill, Fort Greene, and parts of Crown Heights, Prospect Heights, and Bedford-Stuyvesant.*

### THE CAMPAIGN

- Fox claimed that Cumbo undervalued the price of artwork donated to raise money for her campaign, but Cumbo's campaign says that no laws were broken.
- Cumbo missed the only debate before the primary, which Fox called an "insult to the community." Olanike Alabi also showed up an hour late, saying that she had been held up by work.
- Laurie Cumbo's white field director resigned after reporters uncovered bizarre statements on his Facebook page, including one saying, "The south shall rise again!!!!!!!!!"

### EDE FOX

- Chief of staff for Councilman Jumaane Williams. Former staffer for Councilwoman Melissa Mar-Viverito.
- Served as chief of staff for councilman Jumaane Williams.
- 42, unmarried.



### OLANIKE ALABI

- Service Employees International Union staffer working with health care employees. Former district manager of Community Board 2.
- Lost a race for the 57th state Assembly district in 2012.
- 37, unmarried.



### FRANK HURLEY

- Attorney. Former Assistant district attorney in Queens.
- Former assistant to Board of Education Chancellor Joseph A. Fernandez.
- 52, unmarried



### LAURIE CUMBO

- Founder and owner of Bedford-Stuyvesant's Museum of Contemporary African Diasporan Arts. Professor at Pratt Institute.
- Once worked as a community organizer, bringing concerts to public housing and organizing block parties

to benefit local businesses.

- 38, unmarried.



### JELANI MASHARIKI

- Director of Pamoja House Men's Shelter in Bedford-Stuyvesant.
- Occupy Wall Street organizer and community board member for Interfaith Medical Center.
- 38, single, one daughter.



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## Whose Credibility Is It Anyway?

By Dr. Steve Finger

*"Sacre bleu! Francois, the Syrians, they have guns."*

*"Ah, non, Pierre. I thought they were brioches or croissants."*

*"We surrender! We surrender!"*

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Ok, we've got the French on our side. But is that enough?

The U.N.? Fuggedaboutit! Rest of Europe? Sorry, summer vacation. Arab league? Yeah, well, sure, we're all with you but go ahead and get started. We'll meet you there.

So, why are we still in? Our national security is at stake? How does Assad gassing his citizens threaten our national security? The truth is it doesn't. He could kill every last one of his people and it wouldn't jeopardize our security at all. As human beings, we'd feel awful but we wouldn't be any less secure.

The reason we're involved in the Syria debacle is that President Obama put the credibility of the United States on the line by threatening action against the Syrian government if Assad used poison gas on his people. And now that he's used gas, here we are. Do we do nothing and have our friends no longer trusting us and our enemies no longer respecting us or do we take military action

which could end who knows how? Thank you, Mr. President.

If this were a parliamentary democracy, the government could hold a 'no confidence' vote. President Obama could go back to a seat in parliament. And we would have a new leader who would, hopefully, be more circumspect in his threats and comments.

But we are not a parliamentary democracy. And so, the only one who can get us out of this mess is the one who got us into it. President Obama should do the decent thing and resign. The credibility problem is his, not ours. If the president were to leave, he would take his credibility problem with him and, with a lot of work, his successor(s) could eventually get us back to where we once were and where we need to be again.

Eight years of 'let George do it' and what have we gotten? Bush without the humility. Mr. President, for the good of the county you say you love, please, get your feet off OUR desk and go!

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# A debate about debates

Charles Hynes and Ken Thompson trade jabs over missed forums

**BY WILL BREDDERMAN**  
District Attorney Charles "Joe" Hynes and challenger Ken Thompson battered each other for skipping debates in the weeks leading up to the Sept. 10 Democratic primary.

Hynes blasted Thompson for backing out of an Aug. 27 debate in front of the Brooklyn Bar Association, the borough's official federation of lawyers. The 24-year incumbent's camp accused the former federal prosecutor of running scared from a fight before his professional peers.

"He obviously doesn't feel his record is strong enough to plead his case to the legal community of Brooklyn," said Hynes spokesman George Arzt.

Thompson's team said that he was unable to attend due to a "personal conflict," and had offered to reschedule. The challenger struck back at the incumbent,

claiming that Hynes had refused to debate him on WABC-TV last week.

"The brazen hypocrisy and desperation of Joe Hynes has reached new heights," said a Thompson spokesman.

Arzt fired back, claiming that Thompson was comparing apples and oranges.

"This is atrocious behavior even for Mr. Thompson," said Arzt. "Mr. Thompson is extraordinarily manipulative and slippery but he can't wiggle out of a debate then compare that to a forum that was never agreed to or debate that was never scheduled."

The Bar Association said that Thompson had called to cancel a day in advance, and confirmed that he had offered to reschedule. But the attorneys group said that it would not be able to set up another forum before the primary.

"We're disappointed. Of course we wish it would have worked out," said Bar Association president Andrew Falk.

A WABC-TV source confirmed that Hynes had rejected a televised face-off on the station.

"Hynes turned us down. I offered a number of options, but he said no," the insider said.

The two have already had several bruising altercations, where Thompson has slammed Hynes for recusing himself from prosecuting disgraced Assemblyman Vito Lopez on allegations of sexual harassment because of his political ties for the



**ATTACK DOGS:** Hynes slammed Thompson of ducking a debate at the Brooklyn Bar association, and Thompson accused Hynes of fearing to debate him on television.

Photos by Arthur De Gaeta

former Democratic Party boss. The challenger has also gone after the incumbent for several wrongful convictions resulting from the alleged misconduct of star assistant district attorney Michael Vecchione and retired police detective Louis Scarcella.

Thompson has also accused the sitting district attorney of being responsible for the unfortunate fates of his past opponents. John Phillips, a prosperous Bedford-Stuyvesant Civil Court judge who was rumored to be interested in running for district attorney, was

declared mentally incompetent at Hynes's request in 2001 and died penniless in 2008 after his legal guardians looted his \$10 million estate. Hynes prosecuted John O'Hara, who ran several times against Hynes's political allies and publicized Phillips's story, for voting in the wrong election district — making him the only person in history besides suffragette Susan B. Anthony to be convicted of the obscure fraud charge.

In 2003, Hynes's office filed felony charges against his 2001 primary opponent, attorney Sandra Roper, for allegedly stealing \$9,000 from a client.

Hynes argued Thompson lacks the leadership experience to oversee an office of 500 lawyers. The incumbent has also pointed to Thompson's representation of a hotel maid who accused International Monetary Fund chief Dominique Strauss-Kahn of rape in 2011 — where the trial lawyer's conduct triggered an investigation by the Manhattan DA. Hynes has also hit Thompson for defending disgraced state senators Pedro Espada and John Sampson while Thompson was serving as the legislative body's attorney during the Aqueduct "racino" scandal in 2011.

The race may continue past Sept. 10, as Hynes has secured a spot on both the Republican and Conservative party lines — allowing him to run against Thompson even if he loses the Democratic nomination.

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# Action Environmental Group helping New York recycle

BY CAMILLE SPERRAZZA

Garbage isn't always trash.

Properly handled, it can be recycled into practical things. What can't be recycled needs to be disposed of correctly. When you have a business, sorting through all of this can be one messy job.

Action Environmental Group is here to help with the heap. The company is the leading provider of solid waste collection for the New York business community, offering collecting, recycling, and composting services. Many hospitals, universities, and large businesses already use its services.

Now, the company is proud to announce it has acquired Interstate Waste Services, Inc., allowing it to expand into the New Jersey area, too.

"We will continue our philosophy of providing excellent customer service, and environmental innovation, all delivered through a dedicated and effective workforce," says chairperson Michael DiBella.

Always on the cutting edge, the company utilizes a new optical sorting machine, which makes the recycling process highly efficient. The technology, launched this summer, comes from Europe, says Jenna DiBella, Public Relations Coordinator. It is so high-tech, that through color detection, material identification, and the examination of chemical composition, the machine sorts accordingly, separating recyclable materials. Glossy paper, magazines, and newspapers will be divided from corrugated cardboard and plastic-laminated paper. Plastics can be separated from textiles, metals, and other minerals. The entire operation, used in the Bronx, is comprehensive and reliable.

Good thing, because humans can use a lot of help in

the area of recycling. We often don't know exactly what should get recycled. And let's be honest: we don't always put that bottle in the right trash pail.

Yet, "The future of waste management lies in recycling and green initiatives," says DiBella. "Our team has decades of experience in operating facilities, and our Bronx-located site is one of the most modern and efficient in the metropolitan area."

Composting is another green initiative, a subject that Mayor Bloomberg has brought up more than once. The mayor would like to make it mandatory for us to compost our food scraps. The thought has turned some stomachs, but compost is beneficial when it comes to turning soil. It provides nutrients, acts as a fertilizer, and is a key component of organic farming.

Bloomberg would like us to start composting voluntarily. Action Environmental Services is already composting.

"We are the first solid-waste-collection company to offer an organic composting program throughout the New York City area," says DiBella. "We have the ability to collect food scraps and any other organic material throughout the five boroughs. The material is then transported to our site where it undergoes decomposition, ultimately resulting in a high-grade top soil."

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company in the metro area to have invested in this specialized equipment," DiBella says.

Composting is essential because it provides nutrients to the land, she says.

"It holds moisture in gardens and on lawns, contributes to watershed health by controlling run-off, and naturally fertilizes and provides structure to the soil."

It benefits us because it reduces the amount of waste that is sent to the landfill, she says. Perhaps a compost box

in our homes is not so far-fetched an idea, as DiBella says, "Up to 30 percent of the material we send to landfill is organic, and could be composted at home."

You can compost indoors by purchasing a bin, sold at hardware stores.

Meanwhile, customers of Action Environmental Group have no such concerns. In fact, the expansion makes it very convenient for clients who may have a business in New York and a business in New Jersey, as



they no longer have to utilize the services of two different waste companies.

Action Environmental Group has earned recognition for its role as a leader in the field. Last year, the company received a Global Green Award for its commitment to promoting environmental sustainability and eco-

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# August recap revisits top stories from the past month

We can't think of a better time to salute the work of our persevering reporters than on Labor Day week. Summer may be winding down, but rest assured that our staff keeps the heat on timely issues, year-round. Read on for a recap of the top stories in August that made our print and online editions soar with the rising mercury.

**Ferry's the ticket:** The Metropolitan Transit Authority halted R train service between Bay Ridge and Manhattan for more than a year to repair damage from Hurricane Sandy. But it replaced it with ferry service from 58th Street in Sunset Park through January 2014, proving it goes our way — some of the time.

**Dying hospital:** Interfaith Medical Center is set to close, making it the second Brooklyn hospital this year — alongside Long Island College Hospital — to bolt its doors. Workers at the Bedford-Stuyvesant hospital vowed to fight the closure, saying it would threaten lives for miles around. But officials filed for bankruptcy and said the facility would flatline in mid-November.



**SCAN MAN:** Former magician and sideshow performer Fred Kahl opened a pop-up 3-D printer next door to Sideshows by the Seashore.

Photo by Steve Solomonson

**Mini-Me-n-You:** A self-portrait was worth about six inches for revelers mugging for the Great Fredini

at his Coney Island Scan-A-Rama. The former magician and freakshow Barker invited visitors to the People's Playground to step into his pop-up 3-D printshop to be scanned from head-to-toe and recreated as a plastic figurine to populate his scale model of the original Luna Park.

"It sort of converts you into an action figure of yourself," said Fred Kahl, the entrepreneur behind the Great Fredini.

**Aldi's arrival:** The German-based Aldi supermarket chain celebrated the debut of its first Brooklyn franchise inside Nosstrand Avenue's old Pathmark building, where a line of early bird shoppers stretched around the block to get the scoop on Sheepshead Bay's newest grocery



**SOME KIDS HAVE ALDI FUN:** Tammy Hyams said she enjoyed her shopping experience at the new ALDI in Sheepshead Bay. Her daughter Kate said she was just along for the ride, but still had fun.

Photo by Arthur De Gaeta

store — and maybe some generic-brand ice cream. The clean — if crowded — grocery store occupies about half the floor space of the Pathmark it replaces.

**Bard Ridge:** Thespians young and old made all of Owl's Head Park their stage

## IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

the month in review

when they took to the Bay Ridge park's main knoll for Brooklyn's first-ever Shakespeare Festival. Child performers recited sonnets and danced, while adult actors played out scenes from the writer's most famous plays. Organizers said they wanted to introduce William Shakespeare's time-honored art to new generations at an event they hoped would become a new Bay Ridge tradition.

**Sheepslead Bay:** Veterinary volunteers rescued a swan off Emmons Avenue suffering from lead poisoning, and nursed it back to health before releasing it to a Connecticut nature center last month. That left city officials pondering a wild goose chase to discover if the bird — affectionately named Leady by this news-



**STRUTTIN' HER STUFF:** Leady practices walking again after lead poisoning left her immobilized. fredcohenphotography / fredcohenphotography.weebly.com

paper — was poisoned as a result of lead pollution in the water or soil of Sheepshead Bay. Stay tuned, folks.

**Surf's up for bridge:** After 50 years of neglect, the forsaken Surf Avenue pedestrian bridge, linking the New York Aquarium to the train station, finally got *Continued on page 25*

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So what can parents of young children do now? They can be a good role model. Look for opportunities to talk to your children. Children need to know that gambling is not a way to make money and the majority of gamblers will lose. Our children are exposed to gambling messages at a very young age from lottery tickets at the grocery store to internet and television that portray gambling as exciting and easy money. Parents can make a difference on how children respond to these messages.

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# Love and quality care for all pets at this animal hospital

By Camille Sperrazza

On July 20, One Love Animal Hospital opened a second location.

The newest facility is located in Bay Ridge, and it provides the same quality health care to pets as the original one — on Atlantic Avenue in Boerum Hill — which opened its doors in 2010.

The many services offered include wellness exams, senior pet care; vaccines; digital radiology; ultrasound; laboratory work; deworming; heartworm, flea, and tick prevention; the administration of medication; soft tissue surgery; euthanasia; dentistry; and more. Emergency walk-ins are accepted.

The hospital was started by the husband-and-wife team of Doctors Ken Humphreys and Eliza Lischin.

"We believe that the purity of a person's heart can quickly be measured by how they regard animals," says Dr. Humphreys, and this same philosophy is shared by the doctors and staff at each of the facilities. "We have the best interest of your pets in mind."

Dr. Laura D'Onofrio and Dr. Katie Grzyb are the staff doctors at the new hospital.

"I have always been driven to help animals," says Dr. D'Onofrio, who was born and raised in Bensonhurst. "As a kid, I would pick up animals off the street and bring them home." She has been working in the profession for 15 years.

The new hospital is a larger facility, and one of its innovative features is an isolation ward. Animals that have contagious diseases can be treated without impacting others, as there are cages with individual air flow and plumbing, says Dr. D'Onofrio.

"The air is filtered right out of the hospital."

If you haven't thought about bringing your pet in for dental care, you



(Clockwise from above) One Love Animal Hospital — now on Third Avenue in Bay Ridge — is new to the neighborhood. Dr. Katie Grzyb and Dr. Kenneth Humphreys examine a patient. Dr. Laura D'Onofrio cuddles a kitten who is up for adoption. Animals aren't just patients at this vet office, receptionist Monica Lantagne with her helper, Azurite.

Photos by Elizabeth Graham

should, says the doctor. Like humans, animals need to be checked for things such as plaque build-up. They need digital X-rays and oral exams.

"You should be brushing the teeth of your cats and dogs," says Dr. D'Onofrio. "Plaque build-up is a gradual process occurring throughout the life of your pet, so it is important to practice good home dental care. Persis-

tent bad breath is one of the first signs of dental disease."

The hospital works closely with the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals to intake cats, get them healthy, provide vaccines, and have them spayed and neutered. Then, they are sent back to the organization, so they can be put up for adoption.

In addition, the hospi-

tal partners periodically with other organizations, to host "adoption strolls," so people have the opportunity to provide homes for animals. One Love, along with Sean Casey Animal Rescue, will take part in the Third Avenue Festival in Bay Ridge on Sunday, Oct. 6.

"It's an opportunity to take home a new friend," says the doctor.

The decision to undergo

surgery is not an easy for anyone. If your pet does need surgery, the staff will work to ensure that the animal will be as comfortable as possible. The procedure will be discussed with you, and the reasons why surgery is necessary will be explained.

"If you love your pet as much as you love yourself, then One Love is the place for you," says Dr. D'Onofrio.

Pet lovers should "like" One Love Animal Hospital on Facebook.

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# Experts: Russians to conquer council in 2013

BY WILL BREDDERMAN

Brooklyn will give the city its first Russian-American councilman this year, thanks to an increasingly politically active community of immigrants from the former Soviet Union in the districts of two term-limited representatives, experts say.

Three Russian-American Democrats are running to replace Councilman Domenic Recchia (D-Coney Island). John Lisyskiy, a former staffer to Speaker Christine Quinn, was born in Soviet Ukraine — as were the parents Brooklyn-native rival, Mark Treyger, a former aide to Assemblyman Bill Colton (D-Bensonhurst). Former Community Board 13 member Todd Dobrin is a fourth-generation American whose great-

grandparents emigrated from the Ukraine when it was a province of the Russian Empire — though unlike Lisyskiy and Treyger, Dobrin does not speak Russian.

And three men from the mother country are facing off in the district next door, where Councilman Mike Nelson (D-Brighton Beach) is leaving office after 14 years. On the Democratic side, Russian-language journalist Ari Kagan emigrated to the United States from Soviet Latvia in 1993, while rival Igor Obermann moved to Brooklyn from the Soviet Union with his family in 1981. The Republican candidate, David Storobin, was born in Russia and came to America in 1991.

Russian-American Brooklyn leaders agreed

that the odds are in favor of at least one member of their community entering the council.

"I think this will be the year," said Assemblyman Alec Brook-Krasny (D-Coney Island), a native of Moscow and the first person from the former Soviet Union to serve in the state legislature.

Brook-Krasny, who ran for the Coney Island council seat and lost to Recchia in 2001, argued that Russian immigrants — who only began to arrive in large numbers in the 1990s — had difficulty gaining the trust of their new neighbors at first. Brook-Krasny said that both cultural barriers and lingering Cold War tensions hampered politically-ambitious Russian-Americans in the past.

"Electing a person from a new community, especially coming from not just the other side of the globe, but the other side of the political spectrum, is very difficult," Brook-Krasny said.

Surprisingly, Brook-Krasny said the odds for a Russian-American councilman are better in Recchia's old turf — a diverse area that includes Seagate, Bensonhurst, and Gravesend with sizeable black, Asian, Latino, and Italian-American populations — than in Nelson's, where the lines were re-cut to create a so-called "super-Russian district" including Brighton Beach, Manhattan Beach, Midwood, and Sheepshead Bay. The only non-Russian competition for Recchia's seat comes from Pastor Connis Mobley, a Democrat running as an independent, and the Republican candidate Andy Sullivan. Both are longshots with little money. Kagan and Obermann face stiff competition in the Democratic primary from former Nelson aide Chaim Deutsch and Community Board 15 chairwoman Theresa Scavo. Brook-Krasny said the Russian contenders could split their community's vote.

"More than one Russian-American candidate hurts everyone's chances," said Brook-Krasny, who has endorsed Kagan and Treyger.

But not all leaders from Brooklyn's "Little Odessa" agree. Some argue that Deutsch and Scavo will split the non-Russian vote, giving the candidates from the land of borscht and vodka — who represent the largest demographic group in the district — the edge.

"I think we will see two



**INCUMBENT ALLY:** (Clockwise from top left) John Lisyskiy, Igor Obermann, Ari Kagan, David Storobin, Todd Dorbin, and Mark Treyger are all Russian-Americans vying for office.

councilmen from our community," said Russian-language media mogul Gregory Davidzon, who is also backing Kagan and Treyger.

Davidzon argued that the Russian community has so far failed to elect one of its own for two reasons. The first is that the community initially voted in low numbers — a problem Davidzon credits himself with reversing, through repeated calls to political action via his newspaper and radio station. The other, according to Davidzon, is that Russian-Americans gladly re-elected non-Russian pols who paid attention to them — repeatedly backing disgraced state Sen. Carl Kruger because of his Russian-language newsletter, and helping Nelson ward off a challenge from Soviet-born Republican Oleg Gutnick in 2005.

"Russian community appreciates loyalty from an elected official, and they will give that loyalty back," said Davidzon.

Davidzon said that having Russian-speaking elected officials will be an immense source of pride to the community — but it will also likely mean more Russian-language support for city services, which many of the group's seniors depend on.

"We will be more visible, and we will make the city more fair than it is," said Davidzon.

The community has flexed its political muscles considerably in recent years — often with shocking results. Strong Russian-American and Orthodox Jewish support helped Storobin score an upset victory over Councilman Lew Fidler (D-Sheepshead Bay) for Kruger's vacant Senate seat last year. And in 2011, Russian votes helped businessman Bob Turner — a frequent guest on Davidzon Radio — trounce Assemblyman David Weprin (D-Queens) in the special election to replace disgraced Congressman Anthony Weiner.

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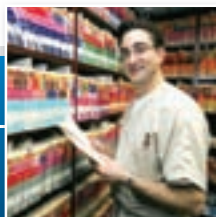
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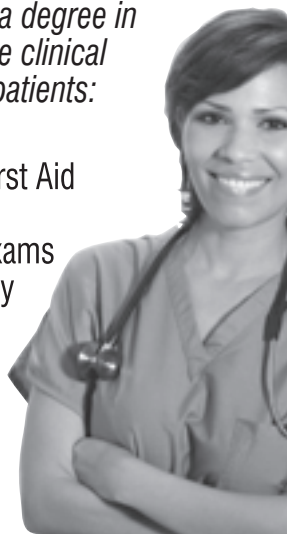
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# High-rise toilets brought low by judge

BY COLIN MIXSON

Property owners living in the Oceana Condominiums have scored a victory against their bitter nemeses, Mayor Bloomberg's high-rise, view-blocking Brighton Beach comfort stations, with a Brooklyn Supreme Court Judge ruling that the city failed to conduct an environmental impact study prior to beginning construction of the much-loathed loos.

"Beach bullies seldom have a fan club, and the same goes for city agencies that fail to listen to the people they serve, fail to conduct an environmental review before moving forward, and fail to change course even when their mistakes have become apparent," said Assemblyman Steve Cymbrowitz, one of Oceana's political allies in their fight against the city.

Numerous protests by Oceana residents failed to convince the city to move the three-story-tall public



**ON TRACK:** (left) This shot of the Brighton Beach Comfort Stations was taken in early April, nearly two months before Bloomberg's May 24 deadline to finish the bathrooms. As you can see in this photo (right) taken on Sept. 3, not much has changed.



toilets, currently sited on the beach beyond the Boardwalk between Coney Island Avenue and Brighton 12th Street — and which condo owners said would ruin their view of the ocean, not to mention their property values. So they did what any desperate property owners would do — they hired a lawyer.

And going by the results, it sounds like they got their money's worth. Judge Johnny Lee Baynes issued a temporary injunction stopping work on the comfort stations until the city contracts an independent party to provide an environmental statement, which may require an environmental impact study,

or until the court makes a decision regarding the suit filed against the city by Oceana's lawyers, claiming the city's decision on where to build the bathrooms was arbitrary and capricious. "After a long, hard battle, this preliminary decision marks a satisfying victory for Oceana residents as well as vindication that the

city erred in not conducting the necessary environmental review before bulldozing the beach," Cymbrowitz said. "There's still a long road ahead, but this is a promising first step." The environmental impact statement must be conducted by an independent contractor, but with city projects the contractor's review is typically not entirely independent, and can be motivated by political interests, according to Manhattan real-estate attorney Steve Barrison. "Independents are a funny thing, in that everybody sort of knows everybody, and when the city of New York hires a firm, they look for somebody who's going to help them out," he said. Construction stays often mark the end of private construction projects, but the city can weather the delay more easily, according to Barrison, who said that Oceana may have won this battle, but they

haven't won the war. "This will kill a lot of projects, but not necessarily a city project," Barrison said. "It certainly could delay it for a few months, maybe even six months, depending on when the statement comes in. The judge has given them a window, but it doesn't mean they've won." Even so, the property owners at Oceana are hailing the judge's decision as a win. The city's Law Department said that the original environmental determination was adequate, and may appeal the ruling. The Parks Department, which is handling the comfort stations' construction, suggested Oceana residents are just being selfish. "The petitioners' repeated efforts to halt the new comfort stations unfortunately means that a vital facility for the greater public continues to be delayed," said Parks Department spokeswoman Meghan Lalor.

"During their final days, Calvary gave both my mom and dad the quality of life they deserved."



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— Deborah DeGregorio

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**BURNT BRIDGE:** The New York City Economic Development Corporation tore down the bridge connecting the W. Eighth Street-New York Aquarium stop to the Boardwalk late at night on Aug. 8.

Photo by Steve Solomonson

## Recap

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some attention from the city — which tore it down overnight. The shark-painted span's swan song went over swimmingly with critics, but left fans high and dry. The city plans to compensate for the walkway with wider sidewalks, a traffic



**NINETY-THREE PROBLEMS:** Police sources and Community Board 10 claim that this nightspot is a hotspot for violent crime. Photo by Elizabeth Graham

light at W. Eighth Street and Surf Avenue, and a new entrance to the seaside promenade at W. 10th Street.

**Beachy keen:** Southern Brooklyn's Sandy-scrapped seashores could emerge bigger and better, after the Army Corps of Engineers rebuilds the coastline of Brighton Beach and Coney Island with \$7.2-million worth of brand-new, tax-payer-funded sand to replace beaches the super-storm washed away. Contractors will dredge sand from the bottom of Rockaway Inlet and deposit it along Brooklyn's southernmost coast. The project is designed to protect area residents and businesses — in addition to vital infra-

structure like the Belt Parkway — from the ravages of future storms.

**Weiner's low blow:** Community newspaper reporters are the “cockroaches of the media landscape”, according to cyber creepy-crawler Anthony Weiner. The disgraced serial sexter and mayoral aspirant bit the hand that stroked his ego, when he bugged out during a community newspaper roundtable he convened in the hope of talking about something other than his sexy selfies.

**Last call:** The state deep-sixed controversial Ridge watering hole 93 Lounge — but not because neighbors had complained for years about the fighting, noise, and drug activity from the nightspot. The State Liquor Authority finally yanked the 93rd Street taproom's booze permit because the revel mecca allowed customers to boogie without having a cabaret license.

**End of an Era:** James McCullough — the great-grandson of legendary Steeplechase Park founder George Tilyou, and the former owner of Coney Island institutions like the B & B Carousell and McCullough's Kiddie Park — passed away on Aug. 19. His family helped define the Coney Island of the last century, but the harsh economics of the new century drove



**LAST RIDE:** James McCullough, who owned the B & B Carousell for three decades and McCullough's Kiddie Park for five, passed away on Aug. 19.

Charles Denson

most of their attractions out of business by the time McCullough got his ticket to the great amusement park in the sky.

**Dog story:** Author Francesco Marciuliano chewed the fat about canine lyricists in his latest book, “I Could Chew On This,” giving us an opportunity to debate life's profundities with a real live mutt — with Marciuliano's help. We asked the furry respondent, “What do you think is a city dog's greatest fear is?” His reply? “That their person completely misjudged their size in relation to their apartment.”

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# Reader: Beware untrustworthy candidates

To the editor,

Would you vote for a Republican who thinks climate change is a farce? How about a Republican who first raised your transit fare and then cut bus and subway services? Seeking new blood, I don't want to see anyone who worked for a prior city council's staff running for the same position. To me, that person will be a clone and a do-nothing politician like his former boss. Many bad decisions led to over development in areas like the bungalow districts and high-rise condos in Brighton Beach.

Don't get me wrong, there were some excellent council people, but when many voted for a third term, even we the people voted twice not to extend term limits. Now who do you really trust running for office?

**Jerry Sattler  
Brighton Beach**

## Traffic qualms

To the editor,

Councilman Steve Levin (D-Green-point) is to be commended for having the Department of Transportation put in two new lights on Kent Avenue when a speed demon driver killed an entire family by going 60 miles per hour in March. This is, however, hardly more than an aspirin for cancer.

Wouldn't it be preferable if the city council enacted an ordinance that exists in Los Angeles where the driver must yield the right of way to the pedestrian and stop? Or one that exists in Phoenix, Ariz. where if the driver is at fault he will be fined and if the pedestrian is at fault he will be fined?

Why does the city have to wait until somebody gets killed before a new light is installed? I must admit that New York City at least is more liberal than Miami, Fla. where three people have to be killed by a car within 10 years before a new light is put in. But why can't the traffic commission work to prevent these accidents from occurring in the first place? Think of the grief and money it would save.

**Elliott Abosh  
Brighton Beach**

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### LETTERS AND COMMENTS FROM OUR READERS

## Not neighborly

To the editor,

The Aldi grand opening on Nostrand Avenue attracted the usual band of ribbon-cutting suspects — posturing politicians whose relentless heroic efforts brought a grocery store to beleaguered, undeserving Sheepshead Bay consumers.

In reality, grandstanding and pandering politicians do nothing other than pretend they care about constituents. The Waldbaums-Pathmark-Aldi scenario exposes the business model. When an existing supermarket or fast food establishment closes, the site is always vacant for at least two years because it is more profitable for the property owners and former businesses on that site to garner depreciation write-offs, tax abatement, and other financial maneuvers I won't pretend to fully understand.

But I do know that the site always remains unused for two years or more. On this very Aldi site, a Waldbaums closed in 1996 and a colony of homeless derelicts blighted the area until a Pathmark opened in 2000. That closed a decade later, plunging the area into another pernicious cycle of filth and neglect for a few years.

The former Waldbaums on Coyle Street closed in the late 1990s and tons of garbage blighted the area for years until Food Basics claimed the site. I could provide dozens of examples and challenge anyone to provide an example where this two-year vacancy didn't occur.

All too often it is a foreign company (Aldi is German-based) or multinational global conglomerate (Waldbaums was taken over by a European conglomerate in the 1990s) with a short-term maximization of profit model that leaves American neighborhoods undeserved. The commitment is to global shareholders, not local consumers.

I will continue to shop across the street at Silver Star, a business founded by an American family that shares my culture and values. Lest you think I'm advertising for Silver Star, I could point out dozens of complaints with their operation. The reason they're outlasted so many other food stores, however, is their long-term perspective and commitment to providing good quality food. They also have a commitment to the neighborhood. After a snowfall they completely cleared the snow in front of their store. The former Pathmark cleared a narrow path that

made it impossible for two carts to pass.

When Silver Star takes out a full-page ad in this newspaper they are supporting an enterprise that delivers an informative and entertaining publication to thousands free. Also, the ad is valuable in my food shopping planning. An excellent feature of Silver Star is that they have cyclical sales on needed items like milk, butter, chicken, juice, fish, etc. That helps a customer stock up on necessities. Perhaps I missed it, but I didn't see any Aldi ads in your publication. Probably doesn't fit into their European business model. Plus, Aldi charges 11 cents for each plastic bag, but doesn't provide any signage.

To all of you conservative, American exceptionalism patriots who exhort: "Buy American!" This is an opportunity to put your food money where your mouth is.

**Joseph McCoppin  
Sheepshead Bay**

## Not so secret meeting

To the editor,

In your story about the Lightstone development ("Activists: Housing on Gowanus Stinks," Aug. 16), you mentioned a meeting convened by local elected officials to start organizing an inclusive community planning process for the Gowanus Canal area that will launch this fall. That meeting was not "secret," as you called it, but was simply closed to press. About 40 people attended, including representative from almost every group actively involved in working on the Canal. (Gowanus Canal Conservancy, Friends and Residents of Great Gowanus, Carroll Gardens Coalition for Respectful Development, Gowanus Canal Community Development Corporation, Save Gowanus, and several members of the Superfund Community Advisory Group and Community Board 6.

We plan to launch the process this fall. As we have tried to open up the budget process through "participatory budgeting," this will be an effort to open up the planning process so that community residents, business people, and community groups can work together to shape a vision for the area around the Gowanus Canal rather than have decisions made by developers, the city, or by elected officials. We will have public meetings, as well as other opportunities for input online and in small groups. Everyone will be invited to participate. This early-stage meeting was to start organizing for that process so that we can make it as inclu-

sive and effective as possible.

With the Environmental Protection Agency's plan to clean up the Canal due out in final form this fall, with the knowledge that we have about the very real dangers of flooding from Hurricane Sandy, and with the change in administration at City Hall, this is an important time for community members to come together and do our best to shape a consensus vision for the future of the Gowanus Canal area. We believe that residents overwhelmingly want a vibrant, genuinely mixed-use, sustainable for Gowanus that builds on what's best about out neighborhoods. That won't be easy, of course, as people have very different ideas about exactly what that looks like. But it is worth trying.

Anyone interested in being involved should reach out to my office and we'll make sure you are on the list for an invitation as the process gets started this fall. And yes, we'll even invite press.

**Councilman Brad Lander  
(D-Park Slope)**

## All of a sudden

To the editor,

Why, eight months after Washington announced it was going to make available billions does Manhattan Borough President, former mayoral candidate, and current comptroller candidate Scott Stringer propose a municipal tracker system to monitor the expenditures of Hurricane Sandy relief funds? Is it because he now has a real primary race for comptroller? Stringer was missing in action when the municipal scandal involving \$1 billion in federal aid unspent by the Housing Authority was exposed. How has the city managed the \$20 billion plus in post 9-11 aid as well as the billions of other dollars from Washington every day?

The same also applies to billions in yearly state assistance from Albany, along with billions in locally generated tax revenues. Does the city submit grant applications on time? Are current federal- and state-funded programs being completed on time and within budget? What is the justification for carrying over unspent funds year after year? Is there waste, fraud, or abuse? Are all change orders for construction projects fair, reasonable, and documented?

Stringer appears to be just another career politician looking for a headline to swap one public office for another.

**Larry Penner,  
Great Neck, N.Y.**



# Stan talks Oprah and the Trackchair

**S**tupidity or racism? Even if you were there, you couldn't know the motive of the salesperson that gave Oprah a hard time over a handbag.

I know the feeling of being ignored. Many years ago, my son and I drove up into the Pocono mountains for the purpose of finding the perfect piece of land on which I wanted to build a vacation home. I was not dressed as a businessman. I wore jeans, a sweatshirt, and sneakers, and no doubt didn't look like a serious buyer.

We made a stop at the office of a land developer, walked in, and waited about 15 minutes while six salesmen were busy chewing the fat. They saw us standing there and continued to ignore us. Just as I started to leave, the pretty 20-something secretary, who I did recognize, looked at me and asked, "Don't I know you from somewhere?"

"You should," I answered. "I've been filling your family's prescriptions since you were a teenager."

That's when she shouted, "Hey fellows. This man owns the biggest pharmacy in Queens. Why are you ignoring him?"

Within seconds I was under attack. Six salesmen who had snubbed me because of my casual appearance were now ready to buy me lunch, drinks, anything just to keep me there. I walked out and did buy at the next real estate office a mile up the road.

Do you wonder if appearances really count?

Well, sometimes it does.

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An Action Trackchair is an all-terrain motorized wheel chair built for and used by the extremely disabled. As of today there is a need for Trackchairs for seriously wounded veterans, those who lost limbs and cannot get around without the chair. How many are needed? Perhaps thousands. A few weeks ago I mentioned that the viewers of Bill O'Reilly's television show donated \$7 million towards the purchase of the



## IT'S ONLY MY OPINION

*Stanley P. Gershbein*

very necessary motor carriage.

That amount is now \$9 million and growing, of course. Clearly, Mr. O'Reilly and his charitable followers are very noble and compassionate.

It makes me proud knowing that there are Americans who really care, but it still is a very small portion of the amount necessary. Isn't this something that our generous Federal Government should be doing, our representatives in Washington borrow money and give it away to countries that don't like us anyway.

It would be very helpful if, for one year, we declared a moratorium on all gifts to those ungrateful nations and used those mega-billions of dollars to resolve our own needs. In attempting to solve America's own problems it would be wonderful if we first looked at those in the military who have served us and whose lives have been changed forever.

I am **StanGershbein@BellSouth.net** asking you for a small favor. Please make a copy of this column and forward it by e-mail or snail mail to any of your representatives in the District of Columbia. Your wounded warriors will thank you.

# On Sept. 11, America shows it can rise from the ashes

**T**errorists can look to One World Trade Center for an example of how the land of the free and the home of the brave deals with pond scum.

Here's hoping they trip on their tongues on the way to hell.

The soaring skyscraper is the new titan in Gotham's superb skyline. It is the tallest building in the western hemisphere. It is the most famous commercial address — like its predecessor — on earth. Yet it is only the initial phase of a spectacular, five-building complex and memorial underway, as an architectural affidavit to the 9-11 victims who came to work one sunny Tuesday, but never returned home.

It is also proof of our mettle and recovery after our worst day.

The city was a noxious cauldron of smoke, rubble, and human remains, 12 years ago on Sept. 11 — the handiwork of hijackers who acted on the odious sins that lurk deep in bad men's hearts.



## A BRITISHER'S VIEW

*Shavana Abruzzo*

They exploded a pair of jets into the former World Trade Center, drove another into the Pentagon, and planned to pilot a fourth into the U.S. Capitol Building, before it crashed in a Pennsylvania field during a life-and-death struggle between heroic passengers and their cowardly kidnappers, killing everyone aboard.

The coordinated terror attacks annihilated nearly 3,000 people, and injured and traumatized millions more, in the single, most devastating, foreign attack on U.S. soil. It alerted us to deadly, new enemies disguised as holy warriors, who applauded America's grief and made household words of Osama bin Laden, al Qaeda, suicide bombers,

jihad, and 9-11.

But even the terrifying horror couldn't break the American spirit.

Twelve years later, Osama is dead, and American law enforcers have foiled more than 50 terror attacks, hauling off to jail a succession of

lowlifes for stooping to every dirty trick in the book to destroy Americans — even resorting to making bombs out of cookware, and hauling explosives in their shoes and undies.

They can rot in jail, smoldering in the knowledge that their diabolical schemes went up in smoke, and that in Lower Manhattan rises a better and stronger phoenix from the ashes of their evil.

Wretched jihadists can take to heart 9-11's legacy, and shove their frustrations where the sun doesn't shine, for America has bigger fish to fry. Like getting on with life. Even after its worst day.

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## An old man dies, and nobody cares

**W**hy isn't anyone announcing their outrage over the senseless, vicious beating death of 88-year-old Delbert Belton, who was allegedly set upon by two black youths in a parking lot in Spokane, Washington? Why hasn't anyone spoken out against this attack on an old, white man. Where is President Obama? Where is Al Sharpton?

You want to know where? I'll tell you where — no where.

Where is the outrage? Where are the marches? Where is the media coverage? Why isn't the cover of the New York Times blaring the news.

You want to know why?

Because no one has the *cajones* to declare this a hate crime, when it's clear to me that you have to hate to kill a nearly 90-year-old veteran. I guess there is no political benefit here for our politicians or Mr. Sharpton. But as far as I'm concerned, if ever there was a hate crime, this is it. Yet I don't hear a whimper, a cough, a sputter, or even a whisper from any front.

I am mad as hell for Delbert Belton, a man who put his life on the line protecting our freedom in World



## NOT FOR NUTHIN'

*Joanna DelBuono*

— by waiting in the parking lot so a female guest didn't have to be there alone — when he was set upon and murdered.

But no one seems to notice.

The police chief in Spokane said "race was not a factor." Does it even matter?

He was targeted because he was an old white man, and he may have been targeted if he was an old black man, but the fact is he was targeted, and that should be enough to get everyone's ire up.

Come on, America. Where are all of you? Isn't the life of one 88-year-old World War II veteran and an asset to the community worth enough for you to all get off your butts and start a march? Let's put a baseball cap on, get together, and march for Delbert Belton.

Not for Nuthin™, but Delbert Belton got off his duff and put his life on the line for our freedom. The least we can do is raise our voices high in outrage, especially the opinionated and bellicose Mr. Sharpton and the very politically correct President Obama.

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War II, just so these two teen miscreants who had nothing else better to do could allegedly beat him to death. Delbert Belton was reported to be a pillar of his community who was kind to his fellow citizens, helped out family members, and was in the process of showing off his kindness

# Do endorsements really influence voters?

When I was the publisher of a chain of weekly newspapers, each year around this time numerous political candidates came to our office for their endorsement interviews.

In races for City Council or the state Assembly or state Senate, where most voters have little knowledge of the qualifications or views of the candidates, the endorsement of the local newspaper can be very influential in the outcome of these “down ballot” races.

But in much larger races, such as mayor or governor, endorsements from the local newspaper matters much, much less. One could argue that the endorsements of the large dailies such as the New York Post, Daily News and even the once-almighty New York Times, moves fewer and fewer votes these days (as circulations plummet).



## MAYORAL SPIN CYCLE

Tom Allon

A few years ago, a very bright and successful businessman, Harry Wilson, virtually swept the newspaper endorsements around

the city (and in much of the state), but he came up short as the GOP challenger to incumbent state Comptroller Tom DiNapoli.

This year, we will have another very interesting test case on the power of newspaper endorsements in the city comptroller race. Scott Stringer swept the News, Post, and Times, but according to recent polls, still lags behind former Gov. Eliot Spitzer.

Can Stringer use the “Good Housekeeping” seal of approval that these editorial endorsements represent to nose ahead of Spitzer on primary day? Time will tell.

Beside newspaper endorsements, there are the much-sought-after union endorsements that often are accompanied by ground troops, independent expenditure advertising budgets, and that old political tool, phone banks.

This year’s democratic mayoral primary has a fractured set of union endorsements, with four of the five leading candidates (with the exception of Anthony Weiner) each claiming support from at least a few major unions. Until the run-off, it seems, the union support will be neutralized.

There are also the many endorsements by current and former elected leaders, but like good looks and cotton candy, they’re nice to have, but don’t really matter much at the end of the day.

There is one individual, I believe, whose endorsement in the mayoral race could tip the scales this year: Al Sharpton. The MSNBC pundit and former controversial reverend still has lots of sway in the African-American community. If he endorsed Bill DeBlasio or Christine Quinn, it

could be the death knell for the only African-American candidate, Bill Thompson.

Conversely, a strong endorsement of Thompson by Sharpton could propel the former comptroller into a run-off and beyond.

I like to read endorsements for the persuasive cases they make for the candidate they support. They are part of my decision-making process.

But at the end of the day, voting is an independent

decision. Voters must educate themselves and then weigh the candidates pluses and minuses before deciding who will best move our great city forward.

Most of all, vote. It is your civic duty.

Tom Allon, president of City & State NY, was a Republican and Liberal Party-backed mayoral candidate in 2013 before he left to return to the private sector. Reach him at tallon@cityandstateny.com.

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# Silver lining FOR CANCER OR ALZHEIMER'S patients?

Cancer or Alzheimer's disease is seldom something to cheer about. But there may be one positive to come from a cancer or Alzheimer's diagnosis. New research indicates older people who have either Alzheimer's or cancer are less likely to get the other disease.

Although in essence it is a no-win-scenario, researchers at the National Research Council of Italy in Milan, headed by study author Dr. Massimo Musicco, have found that having cancer seems to protect seniors from Alzheimer's disease. The reverse also appears to be true. If you receive a diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease, you are at a far lower risk of developing cancer. Dr. Musicco has said, "understanding the mechanisms behind this relationship may help us better develop new treatments for both diseases."

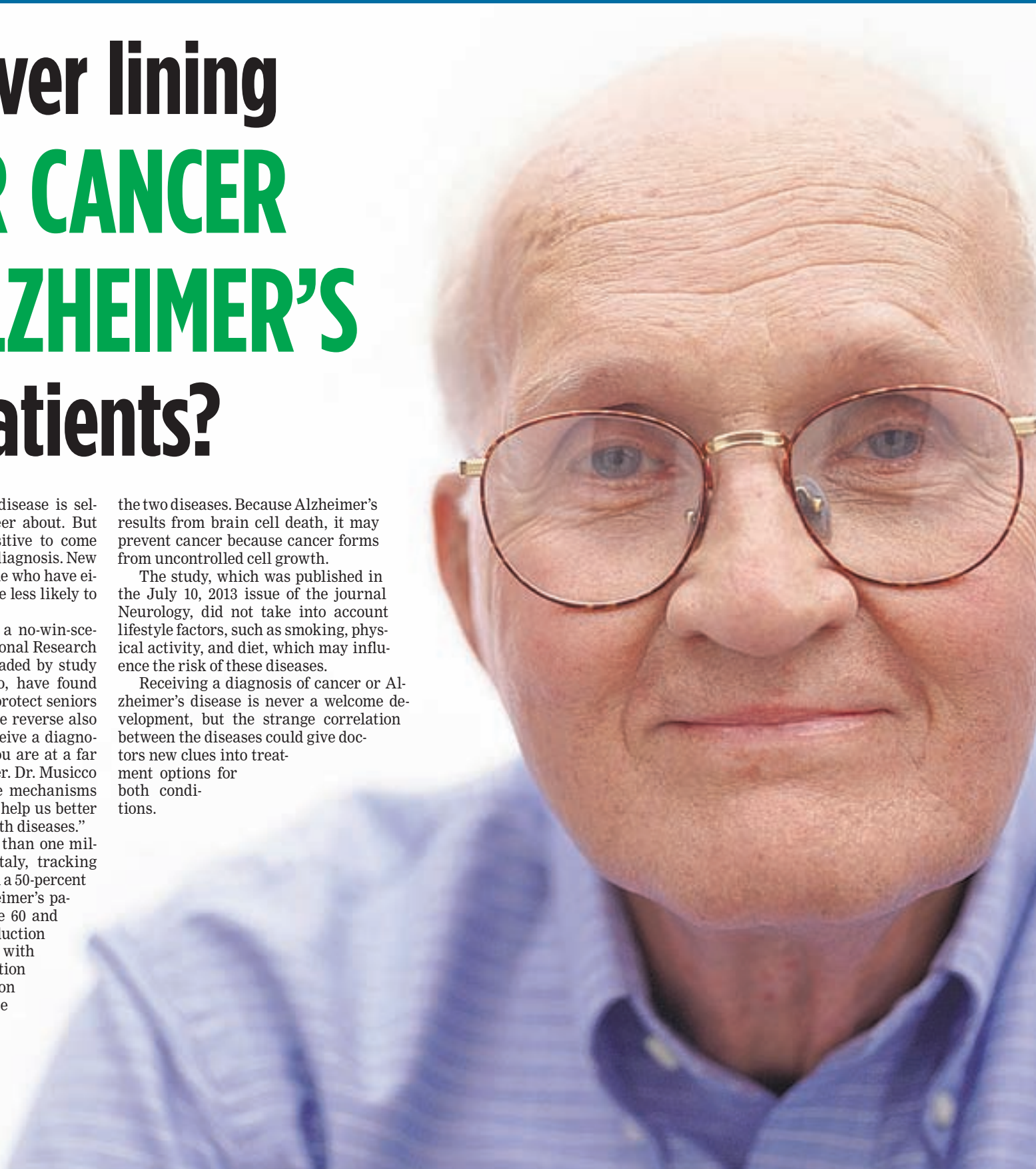
Researchers studied more than one million residents of northern Italy, tracking them for six years. They found a 50-percent drop in cancer risk for Alzheimer's patients among the subjects age 60 and older, and a 35-percent reduction in Alzheimer's risk for those with cancer. Additional information suggests a similar correlation between Parkinson's disease and cancer.

It is unclear what is behind this link, and there remains the possibility that both diseases can occur concurrently. Researchers believe the lowered risk results from opposite biological mechanisms of

the two diseases. Because Alzheimer's results from brain cell death, it may prevent cancer because cancer forms from uncontrolled cell growth.

The study, which was published in the July 10, 2013 issue of the journal *Neurology*, did not take into account lifestyle factors, such as smoking, physical activity, and diet, which may influence the risk of these diseases.

Receiving a diagnosis of cancer or Alzheimer's disease is never a welcome development, but the strange correlation between the diseases could give doctors new clues into treatment options for both conditions.



# Travel tips for the over-50 jet set

Travel appeals to people of all ages, but it differs for people of all ages as well. The care-free “pack a bag and go” attitude shared by many a young traveler is not prudent for older travelers, who must take several safety precautions to ensure the trip will be safe, as well as enjoyable. The American Geriatric Society’s Foundation for Health in Aging offers the following travel tips to older adults who still love the adventure of travel.

•**Talk to your doctor in advance.** If you have already made travel plans, consult your physician, who may suggest a full checkup, before your trip begins. Explain any travel plans, particularly which cities or countries you plan to visit and what your travel itinerary is. Different locales call for different precautionary measures, and your doctor can discuss

with you specific measures to take depending on where you will be going. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention lists various required and recommended vaccines based on certain travel destinations. For more information, visit [www.cdc.gov/travel](http://www.cdc.gov/travel).

When speaking with your doctor, it’s also best to ask when to take medications. This is less of a concern for travelers who are staying within their own time zones, but it’s important for travelers changing time zones to learn if they should stick to their home-time-zone schedule or adapt it to the time zone they’ll be visiting. Ask your physician if it’s best to take certain medications before or after a flight.

•**Pack necessary medications in your carry-on.** Most travelers have their own horror stories about losing checked baggage.

For older men and women on medication, this can be especially troubling if their medications are packed in bags that were checked.

•**Make a list.** Before leaving home, make a list with your physician’s help and carry it with you at all times. This list should include:

- any existing medical conditions
- current treatment for those medical conditions, including the names of any medications you are on, the doses, and how these medications are administered
- the amount of the drug you need to take on the trip (this will be important should any medications be lost or damaged)

•**Take steps to avoid deep-vein thrombosis.** Deep-vein thrombosis occurs when blood clots form in the veins. This typically takes place in the legs because of a lack of blood flow.

Older adults are at risk when traveling because traveling often requires sitting in one place, such as on an airplane or train, for long periods of time. Research has indicated that compression stockings are effective at preventing deep-vein thrombosis, and older travelers might want to consider such stockings, particularly if their travels require a long flight, drive, or train ride.

•**Don’t transfer pills to new containers.** Veteran travelers know getting through Customs is no joy ride. It’s even less enjoyable for those who must take prescription medications with them. To make your trip through Customs as stress-free as possible, keep all medications in their original containers.

To learn more, visit the *American Geriatrics Society* at [www.americangeriatrics.org](http://www.americangeriatrics.org).



When traveling, men and women over the age of 50 should take several precautionary measures to ensure their trip is a safe one.

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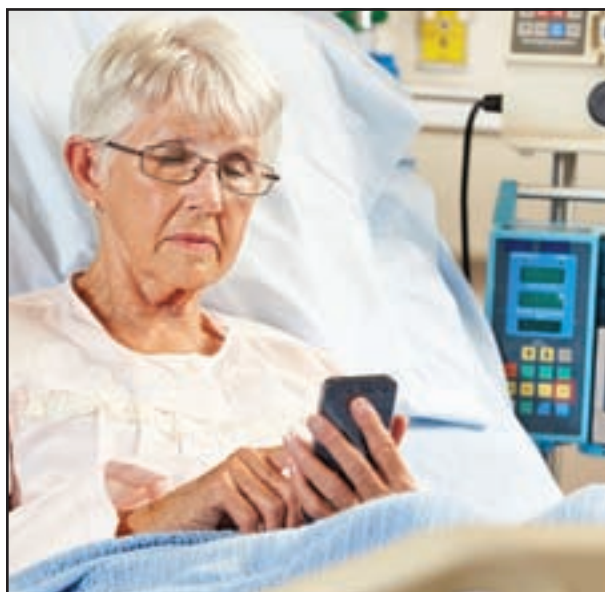


# Geriatric emergency rooms offer better care for elderly

BY JOANNA R. LEEFER

When 85-year old Clara fell, she was rushed to Mount Sinai Medical Center's Emergency Room in Manhattan. After being processed through the regular emergency department, she was wheeled into a special room for further observation.

The room contained several beds, each separated by a privacy curtain. She was transferred to a comfortable bed with a thick mattress, not like the thin mattress she experienced the last time she was in an emergency room. Clara was surprised that there were fewer beds than in the main hall, but what really surprised her was the quiet. There was no beeping machinery. No flashing lights. No loud chatter. No crying children behind the next curtain. The room was pleasantly lit and staff



was not frantically running around. The atmosphere felt almost — serene.

Clara's cubicle was large enough to include a comfortable chair for her daughter, Sarah. There was also a TV near her bed that she could

watch to help pass the time. From time to time a young volunteer would come by to check up on her, and offered Clara reading glasses to help her fill out her medical forms and asked if she needed a hearing aid so she

could hear better.

This was in marked contrast to Clara's previous emergency room experience, where she had been pushed into a large, brightly lit room that was jammed with beds. Curtains separated the beds, but even when they were drawn Clara did not sense any privacy. The beds were so closely packed that if Clara stretched out her arms she could have touched the next bed. And the noise!

The traditional emergency room is designed primarily to allow physicians and nurses to make fast diagnoses and treat emergency medical situations. A patient's comfort is of secondary importance. Staff rushes by with equipment, curtains are being pulled back and forth with grating shrieks, and fluorescent lights glare at all hours.

In contrast, Mount Sinai's new geriatric emer-

gency room is designed with the patient who is age 65 and older in mind. The Geri-Ed, as it is called, has larger signage, large-faced clocks, and large-print calendars that make it much easier for older patients to read. Visual aids (e.g., glasses or magnifying lenses), adaptive equipment (e.g., telephones with large keypads; fluorescent tape on call bell), and hearing devices are available to all patients. The floor also has a non-skid surface and the halls have handrails and grab bars to prevent falls. More impressive is the artificial skylight in the ceiling. The view shows trees back lit by the sky. The light changes as time passes, simulating evening and nighttime. This design helps to lessen a condition called "sundowning" — agitation and confusion that occurs among some older people at the end of the day.

This new Geri-Ed is the brainchild of Dr. Kevin M. Baumlin, associate professor and vice-chair of Emergency Medicine at Mount Sinai School of Medicine. Dr. Baumlin converted a former office space in Mount Sinai's geriatric division into a functioning emergency room specially designed with the older patient in mind. It is the first emergency room exclusively for patients 65 and older in New York City.

The Geri-Ed is staffed by a team of Mount Sinai Medical Center physicians, nurses, social workers, and support staff who are trained in understanding the needs of older patients. Dr. Baumlin also created a training program for volunteers called Care and Respect for Elderly, who assist geriatric patients while they are waiting.

The average emergency  
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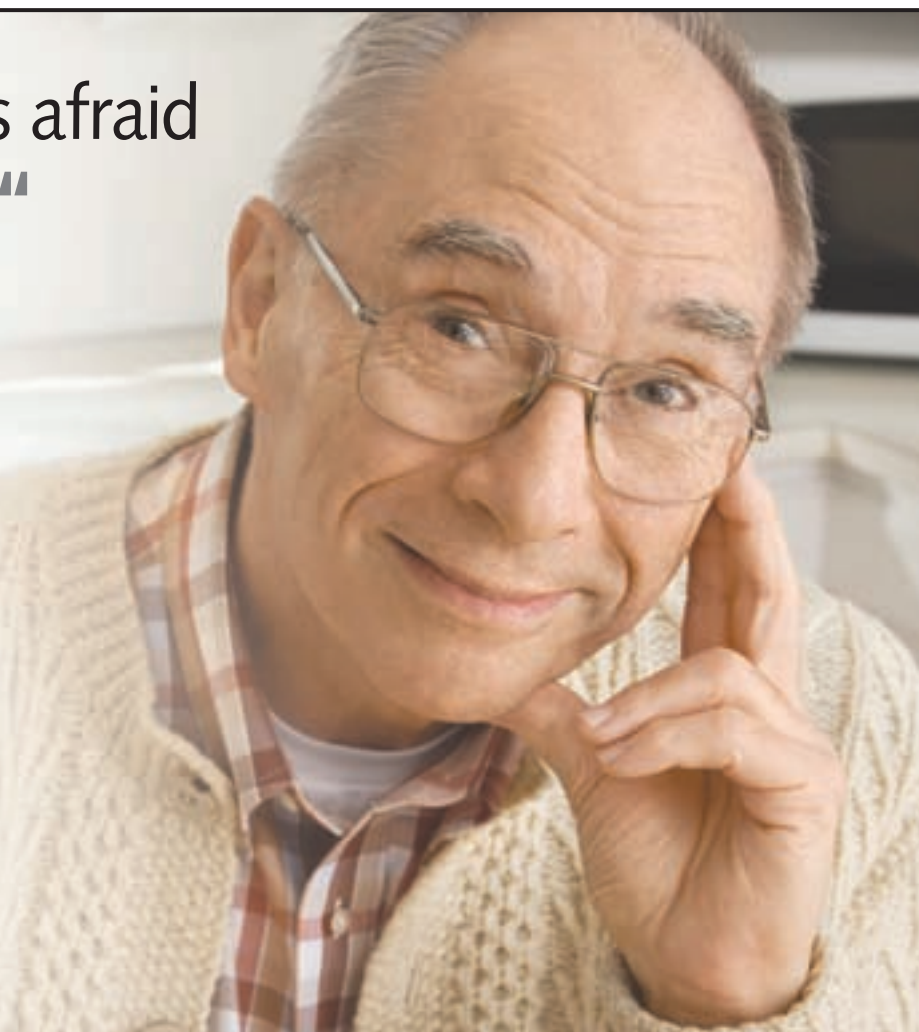
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# The desire to be attractive

## Regaining bladder control can improve self-confidence

Is it safe to say the general public is obsessed with beauty? It could very well be. Individuals will go to great lengths to look good and feel good about themselves. But those who experience health issues, such as urinary incontinence, may be wondering how they can keep up appearances while managing their conditions.

### Obsession with beauty

People have long been infatuated with all that is beautiful. Magazine covers broadcast the thinnest, prettiest — and thusly the most popular — people each and every issue. According to a 2006 Consumer Percep-

tion study commissioned by the American Academy of Cosmetic Surgery, 83 percent of people are of firm belief that personal appearance is important for success in professional life.

Celebrities go to painstaking measures to remain attractive, often undergoing surgeries to correct perceived flaws. A few years ago, 20-something television star Heidi Montag underwent a series of cosmetic surgery procedures — 10 in one day — to “maintain her looks,” as the star said. Tattoo artist and celebrity Kat Von D has recently transformed her look through plastic surgery, while many others admit to procedures ranging from Botox(R) to

extreme exercise routines to look their best. Non-celebrities are also undergoing procedures to improve their looks.

On a less permanent level, men and women may spend a good deal of money to maintain a fashionable wardrobe to put their best foot forward. Individuals often do not purchase clothes because their older clothing has worn out, but to continually look their best and freshen their appearances. Women will don makeup before leaving the house. Both men and women may dye their hair to hide the gray. Although people may argue otherwise, the majority of individuals are concerned with

looking their best. A good physical appearance boosts one's self-esteem.

What should a person do when a physical or medical condition can compromise their self-image?

### How health can affect self-esteem

Urinary incontinence and bladder issues can compromise a person's life and cause embarrassment and even affect one's appearance. According to OBGYN.net, urinary incontinence, or the inability to properly hold urine, affects 15 to 40 percent of women over the age of 60. Many times, urinary dysfunction is brought about by past pregnancies, surgery to the pelvic region or loss of muscle function. Men may experience changes to the urinary system due to an enlarged prostate or prostate cancer. Health problems,

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Age might make it hard for your loved one to get to a land line, so be sure she has a cellphone that she can carry with her at all times.

# Tips for aiding a loved one from a distance

**C**aring for an elderly friend or family member is not easy. It may only get more difficult when a caregiver lives far away.

Long-distance caregiving may not be ideal for the patient or the caregiver, but it's sometimes the only option. Long-distance caregivers can expect their out-of-pocket expenses to be higher, as the cost of travel alone is likely to be considerable. Long-distance caregiving may not be ideal, but here are some tips to help those entrusted with caring for an elderly friend or family member from afar.

## Make sure your loved one's home is safe

When you get the chance to visit your loved one's home, make the most of that visit and ensure his home is safe. If he has trouble doing things around the house, address any of these issues before you return home. It can help to install some grab bars in the bathroom or purchase a shower seat to reduce the risk of falling in the shower. In addition, make sure handrails inside and outside the home

are secure. If they're loose, tighten them so they provide adequate support.

## Clean up around the house

Your loved one may not be able to keep up with his chores around the house. A dirty home can be depressing, so clean up around the house to brighten the home and reduce the risk of an insect or rodent infestation.

## Be ready for a crisis

No one wants to imagine a situation in which her loved one has an emergency, but caregivers need to do just that. Have someone you can count on nearby to check on your friend or family member if you suddenly cannot reach him. Introduce yourself to your loved one's next-door neighbor or meet a close friend who lives nearby that you can contact should your friend or family member prove difficult to reach.

## Make a list of medications and update it regularly

Seniors often take certain medications, and caregivers should make a list of these medications, periodically

updating the list if anything changes.

## Make sure your loved one has a cellphone

Though it might seem hard to believe, some people, especially the elderly, still do not have cellular phones. When serving as a long-distance caregiver, it's imperative that you can easily and routinely reach your friend or relative. Age might make it hard for him to get to a land line, so be sure he has a cellphone that he can carry with him at all times.

Program important numbers, including your own number, as well as his physician's, and a neighbor's or nearby relative's number, into the phone.

## Stay in touch with his physician

A physician might not be able to share all the details of your loved one's condition, you can keep in touch with him to stay abreast of how your loved one is doing. A physician can help you tailor your caregiving to best manage the senior's needs, adjusting that plan as need be.

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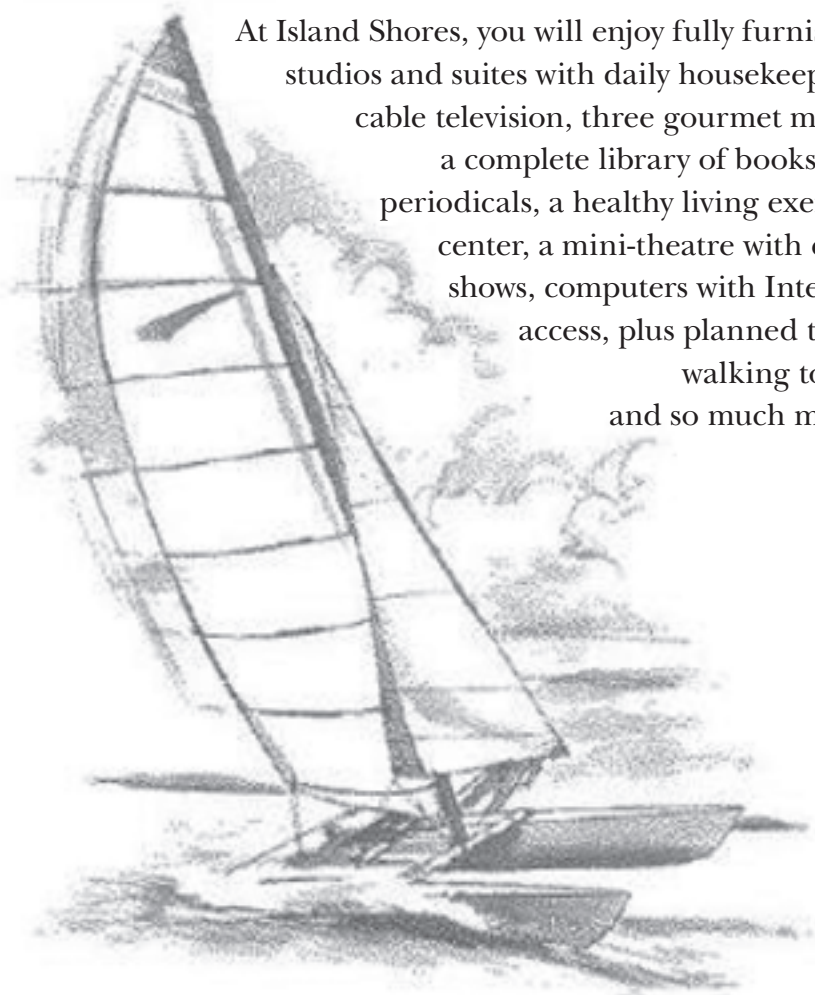


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## Explaining elder abuse

Each year, thousands of senior citizens are exploited, abused or neglected. This behavior is classified as elder abuse and can occur by way of strangers or even family members. In many cases, trusted friends and members of the family are the perpetrators of the abuse. Elder abuse is something widely recognized by courts, and there is legislation passed in all 50 states to protect against elder abuse.

In terms of what consti-

tutes elder abuse, here are offenses that are broadly defined as abuse and may be punishable.

•**Sexual abuse:** Nonconsensual sexual contact.

•**Physical abuse:** Pain or injury caused to a senior, including injury from restraining by physical or chemical means.

•**Exploitation:** Illegal use or concealment of funds/property/assets of a senior used for someone else's benefit.

•**Neglect:** The failure

to provide necessary resources, such as food, shelter, health care, etc. for an elder.

•**Abandonment:** Failure to perform assumed responsibilities by a person who promised care or custody of a vulnerable elder.

•**Emotional abuse:** Causing mental pain, anguish or distress to a senior through various acts.

•**Self-neglect:** The failure to perform self-care tasks that can threaten one's own health or safety.

## Bladder

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such as obesity, constipation, and even a chronic cough, can contribute to incontinence or the occasional leakage of urine, says The Mayo Clinic.

Individuals with bladder problems may resort to absorbent pads to control urine leakage, which can affect wardrobe choices, like restricting a person from wearing a bathing suit to swim or lounge, or limit her from wearing thin or light-colored items.

Furthermore, even while taking measures to hide bladder issues by wearing pads and not wearing certain clothing, odor can still be an issue. As a result, many sufferers avoid personal contact or socialization for fear of having an accident or being "found out."

Rashes and irritation can occur from the exposure of the skin to frequent moisture, as is often the case when wearing absorbent pads.

Individuals may be embarrassed by these side effects and the ointments or other remedies needed.

## Improving the situation

Instead of accepting that bladder issues have become a permanent part of life where management strategies are the only solution, both men and women can take renewed steps to improve their health and feelings of adequacy. Supplementation with the right products can produce profound effects that can vastly improve issues concerning urinary incontinence.

If you feel that your life is limited because of urinary incontinence or bladder issues, talk to your doctor to find out what is best for you.

## Room

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room is designed to deal with immediate medical emergencies, but the Geri-Ed is prepared to deal with complex medical conditions common among older clientele, such as drug interactions of multiple medications. Patients are given more extensive diagnostic testing and treatment regimens. Social service representatives evaluate the patient's home needs and arrange for necessary services such as home care, meals on wheels, and visiting doctors and nurses.

The catalyst for Dr. Baumlin's action was personal.

Several years ago, his elderly grandmother fell and was taken to an emergency room in New Jersey. Dr. Baumlin remembers that when she was discharged and returned to her nursing home, she was confused and scared. It took him and a multi-disciplinary team more than two years to develop the new standard of care for older patients in this emergency department.

The U.S. Census estimates that by 2030, one in five Americans will be 65 or older.

As the population ages, there will be greater need for a health care system that is sensitive to the needs of the older patient. Mount Sinai's Geri-Ed is a model that

is bound to be duplicated throughout the New York City area and the rest of the country as the health care workers must adjust to the needs of the older patient.

Joanna R. Leefer is a senior care advisor and founder of ElderCareGiving, an agency that helps families get the best care for their aging loved ones when family care is no longer enough. She has been working with seniors and their families for 10 years. For more information on her service, visit [www.joannaleefer.com](http://www.joannaleefer.com). Her book, "Almost Like Home: A Family Guide to Navigating the Nursing Home Maze," will be available in the fall of 2013.

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# Osteoporosis: New York Methodist Hospital Helps Avoid the Breaks

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"DXA screening is a valuable procedure to pre-

dict, diagnose, or monitor the treatment of osteoporosis," said Steven Garner, M.D., chairman of radiology at NYM. "DXA is safe, non-invasive, and accurate in evaluating bone density. During a DXA screening, the patient lies on a padded platform while a mechanical, arm-like device passes over the body and measures the bone mass and density of fracture-prone areas, such as the spine, wrists and hips. The process takes an average of 15 minutes, and exposes the patient to a minimal amount of radiation—less than he or she would experience going through airport security checkpoints on a vacation."

Often called a "silent disease," in its early stages osteoporosis does not man-

ifest itself through many symptoms. Osteoporosis screening is recommended for all women over the age of 65. An osteoporosis screening exam may also be prudent for women with a first-degree relative who has the disease, who currently smoke cigarettes, have taken corticosteroid medication for an extended period of time, have poor vision despite correction, have manifested an estrogen deficiency at an early age, or have a history of either thyroid disease or rheumatoid arthritis. All of these are considered risk factors for osteoporosis.

If a DXA screening confirms a diagnosis of osteoporosis, physicians frequently recommend vitamin D and calcium

supplements, bone density medications (bisphosphonates), or hormone therapies. Those with osteoporosis who have already lost height due to bone fractures in the vertebrae (back bones) or who regularly experience severe pain and do not improve with non-surgical treatments, may be candidates for an advanced, minimally invasive spinal procedure called kyphoplasty. Available through NYM's Division of Neurosurgery, kyphoplasty may significantly reduce back pain due to osteoporosis, restore body height, and improve a patient's quality of life.

"At NYM, we are committed to providing a full range of treatment options for patients with osteoporosis," says Martin Zonen-



A patient undergoes a DXA screening at NYM's Women's Diagnostic Center.

shayn, M.D., chief of neurosurgery. "On the road to a long and happy life, there's no reason to consider osteoporosis a 'bad break.'"

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# New York Harbor Watch



**CAN I HAVE YOUR ATTENTION:** Gale Kennedy, an instructor for the Transition Assistance Program, discusses job interview techniques with sailors during a class at Smokey Point Naval Support Complex. MC2 Jeffry Willadsen

## TAP providing job help for vets

### HARBOR WATCH

The Departments of Defense, Veterans Affairs, Labor, Education, the Office of Personnel Management, and the Small Business Administration codified their continued commitment to help transitioning service members to be "career ready" for civilian life by signing a statement of intent on Aug. 15.

"This [statement of intent] puts our shared commitment to our service members in black and white," said Dr. Susan Kelly, principal director of the department's Transition to Veterans Program office.

Each of the military services was represented during the formal signing of the statement of intent, said Francine Blackmon, deputy assistant secretary of the Air Force for force management integration.

The services have aggressively implemented the various components of the redesigned Transition Assistance Program,

Blackmon said.

Working elbow-to-elbow with the various partnering agencies, the services are ensuring service members are provided all the necessary tools to make a successful transition to civilian life, she said.

"The [statement of intent] strengthens our resolve for a concerted interagency effort working toward this common goal," Blackmon added.

More than 250,000 service members separate from active duty each year, and they face numerous challenges as they transition to civilian life. The statement of intent is a milestone for the interagency effort to redesign the 1990s-era transition assistance program model and help service members meet those challenges. The signing shows that the redesigned program is not a short-term effort but a set of greatly improved transition services that the partners will sustain for the long-term.

## Honored for his heroism

### Medal of Honor recipient inducted into Hall of Heroes

#### HARBOR WATCH

Staff Sgt. Ty M. Carter, the most recent Medal of Honor recipient from Operation Enduring Freedom, was inducted into the Pentagon's Hall of Heroes on Aug. 27, just a day after he received the nation's highest military honor.

Vice Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. John F. Campbell said Carter is a reminder to all of America that there are "modern-day heroes who live and walk among us."

In attendance at the ceremony were some of the soldiers who fought alongside Carter during the Oct. 3, 2009, battle in Afghanistan, families of soldiers who died in that battle, and four Medal of Honor recipients. Also in attendance were senior leaders of the U.S. military.

By honoring Carter, Campbell said, the nation is also honoring those who fought alongside him that day at the remote Combat Outpost Keating. Eight soldiers died that day in a battle that raged for more than 12 hours.

"He elevated the needs of his team and nation above his own safety," Campbell said of Carter's actions that day. "His great humility, and love for his fellow soldiers are the hallmark of a true hero."

Carter was among 53 soldiers at the base that was attacked by an estimated 300 Taliban fighters.

The then-specialist sprinted through a "barrage of fire" to resupply ammunition and fight alongside his "desperately outnumbered comrades," Campbell said.

Carter rescued a wounded soldier, rendered first aid, and car-



**ENDURING FREEDOM:** Staff Sgt. Ty Michael Carter is inducted into the Hall of Heroes on Aug. 26 in Washington, DC.

ried him to safety.

"He fought fiercely and inspired those around him throughout the battle that brutal day of combat," Campbell said. "Sergeant Carter's gallant actions were those of a man, a soldier, who was physically and mentally strong and well-prepared for combat."

Carter said the brave men of Bravo "Black Knight" Troop 3d Squadron, 61st Cavalry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, "quickly felt the weight of a Taliban force seven-to-eight times our size."

"None of us should have survived," he said. "Though the Taliban have every tactical advantage, what they could never have is the pure untainted sense of brotherhood that the men and women of America's Army

feel for their battle buddies."

"But [we] were determined not to give up, if only to ensure the safety of others. It's stronger than blood," he said.

Carter remembered his fallen comrades and, choking up as he spoke, said one of the biggest regrets of his life was that he could not do more for Spc. Stephan Mace, who he brought to safety but who later died.

Carter said "almost everyone was left with deep, invisible wounds to their hearts and minds."

"These are the unlikely heroes of Combat Outpost Keating, brave men, brothers and soldiers for life," he added.

Carter, who has been public about his struggle with post-traumatic stress, has a sense of purpose that will drive him to help others who

have suffered the wounds of war, Under Secretary of the Army Joseph W. Westphal, PhD said.

"It takes the same courage that you showed on that day of battle to seek ways to heal. Leadership, loyalty, character are abundant in you. The love and companionship of your family will strengthen and heal you. Your fellow soldiers will need you and you will need them."

Family members of the fallen team members were recognized at the event. Campbell read the names of each of those who died in the battle: Staff Sgt. Justin Gallegos, Sgt. Christopher Griffin, Sgt. Joshua Hardt, Sgt. Joshua Kirk, Spc. Stephan Mace, Staff Sgt. Vernon Martin, Sgt. Michael Scusa, and Pfc. Kevin Thomson.

Also remembered at the ceremony was Pvt. Edward Faulkner, who died after returning from Afghanistan "during a difficult struggle with post-traumatic stress," Campbell said.

Carter is the second soldier to receive the nation's highest military decoration for actions that day at COP Keating. Former Staff Sgt. Clinton Romesha was presented the Medal of Honor on Feb. 11, 2013.

The Pentagon Hall of Heroes is a special room in the Defense Department headquarters that has enshrined all the service members who have received the Medal of Honor.

The hall is "hallowed ground" inside the Pentagon "to memorialize our nation's warriors who have demonstrated conspicuous gallantry above and beyond the call of duty," said Campbell.

# National Guardsman talks diversity

## HARBOR WATCH

Air Force Col. Ondra Berry — a member of the Nevada Air National Guard and special advisor for diversity and equal opportunity to Army Gen. Frank Grass, the chief of the National Guard Bureau — knows firsthand a great deal about both adversity and diversity. His personal and military career experiences have combined to give him the foundation to become a champion of leadership and diversity in his current position, and throughout his career.

As special advisor for diversity and equal opportunity, Berry is responsible for the overall direction of policies and procedures for diversity and inclusion for the National Guard and is the first person to serve in his current position.

Long before he became the National Guard's senior expert on the topic, Berry said he realized diversity could change a person's life and that challenging life ex-

periences could broaden a person's horizons.

"A defining moment in my life was when I left a predominately all African-American elementary school and was bused to a predominately caucasian school," said Berry, who resides in Sparks, Nev., with his wife and three children when not working at the Pentagon. "It was a major struggle for me, but it definitely launched me on the path of understanding the importance of education and how it provides something internally that can never be removed."

During his freshman year of high school, Berry and his fellow students protested against racial inequality. Berry said he was fortunate to have strong school leaders who eventually urged him to be part of the solution instead of the problem.

The event became a pivotal moment in his own understanding of personal differences and how perceptions



**NOW HEAR THIS!:** Air Force Col. Ondra Berry delivers a keynote speech at the 172nd Airlift Wing's Black Heritage program in Jackson, Miss. in February of 2012. Courtesy National Guard

and stereotypes can drive a wedge between friends and progress, he said.

"In school, I was part of a human relations team that worked on programs to make our high school more inclusive," Berry said. "At 14, not only did it cause me to gain an understanding of being a leader, but it also taught me the importance of problem solving, gaining

trust, seeing other perspectives, relevancy to high performance teams and that we are more alike than we are different."

After high school, Berry went on to the University of Evansville and received a full-ride scholarship for football and track.

"I was a first-generation college student and did not realize how valuable a full-ride scholarship was in terms of cost," Berry said. "Even though I was on an athletic scholarship, the school heavily emphasized academics. I had to work extremely hard to graduate."

In 1986, Berry, who had taken ROTC classes in college, joined the Nevada Air Guard and enlisted as an airman first class.

Berry excelled in the Air Guard and earned the state's Outstanding Airman of the Year award in 1988. Then, in 1990, Berry received his commission as a second lieu-

tenant after graduating from the Academy of Military Science.

Berry's time in the Guard provided experiences that impacted his life, he said, adding that he was shaped by the leaders he encountered who exemplified pride, sacrifice and service.

"America sends its sons and daughters into harm's way so Americans can hold onto our democracy," Berry said. "I reflected on that a lot. I just wanted to be a part of something really special and I believe my life is better and more meaningful because I am a member of the Nevada Guard."

In addition to his military career, Berry's desire to serve was also reflected in his 25-year career with the Reno Police Department. Berry worked virtually every assignment within the department during his 25-year career, but one common theme prevailed no matter what his position: to protect and serve.

"One of the major lessons always in front of me was the importance of being a protector," he said. "We provided service to the entire community."

That also meant being able to recognize potential when he saw it.

"In addition, I recognized long ago the importance of potential," he said. "So many people forget that their potential is unlimited. I refused to allow a label, a job title, or a position to define my potential."

Berry carried those prin-

ciples into his current assignment with the NGB. As an advisor to Grass, Berry emphasizes how important it is for individuals to strive for greatness, expand their abilities and develop personally.

Developing airmen and soldiers into leaders and fostering their ability to cultivate their potential should be one of the National Guard's top priorities, Berry said.

"Every person is a brand," Berry said. "I often ask people if they work on their brand. Are they developing their brand? Do they take pride in their brand? Are they learning and growing everyday to have the best brand? We spend too much time attempting to be like someone else versus being our best self."

That also means being open to greater diversity of thought.

"The Guard needs diversity of thought," he said. "If you aren't willing to be open in your thinking, diversity cannot be achieved."

Berry predicts a bright future for diversity and equal opportunity within the National Guard and said the key to that future is its soldiers and airmen.

"I believe the incoming work force of young airmen, soldiers and civilians is more adept and more intelligent than ever and really embraces diversity," Berry said. "We just have to provide the right environment for them to learn and grow and then mentor them to greatness."



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### HARBOR WATCH

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All participants will have the ability to write the name of a fallen service member of their

choice on their runner's bib.

Participants begin the run at 9 am along Shore Promenade and proceed for two miles, turn around at the end of Owl's Head Pier, and return to the starting point. There will be water stations and medics along the route.

There are prizes for first, second, and third place winners, but goodie bags, bagels, shirts, and

beverages are available for all, and will be distributed at the end of the run.

The event is open to all service members and the public. To pre-register, contact Tyler Gierber.

*Run for the Fallen at John Paul Jones Park [101st Street and Fourth Avenue in Bay Ridge, (718) 630-4772, [www.hamiltonmwr.com](http://www.hamiltonmwr.com)] on Sept. 14 at 9 am. Registration begins at 7:30 am. \$25.*



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# RUNNING SCARED

## Zombie race comes to Floyd Bennett Field

By Colin Mixson

**O**n your marks, get set — run for your lives! Floyd Bennett Field is hosting a rugged run event with a zombie twist, where only the fastest runners and climbers will be able to outpace the infected horde and make it to finish line with their brains intact.

The race got its start when creators Ryan Hogan and Derrick Smith wanted to promote some athletic gear they sell. In an instance of the carriage pulling the horse, Hogan and his buddy Smith came up with slogan, “Run For Your Lives,” before they came up with an event to go along with it.

“Their next question was, what do people run from?” said Lauren Gambler, the event’s public relations representative.

Well, zombies, of course.

Hogan and Smith learned everything they know from watching AMC’s hit drama “The Walking Dead,” and the clothing designers hosted their first Zombie run two years ago in Maryland, attracting over 12,000 participants.

Before each race begins, the runners — or “survivors” — are handed three flags, a la flag football, which represents the contestants health.



**It's all in the hip:** A “survivor” skillfully dodges a zombie as it lunges for the tasty flags dangling from his waist at a Run For Your Lives 5k zombie run.

Meanwhile, those runners who elect to begin the race in a state of undeath are put through the Zombie Transformation Center, where a pit team of zombie makeup masters work feverishly to put a whole horde together.

The zombie transformation process varies depending on the source of fiction, but in this case, it doesn’t take too long to take a healthy looking person and turn him into a soldier of the undead.

“Our team provides makeup to all zombies and assists in the bloodiness and shredding of clothing,” said Gambler.

“The entire process takes about 20 minutes per participant.”

Preparations complete, the runners are unleashed upon a muddy track littered with hurdles, rope ladders, water slides, and other obstacles, which is all not mention the flag-hungry ghouls itching to make a snack out of all those track stars.

*Run For Your Lives 5k Zombie Run at Floyd Bennett Field [50 Aviation Rd. between the Belt Parkway and Gil Hodges Memorial Bridge, register at [www.runforyourlives.com](http://www.runforyourlives.com)]. Oct. 26, 9 am. \$70. Brooklyn Paper readers get a \$15 discount by enter ZOMBIESNYC when prompted during registration.*



## BROOKLYN EATS

# BROOKLYN WINE TOUR

*A food-and-drinks festival takes diners outdoors in Bedford Stuyvesant*

By Natalie Musumeci

Wine-lovers and foodies rejoice! A festival of savory eats and gourmet wines will soon make a plaza in Bedford-Stuyvesant feel like wine country.

The upcoming two-day Toast of Brooklyn festival will feature diverse cuisine from borough restaurants and up to 50 winemakers showcasing various bottles from around the world.

"We're doing a major push to promote New York state wines," said Edmon Braithwaite, the vice chairman of the Bedford-Stuyvesant Gateway Business Improvement District, which is organizing the event that will take place outdoors on the Restoration Plaza's western square on Sept. 13 and Sept. 14.

Attendees will get to taste crafted wines from at least 10 New York distributors including the Brooklyn Winery and Brooklyn Oneology, both in Williamsburg, as well as dozens of other wineries spotlighting wines from South Africa, Chile, and Australia.

Fare from eateries in Fort Greene such as Madiba Restaurant, Walter's, Blue Moon, newly opened Milk River in Prospect Heights, and South Desserts in Bedford-Stuyvesant will be on the menu. There will also be food vendors serving up finger foods like cold cuts, olives, cheeses, and fruits that pair perfectly with wine.

"We're looking to promote local restaurants and local businesses and show people that they don't have to go to Manhattan to have a tremendous dining experience and that they don't have to go Downtown to have a great dinner," said Braithwaite.

Braithwaite is also the founder of the festival.



Photo by Elizabeth Graham

**Foodie heaven:** (Above) Thabisa Rulumeni of Fort Greene's Madiba restaurant holds up a plate of South African food while (right) Brooklyn Winery marketing manager Dan Ingala shows off a glass of the wine from the Williamsburg winery that will be featured at the upcoming Toast of Brooklyn wine and food festival in Bedford-Stuyvesant on Sept. 13 and Sept. 14.

It was originally called "Toast to Bed-Stuy" when it premiered in 2009 and has never been held outdoors before.

Local restaurateurs and winemakers alike said that they cannot wait to showcase their cuisine and spirits at the elegant culinary cluster, which also doubles as a fundraiser for the neighborhood Business Improvement District.

"I'm very excited — Brooklyn is on the map right now," said Mark Henegan, the owner of the South African-style Madiba Restaurant, who will be dishing out fare like ostrich Carpaccio and a dish called "bunny chow," which consists

of a hollowed out piece of bread filled with curry.

Vintners from the Brooklyn Winery will be pouring their 2012 Chardonnay and 2012 Riesling, both made in stainless steel tanks with grapes from the Finger Lakes upstate.

"We're really excited to be apart of this wonderful culinary event," said Brooklyn Winery co-founder John Stires.

The festival will kick off with a special VIP reception ceremony honoring South African political activist and global icon Nelson Mandela. His daughter Makaziwe Mandela and



Photo by Stefano Giovannini

granddaughter Tukwini Mandela will be taking part in the festivities and pouring glasses from their line of House of Mandela Wines.

The event will also feature artwork from Queens abstract painter Danny Simmons Jr. and live jazz music.

*Toast of Brooklyn Wine and Food Festival at Bedford-Stuyvesant's Restoration Plaza's western courtyard (1368 Fulton St. between New York and Brooklyn avenues in Bedford Stuyvesant, [www.toastofbrooklyn.com](http://www.toastofbrooklyn.com)). VIP tickets for Sept. 13 and Sept. 14, \$75, one-day admission, \$40.*

## It's a brewhaha

*Annual beer-making contest returns*

By Jaime Lutz

What's happening? Wort's happening. An epic battle between 30 home brewers for the title of the borough's best amateur beer maker is back for another year.

The entrants have been wittled down by judges to just thirty brewers. These judges include last year's winner and oyster beer genius Douglas Flamm, along with beer journalists and experts. But having a populist streak will help these mighty microbrewers too — the judge's choice gets \$800, but the vote of the crowd wins a \$200 people's choice prize.

That's the reason that many brewers are trying for excellence above novelty.

"I'll be bringing a classic double IPA, about 8.5 percent alcohol," said Jason Sahler, the 2011 winner and one of this year's strong contenders.

"It's named Lupulus Pious. I wanted to go with something big and bold, but a classic exam-

ple of a double IPA, not messing around with too many crazy ingredients."

The contest is being held for the first time at the Bell House, in order to fit a potentially giant crowd. After all, just \$40 gets you lunch from Zito's Sandwich Shop and a taste of all 30 beer finalists — not a bad deal.

It's especially fun for the contestants, who can get a glimpse of what the top home-brewers in the area have been working on all year.

"It's a small enough community that you get to know a lot of people," Sahler said.

It's also a chance to get a taste of the future stars of the beer world, since many of these contestants are aspiring to do more than win a few competitions and are trying to open full-fledged breweries — including Sahler himself.

*"2013 Brooklyn Wort" at Bell House [149 Seventh St. between Second and Third avenues in Gowanus, (718) 643-6510, [www.thebellhouse.ny.com](http://www.thebellhouse.ny.com)]. Sept. 10, 1 pm, \$40.*



**Mad about beer:** Douglass Flamm, who made an oyster infused beer last year, returns as a judge. Photo by Stefano Giovannini



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# IT'S A CHANGE OF ART

*A new gallery opens in an unlikely spot in a shifting neighborhood*

By Sol Park

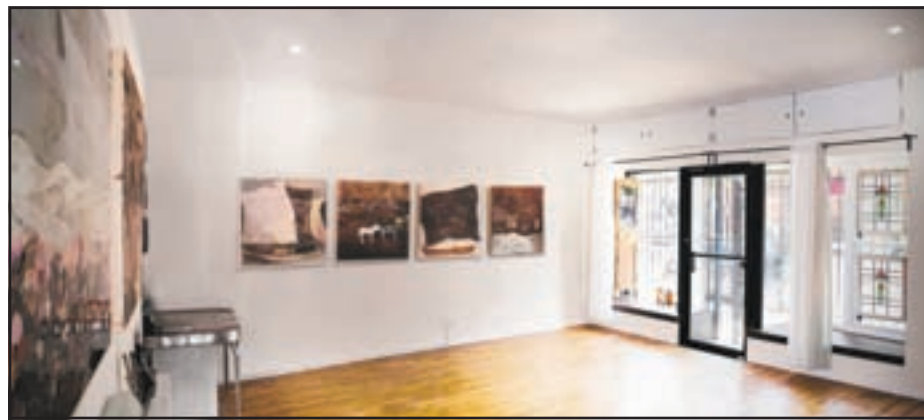
The storefront gate of a new art gallery has the Star of David on it, and its previous owners' sum signage was simply "African Hair Braiding."

Before Stuyvesant's fast-changing demographics throughout its history have made for a number of seemingly off-beat sightings, like an African-American church displaying such Jewish symbols as the mezuzah — and Elgin Gallery on Tompkins Avenue is a sign of things still to come for the neighborhood, says owner and artist Dana James.

"We are bringing some very established artists to this unassuming area, as well as exceptional emerging artists who are in need of representation," wrote James in an email. "The number of artists in Bed-Stuy is vastly increasing and I wanted to establish a sort of community here as well."

Unassuming is an understatement for a space that still has above it a "Beepers Etc" sign, which is the best way to spot the gallery from down the block, but inside, the eclectic collection of sculptures and paintings shows breadth and ambition.

At the inaugural show "Honorable Beasts," opening on Sept. 20, art goers can see Australian painter Glenn Brady's



painting "Woman in the Field," which is oil on pasteboard. As its title indicates, the work goes back to a simpler, if not primitive form of painting, displaying an abstract, Picassoesque female figure reclined on a pitch-black slope. The shadowy foreground engulfs the woman and her vis-

age seems to be carved out from the darkness. In the background there's a spot of color, an orange field in the distance, trees lining the horizon. This juxtaposition evokes the passing of time, as if the clouds above bring a nighttime in one place, and a daylight reprieve in another.

**New kid:** (Top) Bedford Stuyvesant is fast becoming home to artists, says Elgin Gallery founder Dana James. (Left) The gallery opens its inaugural show on Sept. 20. Dark place: "Woman in the Field," is an oil on pasteboard painting and a good example of artist Glenn Brady's signature, low-light style.

Other artists included in the show are James, Lizbeth Mitty, R.M. Fischer, Glenn Brady, Dena Paige Fischer, Rachel Slekmien, and Derek Bernstein. They range from people who have had their work in galleries since the '70s to new and upcoming artists. James herself has shown her work regularly since 2008.

"Honorable Beasts" at Elgin Gallery [52 Tompkins Ave. on Park Avenue, (917) 439-1460, [www.elgingallery.com](http://www.elgingallery.com)]. 6 pm-10 pm.

# I spy the music

*Experimental Brooklyn band at festival*

By Danielle Furfaro

This band has the power of avant garde.

In composing tight melodies that form the anchors for sprawling improvisational songs, the Brooklyn-based psychedelic band NYMPH channels legends such as Can and Sun Ra.

"I love pop music and its form, but it's so challenging to push the boundaries and use techniques of repetition and pulsating rhythms to create a trance of epic listening," said NYMPH founder and lead composer Matty McDermott.

The seven-piece band incorporates jazz, progressive rock, and African rhythmic sounds into frenzied, extended jams that could take a turn at any moment.

McDermott, who plays guitar, founded NYMPH as a solo recording project in his

bedroom seven years ago. Shortly after, he added his girlfriend, Eri Shoji, as vocalist. Soon, the band was touring across the United States. While they were in Athens, Ga., they connected with another psych band called Dark Meat and started to share shows and support each other. Eventually, NYMPH absorbed the five members of the 15-piece Dark Meat who moved up to Brooklyn.

"It was a big lure to complete that puzzle piece," said guitar and synth player Jim McHugh, who was one of the members to join from Dark Meat. "We are all involved in a million projects and NYMPH is one of the dearest and the most productive."

NYMPH at the Spy Festival (285 Kent Ave. between S. First and S. Second streets in Williamsburg, [spymusicfestival.com](http://spymusicfestival.com)]. Sept. 8, 9 pm, \$10.



On the stoop: The band NYMPH is coming to the Spy Festival. Photo by Stefano Giovannini



The best reads — handpicked by local bookstore employees

## WORD's pick: "A Short History of Nuclear Folly" by Rudolph Herzog

Largely eschewing the better known instances of humankind mishandling atomic technologies — Hiroshima, Chernobyl, and Fukushima Daiichi — Rudolph Herzog's volume presents another kind of history: a compilation of follies less traveled, as well as a compendium of near misses. It's a holy-moly-we-were-almost-history history. And somehow it's as light as it is heavy, as funny as it is terrifying (this is R. Herzog after all, the man who, in "Dead Funny," wrote about humor in Hitler's Germany). Did you know doctors actually planted plutonium in patients' hearts? Did I mention that nuclear satellites are raining down on us? Oh my god.

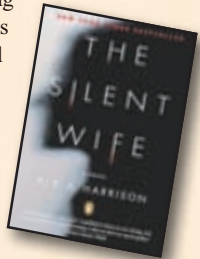
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## The BookMark Shoppe's pick: "The Silent Wife" by A. S. A. Harrison

Jodi Brett has the perfect life living in a Chicago high rise, seeing patients occasionally, keeping a beautiful home, spending time with family and friends, and of course caring for her adoring husband. She has learned to overlook his indiscretions through the years; after all it hardly affects her and her perfect life. That is until the day when he demands a divorce. Her life shatters and the only thing left to do is kill him. Kill him before he leaves her. And so begins a fast paced thriller that's been compared to Gillian Flynn's "Gone Girl." A must read for this Fall by debut author A. S. A. Harrison.

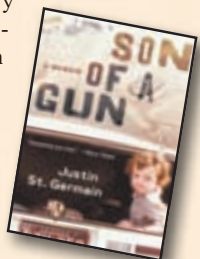
— Bina Valenzano, co-owner, The BookMark Shoppe [8415 Third Ave. between 84th and 85th streets in Bay Ridge, (718) 833-5115, [www.bookmarkshoppe.com](http://www.bookmarkshoppe.com)].



## Greenlight Bookstore's pick: "Son of a Gun" by Justin St. Germain

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**FRI, SEPT. 6**

**ART, "FASHION STUDIES":** An exhibition of garments, accessories, paintings, video, and installations by 15 fashion faculty at the school. **Free.** 9 am–5 pm. Pratt Institute [200 Willoughby Ave. at Steuben Street in Clinton Hill, (718) 636–3517], pratt.edu.

**ART, "ALBUM TRACKS:** Subway Record Covers": Exhibition celebrates album artwork that features the New York City subway and elevated system. \$7 (\$5 children and seniors). 10 am–4 pm. New York Transit Museum [Boerum Place at Schermerhorn Street in Downtown, (718) 694–1600], www.mta.info/mta/museum.

**ART, "THE MAP IS NOT THE TERRITORY":** New work by Ati Maier. **Free.** 11 am–6 pm. Pierogi [177 N. Ninth St. between Bedford and Driggs avenues in Williamsburg, (718) 599–2144], www.pierogi2000.com.

**ART, "LIMBUS":** An exhibition of work by James Cullinane. **Free.** 1–6 pm. Robert Henry Contemporary [56 Bogart St. at Seigel Street in Bushwick, (718) 473–0819], www.roberthenrycontemporary.com.

**ART, "DO NOT BLOW HORN USE BELL":** Solo show of photo collages by Tim Spelios. **Free.** 1–6 pm. Studio10 [56 Bogart St. in Bushwick, (718) 852–4396], www.studio10bogart.com.

**NAVY YARD FACTORY TOUR:** See manufacturers and craftsmen in action. \$15. 1:30–3 pm. Brooklyn Navy Yard Building 92 (63 Flushing Ave. near Fourth Street, Building 92 in Wallabout), bldg92.org/events.

**CIGAR NIGHT:** An annual tradition for alumni, parents, and friends that features food, drink, and, of course, cigars. RSVP by Aug. 31. \$175. 6 pm. Xaverian HS [7100 Shore Rd. between MacKay Place and 71st Street in Bay Ridge, (718) 836–7100 ext. 167], www.xaverian.org/cigarnight.

**MUSIC, OPEN MIC NIGHT:** Open to all types of musicians. Sign-up begins at 6:30 pm. \$5. 7 pm. Brooklyn Conservatory of Music [58 Seventh Ave. between Lincoln Place and Seventh Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 622–3300 or email: rfrank@bqcm.org], www.bqcm.org.

**READING, DAVE HILL:** Comedian and author of "Tasteful Nudes." **Free.** 7 pm. BookCourt [163 Court St. between Pacific and Dean streets in Cobble Hill, (718) 875–3677], www.bookcourt.org.

**READING, BRENDAN SULLIVAN:** Author of "Rivington Was Ours: Lady Gaga, the Lower East Side, and the Prime of Our Lives." **Free.** 7:30 pm. Greenlight Bookstore [686 Fulton St. between S. Elliott Place and S. Portland Avenue in Fort Greene, (718) 246–0200], greenlightbookstore.com.

**MUSIC, BROOKLYN CONTRA DANCE PARTY:** If swing dancing and square dancing met in a bar, you'd get contra. The Rem-

edies will supply the live music, you bring your dancing shoes. \$15 (\$12 students). 7:30 pm. Camp Friendship [339 Eighth St. between Fifth and Sixth avenues in Park Slope, (718) 965–3695], campfriendshipbrooklyn.com.

**MUSIC, DEPECHE MODE:** \$49.50–\$129.50. 7:30 pm. Barclays Center [620 Atlantic Ave. at Pacific Street in Prospect Heights, (917) 618–6100], www.barclayscenter.com.

**THEATER, "PLUM DE FORCE":** What happens when a connection is made between a plum's life cycle and the history of witch hunts? \$15. 8 pm. Bushwick Starr [207 Starr St. between Wyckoff and Irving avenues in Bushwick], thebushwickstarr.org.

**FILM, "THE TIME MACHINE":** Bring a chair or blanket enjoy refreshments and take a chance on a fifty/fifty raffle. **Free.** 8 pm. Narrows Botanical Gardens [Shore Rd. at 71st Street in Bay Ridge, (718) 748 4810].

**MUSIC, THE POLKANAUTS:** **Free.** 8 pm. Goodbye Blue Monday [1087 Broadway, between Lawton and Dodworth streets in Bedford-Stuyvesant, (718) 453–6343], www.myspace.com/goodbyebluemondayinc.

**THEATER, "DIVIDING THE ESTATE":** The Heights Players put on Horton Foote's comedy about family, money, power, and greed. \$20 (\$18 seniors and those 18 and under. 8 pm. Heights Players [26 Willow Pl. between Joralemon and State streets in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 237–2752], www.heightsplayers.org.

**SPINNING WHEELS:** Rock and soul dance party. \$5. 9 pm. Rock Shop [249 Fourth Ave. between Carroll and President streets in Park Slope, (718) 230–5740], www.therockshopny.com.

**SAT, SEPT. 7**

**FIDO IN PROSPECT PARK MEETUP:** Bring your canine for free goodies and learn about off-leash activities. **Free.** 7–9 am. Prospect Park's Long Meadow near the Picnic House (Prospect Park West near Fifth Street in Park Slope), www.prospectpark.org.

**PIG ISLAND:** Food festival featuring 25 chefs, 80 locally sourced hogs, craft beer, and live music. \$85 (\$75 in advance). 11:30 am–4:30 pm. Ikea (1 Beard St. at Otsego Street in Red Hook), www.pigisland.com.

**THEATER, "BLITHE SPIRIT":** The Gallery Players open the season with Noel Coward's play. \$18 (\$14 for senior citizens and children 12 and under). 2 pm, 8 pm. Gallery Players [199 14th St., between Fourth and Fifth avenues in Park Slope, (212) 352–3101], galleryplayers.com.

**MUSIC, ROCKABILLY REVUE:** "Revved-Up Rockabilly," featuring the Chop Tops, Screamin' Rebel Angels, the Silverhounds, and the Bothers. 21 and over. \$10. 7 pm. Knitting Factory [361 Metropolitan Ave. at Havemeyer



**Take the A train:** Robert Del Bagno, curator of the "Album Tracks" exhibit at the Transit Museum, found dozens of gems of local and national talent showing off their roots with subway album covers. Photo by Stefano Giovannini

Street in Williamsburg, (347) 529–6696], ny.knittingfactory.com.

**MUSIC, POWER POPAHLIC FEST:** With The Grip Weeds, The Anderson Council, Kurt Baker, THE ABOVE, Jana Peri (acoustic set), and The Turnback. \$12–\$15. 7 pm. Rock Shop [249 Fourth Ave. between Carroll and President streets in Park Slope, (718) 230–5740], www.therockshopny.com.

**MUSIC, FALL OUT BOY:** With Panic At The Disco and twenty one pilots. \$35–\$45. 7:30 pm. Barclays Center [620 Atlantic Ave. at Pacific Street in Prospect Heights, (917) 618–6100], www.barclayscenter.com.

**MUSIC, JOHN POPHAM:** The cellist performs to benefit the String Orchestra of Brooklyn. \$15 (\$10 students and seniors). 8 pm. St. Ann and the Holy Trinity Church (157 Montague St. between Monroe Place and Clinton Street in Brooklyn Heights), www.thesob.org.

**THEATER, "THE DANCE AND THE DAWN":** Interactive, unscripted piece featuring 13 actors who take on the roles of nobles in a gothic fairy-tale realm. Presented by Warren Tusk. \$20. 8 pm. The Brick [575 Metropolitan Ave. at Lorimer Street in Williamsburg, (718) 907–6189], www.bricktheater.com.

**MUSIC, SUPERSUCKERS, HELLBOUND GLORY:** \$15 (\$13 in advance). 9 pm. Bell House [149 Seventh St. at Third Avenue in Gowanus, (718) 643–6510], www.thebellhousesny.com.

**WALK AND 5K-RUN:** Fifth-Annual T.E.A.L. ovarian cancer walk and run. Wear the color teal. \$35. 8 am. Prospect Park Band Shell [Prospect Park West and Ninth Street in Park Slope, (718) 965–8900], www.bricartsmedia.org/cb.

**ART, "PORTRAITS":** Paintings by Richard Brachman. **Free.** 10 am–6 pm. Gaia Gallery (79 Hudson Ave. at Front Street in Vinegar Hill), www.zhibit.org/rbrachman/artwork.

**"PEE WEE'S BIG ADVENTURE":** Children's classic starring Pee Wee Herman. \$7 (\$9 for adults). 11 am. BAM Kids Peter Jay Sharp Building [30 Lafayette Ave. at Ashland Place in Fort Greene, (718) 636–4129], www.bam.org/Family.

**ART, "DOMINOES":** Interactive installation by Louie Hinnen. **Free.** 1–7 pm. Invisible Dog [51 Bergen St. between Smith and Court streets in Cobble Hill, (347) 560–3641], theinvisibledog.org.

**ART IN THE GARDENS:** Indie Ballet Collaborative, a dance company leads sessions in yoga, creative dance, improvisation, and musical performances. **Free.** 2–6 pm. Target Community Garden [931 Bedford Ave. in Bedford-Stuyvesant, (212) 333–2552], www.nyrp.org/calendar\_programs/calendar.

**ART, ATTAI CHEN:** \$10 (\$5 students and members). 3–4 pm. Brooklyn Metal Works [640 Dean St. in Prospect Heights, (347) 762–4757], bkmatalworks.com/2013/08/14/artist-talk-with-attai-chen.

**ART, DEMO:** With Attai Chen. \$30 (\$25 students and members). 4–6 pm. Brooklyn Metal Works [640 Dean St. in Prospect Heights, (347) 762–4757], bkmatalworks.com/2013/08/14/artist-talk-with-attai-chen.

**READING, MARIE VILJOEN:** Author of "66 Square Feet." **Free.** 4 pm. BookCourt [163 Court St. between Pacific and Dean streets in Cobble Hill, (718) 875–3677], www.bookcourt.org.

**READING, "SLICE" MAGAZINE LAUNCH:** Celebrate issue No. 13 with authors Justin Taylor, Joanna Smith Rakoff, and more. **Free.** 6:30–8:30 pm. PowerHouse Arena [37 Main St. at Water Street in DUMBO, (718) 666–3049], www.powerhousearena.com.

**COMPETITIVE EROTIC FAN FICTION COMEDY SHOW:** Ten comic write and perform erotic fan fiction pieces based on their whims or audience suggestions. \$10. 8 pm. Union Hall [702 Union St. at Fifth Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 638–4400], www.unionhallny.com.

**THE 90S ALTERNATIVE SING-ALONG:** Dress the part and sing along to alt-rock music videos from the '90s. \$8. 10 pm. Union Hall [702 Union St. at Fifth Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 638–4400], www.unionhallny.com.

**FLOATING KABARETTE:** Featuring aerial and acrobatic feats, a late-night dance party, and more. \$25 (\$20 in advance). 10:30 pm. Galapagos Art Space [16 Main St. at Water Street in

DUMBO, (718) 222–8500], www.galapagosartspace.com.

**SUN, SEPT. 8**

**"CITY SALUTATIONS" FESTIVAL:** Seane Corn will lead a yoga class while DJ Drez provides musical accompaniment. Healthy local food vendors will also be on hand. **Free.** 2–6 pm. Harbor View Lawn in Brooklyn Bridge Park (334 Furman St. near Doughty Street in Brooklyn Heights), www.brooklyn-bridgepark.org/.

**FILM, "DOWN BY LAW":** Come early and grab a seat in the courtyard. **Free.** 8 pm. Habana Outpost [757 Fulton St. at S. Portland Avenue in Fort Greene, (718) 858–9500], www.habanaoutpost.com.

**MUSIC, PETER GRIGGS:** The classical guitarist performs to celebrate the renovation of the church post-Sandy. **Free.** 4 pm. St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church [2801 W. Eighth St. at Neptune Avenue in Coney Island, (718) 266–1831], www.stpaulsconeyisland.org.

**UNDERGROUND THRIFT STORE:** Browse a curated collection of upscale and designer clothing and accessories as well as collectibles for the home. A percentage of proceeds benefits organizations that fight human trafficking. **Free.** 12:30–4:30 pm. Plymouth Church [65 Hicks St. between Orange and Cranberry streets in Brooklyn Heights, (212) 829–4923], aki.smugmug.com/Brooklyn/Plymouth-Underground-Store/19205133\_Tv5Lkh#1497281739\_4r2dz3B.

**BROOKLYN WORT:** Taste 30 varieties of beer from the borough's finest homebrewers. Fee includes tastings and food. \$40. 1–5 pm. Bell House [149 Seventh St. at Third Avenue in Gowanus, (718) 643–6510], www.thebellhousesny.com.

**DRAWING WORKSHOP:** Presented by illustrator Scott Campbell. **Free.** 1:30 pm. Word Bookstore [126 Franklin St. between Milton and Noble streets in Greenpoint, (718) 383–0096], www.wordbrooklyn.com.

**OUR LADY OF SORROWS PROCESSION:** The congregation honors the feast of its hometown patron saint. **Free.** 3 pm. Sacred Hearts & St. Ste-

phen R.C. Church [125 Summit St. between Hicks and Henry streets in Carroll Gardens, (718) 596–7750], www.mariaaddolorata.com.

**SPORTS, WWE LIVE:** Highlights include WWE Champion Randy Orton defending his title against Daniel Bryan as well as superstar appearances by Rob Van Dam, The Big Show, The Shield, and more. \$25–\$75. 5 pm. Barclays Center [620 Atlantic Ave. at Pacific Street in Prospect Heights, (800) 745–3000], www.barclayscenter.com.

**ROSH HASHANAH:** Special holy day services for families with special needs children, followed by reception; RSVP required. 11–noon and noon to 12:30 pm. East Midwood Jewish Center [1625 Ocean Ave. in Midwood, (718) 285–0405], www.emjc.org.

**MON, SEPT. 9**

**OPEN MIC:** Teens have a safe place to share their poems and meet other spoken word artists. **Free.** 5 pm. Brooklyn Public Library's Central branch [Flatbush Ave. at Eastern Parkway in Grand Army Plaza in Park Slope, (718) 230–2100], www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org/branch\_library\_detail.jsp?branchpageid=265.

**FILM, "9/11":** An American Requiem": In addition to the screening, WTC Health Program will offer information on free health care for 9/11 volunteers and responders, as well as Victim Compensation Fund applications. **Free.** 6 pm. Cort Club [2648 Gerritsen Ave. at Devon Avenue in Gerritsen Beach, (631) 855–1207].

**READING, REZA ASLAN:** Author of "Zealot: The Life and Times of Jesus of Nazareth." \$5. 7–9 pm. PowerHouse Arena [37 Main St. at Water Street in DUMBO, (718) 666–3049], www.powerhousearena.com.

**READING, OLIVER PÖTZSCH:** Author of "The Ludwig Conspiracy." **Free.** 7 pm. Die Stammkneipe [710 Fulton St. at S. Oxford Street in Fort Greene, (347) 841–4495], dsk-brooklyn.com.

**TUES, SEPT. 10**

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

**READING, BOB ODENKIRK AND DAVID CROSS:** Authors of "Hollywood Said No! Orphaned Film Scripts, Bastard Scenes, and Abandoned Darlings from the Creators of Mr. Show." \$8 (can go towards book purchase). 7–9 pm. PowerHouse Arena [37 Main St. at Water Street in DUMBO, (718) 666–3049], www.powerhousearena.com.

**READING, MARIJUANA CHRONICLES READING SERIES:** With Cheryl Lu-Lien Tan, Dean Hsieh, Amanda Stern, and Thad Ziolkowski. **Free.** 7 pm. Word Bookstore [126 Franklin St. between Milton and Noble streets in Greenpoint, (718) 383–0096], www.wordbrooklyn.com.

**READING, JONATHAN LETHEM:** Author of "Dissident Gardens." \$40 (includes book). 7:30 pm. BAM Harvey Theater [651 Fulton St. at Rockwell Place in Fort Greene, (718) 636–4100], www.bam.org/literary/2013/unbound-jonathan-lethem.

**9-11 MEMORIAL:** Candlelight cer-



emony honoring First Responders. **Free.** 7:30 pm. MCU Park (1904 Surf Ave. in Coney Island), [www.thebrooklynwall.org](http://www.thebrooklynwall.org).

**MUSIC, SLAVIC SOUL PARTY:** The Balkan-inspired brass band celebrates 10 years at the venue. \$10. 9 pm. Barbes [376 Ninth St. at Sixth Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 965-9177], [www.barbes-brooklyn.com](http://www.barbes-brooklyn.com).

### WED, SEPT. 11

**9-11 MEMORIAL:** Candlelight vigil honoring victims of 9-11. **Free.** 6:30 pm. Bill Brown Park (Ave. X and Bedford Avenue in Sheepshead Bay).

### THURS, SEPT. 12

**GREEN-WOOD HISTORIC FUND FUNDRAISING GALA:** Honoring Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz and Terence Winter, the creator of HBO's "Boardwalk Empire." \$250. 6 pm. Green-Wood Cemetery [Fifth Avenue and 25th Street in Green-wood Heights, (718) 768-7300], [www.green-wood.com/benefit](http://www.green-wood.com/benefit).

**D.T. MAX AND BLAKE BAILEY:** The biographers discuss writing the lives of others. **Free.** 7-9 pm. PowerHouse Arena [37 Main St. at Water Street in DUMBO, (718) 666-3049], [www.powerhouse-arena.com](http://www.powerhouse-arena.com).

**READING, POETRY NIGHT:** With DJ Dolack, Lynn Melnick, and Danniell Schoonebeek. **Free.** 7 pm. Word Bookstore [126 Franklin St. between Milton and Noble streets in Greenpoint, (718) 383-0096], [www.word-brooklyn.com](http://www.word-brooklyn.com).

**ART, BEAT FESTIVAL PREVIEW:** Featuring artists and projects

canary torsis, Brooklyn '63, Storyboard P, Third Rail Projects, Nicholas Tamagna, Institute for Psychogeographic Adventure, LeeSaar The Company, and Freestyle Mondays. \$12 (suggested). 7 pm. Brooklyn Museum [200 Eastern Pkwy. at Washington Avenue in Prospect Heights, (718) 638-5000], [www.beatbrooklyn.com](http://www.beatbrooklyn.com).

**MUSIC, THE KICKDRUMS:** \$8-\$10. 7:30 pm. Rock Shop [249 Fourth Ave. between Carroll and President streets in Park Slope, (718) 230-5740], [www.therock-shopny.com](http://www.therock-shopny.com).

**STEAMBOAT:** A Literary Humor Series: Comedy series hosted by Bob Powers and featuring Ophira Eisenberg. **Free.** 7:30 pm. Greenlight Bookstore [686 Fulton St. between S. Elliott Place and S. Portland Avenue in Fort Greene, (718) 246-0200], [greenlightbookstore.com](http://greenlightbookstore.com).

**DANCE, "BECOMING-CORPUS":** Experimental performance using video. \$20-\$30. 8 pm. BAM Fisher [321 Ashland Pl. in Fort Greene, (718) 636-4100], [www.bam.org](http://www.bam.org).

**MUSIC, MATT BRAUNGER, DANA GOULD:** \$20. 8:30 pm. Bell House [149 Seventh St. at Third Avenue in Gowanus, (718) 643-6510], [www.thebellhouseny.com](http://www.thebellhouseny.com).

### FRI, SEPT. 13

**ART, "NATURAL PHILOSOPHIES":** Solo show featuring Faune Yerby. **Free.** Noon-7 pm. Grumpy Bert [82 Bond St. between Atlantic Avenue and State Street in Boerum Hill, (347) 855-4849], [www.grumpybert.com](http://www.grumpybert.com).

**ART, GREENPOINT GALLERY NIGHT:** Explore the diverse

array of exhibition spaces in the neighborhood when 20 galleries open their doors. **Free.** 6-9 pm., [greenpointgalleries.org](http://greenpointgalleries.org).

**MUSIC, THE WOES, THE HONEYCUTTERS, REBECCA PRONSKY:** \$10. 8 pm. Rock Shop [249 Fourth Ave. between Carroll and President streets in Park Slope, (718) 230-5740], [www.therock-shopny.com](http://www.therock-shopny.com).

**MUSIC, WAHOO SKIFFLE CRAZIES, RUN BOY RUN, WOODSY PRIDE:** \$10. 8 pm. Union Hall [702 Union St. at Fifth Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 638-4400], [www.unionhallny.com](http://www.unionhallny.com).

**MUSIC, BIG SANDY AND HIS FLYRITE BOYS, BARRENCE WHITFIELD AND THE SAVAGES:** \$12 (\$10 in advance). 8:30 pm. Bell House [149 Seventh St. at Third Avenue in Gowanus, (718) 643-6510], [www.thebellhouseny.com](http://www.thebellhouseny.com).

### SAT, SEPT. 14

**HUNT FOR WILD RAISINS IN PROSPECT PARK:** Led by naturalist/author "Wildman" Steve Brill. RSVP required at least 24 hours in advance. \$20 (\$10 children) suggested donation. 11:45 am. Grand Army Plaza (Union Street between Flatbush Avenue and Prospect Park West in Park Slope).

**COLUMBIA WATERFRONT FALL FESTIVAL:** Food, entertainment, shopping, and children's activities will span Columbia from Degraw to Union, and on Union from Columbia to Hicks. **Free.** Noon-6 pm. (Columbia and Union streets in Columbia Street Waterfront District), [nyc-street-fairs.com/\\_Blog/carroll-gardens-association-inc-5th-annual-columbia-waterfront-fall-festival](http://nyc-street-fairs.com/_Blog/carroll-gardens-association-inc-5th-annual-columbia-waterfront-fall-festival).

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TD's newest executive also volunteers with the Power of Women Mentorship Program, the American Lung Association, and the American Cancer Society. Where does she get the time? LaVasia is also a member of the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce. A true borough daughter if ever there was one.

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## SUNSET PARK

### A hero among us

Huzzah and hooray to **Ted Tudor**, a social work assistant for **Lutheran Family Health Center's Community Medicine Program**, who was recently honored with a hero award by the New York City Providers of Health Care for the Homeless during National Health Center Week.

Our unsung hero was recognized for his dedication and qualities of compassion and empathy to the homeless, and for going above and beyond the expectations of his job. Ted is also a team player, who is willing to assist his coworkers at a moment's notice.

He is just one heck of a jolly good fella, according to **Barbara Conanan**, director of Lutheran Family Health.

"At the core of Ted's character is his respect for others, which he so often shows without expecting anything in return," she said.

Standing O gives Ted its own hero award for being such a great guy.

*Lutheran Family Health Centers [150 55th St. at First Avenue in Sunset Park, (718) 630-7000].*



**WELL-DESERVED AWARDS:** Mandy Chin, Christina Franz, Margaret Iuni, and Christina Fodera received awards from the University of Rochester.

## Kudos to Bishop Kearney scholars

### BENSONHURST

Three cheers and a hip, hip, hooray to **Mandy Chin, Christina Franz, Margaret Iuni, and Christina Fodera** of **Bishop Kearney High School**. The over-achieving students were lauded and feted at an end-of-school year assembly.

Mandy, Christina Franz, and Margaret received awards from the University of Rochester, which places the girls in line for four-year scholarships if they decide to apply there. Separately, they received various commendations for their exemplary academic and extracurricular activities.

Mandy was recognized with the Bausch and Lomb Science Award for Excellence in Science, based on her high scholastic standing in science for the past three years, and her enrollment in physics.

Christina Franz received the Frederick Douglass and Susan B. Anthony Award in recognition of her strong grades and rigorous courses taken in humanities and social sciences.

Margaret received the George Eastman Young Leaders' Award for demonstrating strong leadership skills in school and community, as well as for achieving academic excellence in challenging courses.

Christina Fodera received the 21st Century Leadership Award from Wells College for her commitment to academic and school leadership, and a \$10,000 scholarship to Wells College, if she plans to attend after her graduation in 2014.

Standing O sends out high fives to this topping quartet.

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

## BOROUGH WIDE

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Contestants will be judged by a panel and audience votes on Oct. 5 at 7 pm

"Every year, the competition attracts great talent," state Sen. **Marty Golden**, (R-Bay Ridge) told Standing O. The good senator invited all to the auditions and to make it to the show, because this year, "it's gonna

be a great show."

Tickets are \$10 and proceeds benefit the music department at Xaverian High School.

*Xaverian High School, [7100 Shore Rd. at 71st Street in Bay Ridge, (718) 238-6044]*

### More interest

**Northfield Bank** has added three new branch managers for the borough's branches. **David Cherny** is the new veep and manager of the Brighton Beach branch. **Trudy Philp** has the honors at the Flatbush branch. And **Kevin Xue** dons the title at the Bensonhurst branch.

Standing O sends out congratulations to the topping triumvirate.

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## BRIGHTON BEACH

### Swimming angels

Grab the floaties and cheer on lifeguards **Brianna Minogue** and **Inez Zуска**, both of whom rescued **Dimitry Zhalkevich** on July 19. The selfless mermaids came to the aid of the sinking swimmer when he collapsed in five feet of water. The women work as summer lifeguards and are members of NYC Lifeguards Local 461 of DC 37. Inez has been on the beat for the past nine seasons, and Brianna has been bay watching for two. The fearless ladies, who are trained in rescue and CPR, sprang into action and began efforts to resuscitate Dimitry while waiting for EMS to arrive and transport him to the hospital.

"The professional action by these lifeguards shows the importance of their personal initiative, coupled with the good training they receive, which gave them the tools and the confidence to act quickly in an emergency situation," said **Franklyn Paige**, president of NYC Lifeguard Local 461.

The grateful Dimitry was released from the hospital, but he returned to the beach with two bouquet of flowers — one for each of his life-saving angels.

Standing O says it's safe to go back to the water now, thanks to Brianna and Inez.

**Bonnie Diaz, Adrian Fernandez, Matthew Kenrick, Jamie Lamanno, Siobhan Masterson, Ivette Medina, Joel Perez, Anthony Perrone, Herb Reed, Leslie Ann Thomas, and Perneatha Waddy** are all exceptional employees and will be honored at a special luncheon hosted by the **Guild For Exceptional Children** on Sept. 11.

The terrific panel distinguished itself for providing quality and compassionate care to children and adults living with developmental disabilities, while demonstrating integrity, vision, and excellence.

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Brooklyn-born author dies

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Brooklyn-born author Frederik Pohl, who over decades gained a reputation of being a literate and sophisticated writer of science fiction, has died at age 93.

His wife, Elizabeth Hull, said that Pohl died Sept. 2 at a hospital after experiencing respiratory problems at his home in the Chicago suburb of Palatine. News of his death was first announced by his granddaughter, Emily Pohl-Weary, in a tweet.

Pohl wrote more than 40 novels. Two of his better-known works were "The Space Merchants," written in the early 1950s with Cyril M. Kornbluth, and 1978's "Gateway," a winner of the Hugo Award for science fiction writing. Pohl was a literary agent and editor before getting his own work published in science fiction magazines of the 1930s. He's credited with launching the careers of James Blish and Larry Niven.

"It is difficult to sum up the significance of Frederik Pohl to the science fiction



IN MEMORY: Writer Frederik Pohl died Sept. 2.

Associated Press / Russel A. Daniels

field in few words," Pohl's editor James Frenkel said in an obituary released by the family. "He was instrumental to the flowering of the field in the mid-to-late 20th century, and it is hard to dispute that the field would be much the poorer without his talent and remarkable body of work as a magazine and book editor, a collaborator and a solo author."

Pohl's career began in 1937 with the sale of a poem, "Elegy to a Dead Satellite: Luna," to "Amazing Stories" magazine. He went on to edit "Astonishing Stories," "Super Science Stories," "Galaxy" and "If" maga-

zines, as well as an original anthology series, "Star Science Fiction." As a book editor, he worked on Samuel R. Delaney's "Dhalgren" and Joanna Russ's "The Female Man." As a literary agent, Pohl represented Isaac Asimov, Algis Budrys, Hal Clement, Fritz Leiber and John Wyndham.

Pohl was born in Brooklyn in 1919. Despite dropping out of high school, his ambition was to be a professional writer. Friends described him as an avid reader, who read the works of Tolstoy in addition to science fiction magazines.

He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and was stationed in Italy, and after his discharge wrote advertising copy for a mail order publisher. After becoming a literary agent again, Pohl helped Asimov publish his first novel "Pebble in the Sky" in 1950. Although he devoted much of his time to writing in the 1970s, he also was science fiction editor at Bantam Books.

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● 'I think this is one of the most talented teams we've had so far.'

— Poly Prep defensive end Jay Hayes, on his team's chances this season

● 'It's pretty easy to be a quarterback when you're surrounded by such talent.'

— Bishop Ford Quarterback James Esposito, on his teammates.

## Thirteen is Lincoln's lucky number this year

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

To most, the number 13 means bad luck. But for the football program at Abraham Lincoln High School, it's a number you only get to with lots of practice, determination, and no small amount of good luck on the side. It's the number of games a team will play if it reaches the championship.

Head coach Shawn O'Connor decided to put that number front and center this season after the Railsplitters lost in the semifinals last season — just a year after winning the Public School Athletic League city title at Yankee Stadium.

"Thirteen is a big number for us," O'Connor said.

That's why all the Lincoln players, including the junior varsity, are wearing the number 13 on the backs of their practice jerseys as a reminder of where the team wants to be by season's end. Senior defensive tackle Thomas Holley sees the number as a symbol of the standard they try to live up to everyday.

"We want to be at Yankee Stadium under the lights with everybody cheering because we won the game," Holley said.

They see no reason why that can't happen with a plethora of seasoned talent returning from a junior-heavy team that saw two of its three losses come by just one point. It's something that sticks with the players. They feel the experience will help them keep that from happening again.

"We have a lot of older



**BAKER'S DOZEN:** (Above) The Abraham Lincoln football team is getting fit for the long haul to the "13th game" this year. (Right) Running back Antoine Holloman returns after leading the league in rushing last season. (Bottom right) Teammate Thomas Holley will lead a strong and experienced defensive unit.

Photos by Steve Solomonson

guys now who know how it feels, and know what it takes to not lose that close game and actually win the close game," said senior quarterback Javon Moore who added 15 pounds in the offseason.

He will get to orchestrate a potentially potent offense with plenty of returning pieces. It will be without star wide receiver Jamiek Davis, however, who moved to North Carolina with his family. Moore will have senior running back Antoine Holloman, classmate Leroy Hancel, and junior Aaron Henderson in the backfield. Holloman led the city in rushing last season, with 1,281 yards and nine touchdowns. Carlos Stewart and Malik Andrews return at

wide receivers.

"We have talent at every position," Holloman said.

The Railsplitters will be equally as talented on a defense led by Holley, ranked the No. 3 defensive tackle in the country by Rivals.com. Douglas Powell joins him on the other side. Khendell Puryear, considered one of the city's top corners, and safety Jashi Meade are also back.

"Our defense is so good, us practicing against them is going to make other opponents look small and make us that much better," Moore said.

The Lincoln squad will have to beat teams like Tottenville and defending champion Erasmus Hall if it wants to reach the num-



ber 13 that the players stare at every day of practice.

"You can't look around without seeing the number 13," Moore said. "Everyone knows what the number is. That's our way of life, getting to the 13th game."



**ACE:** Berkeley Carroll pitcher Ian Miller verbally committed to play baseball at Harvard.  
Walter Paller

## Miller catches Harvard's pitch

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Ian Miller has made a career of proving doubters wrong. The Berkeley Carroll rising senior ace had to do it one more time to earn a place at the college of his dreams.

The Harvard baseball team had been following Miller for two years. The coaching staff had its interest in him piqued during this past season, and after a strong performance at the Head Start showcase at Baseball Heaven with his Academic Prospects travel team in August. The Crimson still wanted one last look at Miller and invited him to their baseball camp two weekends ago.

He said he threw well the first day, but had a breakthrough the next day after working with Harvard coaches. Thanks to a tweak in his motion he added three miles per hour to his velocity and earned an offer to join the Crimson next season.

For Miller it's the culmination of years of hard work and dedication.

"It was pretty incredible," he said. "There is nothing

like hearing you have the spot when you have really been fighting for that for the last three years."

The crafty right-hander burst on to the New York City baseball landscape as a freshman when he helped pitch the Lions to the private school state title game. Two years later, his velocity climbed to the mid-80s. He began to master his six different pitches to become one of the most dominant hurlers in New York City. He went 7-0 with a 0.13 ERA last season and is only getting better.

"I think he is a perfect fit, athletically, in the Ivy League," said Berkeley Carroll coach Walter Paller, whose son plays for Columbia. "I think Ian has a chance because he's so polished that he can get some innings right away."

Miller, who has a 3.85 GPA, wants to help a rebuilding Harvard program eventually win an Ivy League title. One of the reasons he felt so comfortable there was the positive energy Decker and his staff brought with them and the talented recruits they have coming in.





# CYCLONES CONFIDENTIAL

## Cyclones blow it! The season's over!

Heroes to zeros, Clones go from first place to nowheresville in three sad games

### Cyclones 1 Tri-City 0

Aug. 28 at MCU Park

Anthony Chavez scored the only run of the game off a fielder's choice in the bottom of the sixth and John Gant threw a one-hit complete game to beat the Valley Cats and take sole possession of first place in the McNamara Division

In the middle of an intense pitching duel, Chavez led off the sixth with a single and quickly made it to second on a throwing error during a pickoff attempt. Eris Peguero singled on a bunt to move Chavez to third and Gavin Cecchini then grounded into a fielder's choice to let Chavez score the lone run.

Gant pitched the first complete game of the year for the Cyclones, allowing just one hit in the sixth and one walk in the ninth, while striking out six.

The Clones finally leapfrogged Aberdeen into first place in the division, after the

IronBirds fell to the Lowell Spinners. Brooklyn now has a half game lead with seven games to go. But to make the playoffs, the Cyclones must win the division.

### Cyclones 2 Staten Island 1

Aug. 29 at MCU Park

Ismael Tijerina contributed to both Cyclones runs and the Brooklyn pitchers combined to strike out 10 Yankees and allow just three hits to keep their footing in the division lead.

Jonathan Clark led off the first inning with a walk and quickly stole second base when a throwing error by Yankee catcher Trent Garrison allowed Clark to move to third. Tijerina then doubled down the left field line, scoring Clark.

Tijerina later singled in the third inning, moving to second and third on walks by Jared King and James "Papa" Roche and coming home on an RBI fielder's



HE'S SAFE, BUT THEY'RE OUT: Jared King scores the first run for the Cyclones at Saturday's game – the last home game of the season – against the Aberdeen IronBirds. Photo by Steve Schnibbe

choice out by Alex Sanchez.

Starting pitcher Miller Diaz and relievers Cameron Griffin and Juan Urbina took care of the rest of the game,

despite a scary eighth inning that allowed John Murphy to score. But closer Johnny Magliozzi entered in the ninth to get the save.

### Staten Island 9 Cyclones 3

Aug. 30 at Staten Island

Cyclone killer Yeicok Calderon hit a three-run homer

in the fourth to break the game open and Eric Jagielo added a two-run home run in the eighth to silence any Brooklyn comeback attempt.

The Yankees scored the first four runs of the game, all coming in the third inning with two RBIs by Mike Ford and one each from Calderon and Kale Sumner.

L.J. "Mini-Maz" Mazzilli sent Jonathan Clark home on a fielder's choice in the fourth after Clark singled and stole second, but the lone score left the Clones still down by three. The gap increased when Calderon hit his three-run homer in the next inning, increasing the Staten Island lead to 7-1.

### Aberdeen 7 Cyclones 0

Aug. 31 at MCU Park

With the Cyclones in first place by a half game over the Aberdeen IronBirds in the McNamara Division, both teams' playoffs were riding

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# Poly Prep eyes big season

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Poly Prep two-way lineman Jay Hayes is a pretty upbeat kid already, but his smile gets a bit wider when the Notre Dame-bound senior is asked about the potential for his team this year.

The talent and experience on this squad reminded Hayes of his freshman year, when the Blue Devils went 9-1 during their independent schedule. The Blue Devils were 6-3 a year ago.

"I think this is one of the most talented teams we've had so far," Hayes said.

The 6-foot-5, 270-pound senior even joked that history may be set to repeat itself, since running back Gregory Charles missed their annual scrimmage with Fort Hamilton because of an injury last Saturday, just like he did in their freshman year.

The optimistic Hayes understands his impact is going to have to come sporadically as a defensive end with more and more teams running plays opposite his position on the line. He said he just has to stay focused so he can be ready when the action eventually comes his way.

"I'm expecting it almost every game," Hayes said.



**EYES ON THE PRIZE:** Poly Prep quarterback Chris Parker runs past Fort Hamilton's Juan Tejeda during a scrimmage played at Poly Prep on Aug. 31. Photo by Steve Solomonson

"You can't play down to it."

One thing he — and an offensive line that returns Malik Bethea, Stan Kaminsky, Denzel Monroe, Sean Feldman and Ray Marten — can control is the Blue Devils versatile running game. Junior quarterback Chris Parker, one of the area's most underrated players and Charles, a senior running back, both also return. Parker is shift

running downfield and has a strong enough arm to keep defenses honest, exactly the tools the team needed.

"A kid like Chris Parker who is so elusive, he's perfect for the offense," Poly Prep coach Dino Mangiero said.

The Blue Devils added a little help in St. Anthony's (LI) transfer Brendan Femi-ano, who recently moved to Brooklyn. Mangiero said

he and his staff knew they had a special player just from watching his highlight tapes.

The 210-pound downhill runner is a battering ram that loves contact. He scored three touchdowns and blocked a punt against Fort Hamilton with Charles sidelined with an ankle injury. Add to that wide receivers Devon Rose and Torres Brown, and the Blue Devils team has a host of options.

"I think we can do what ever we want, honestly," Parker said.

Poly will have some youth in its defense, with all-new linebackers outside of Nicholas Tardy. Mangiero feels that as much experience as his team has, he is still filling in around them with talented freshmen and sophomores.

Still it doesn't temper the players' enthusiasm and expectations for this team — especially Hayes. Mangiero sees an extra enthusiasm from his star.

"He has a lot to prove," Mangiero said. "He wants to do well. He wants the team to do well. We were 6-3 last year. He wants us to do much better than that."

## Father-son team can lead Ford to victory

Bishop Ford football coach Jim Esposito told James that their relationship would be different on the field even before his son put on a Falcons' uniform.

During football they were coach and player — not father and son.

"We stuck to that," Jim Esposito said.

Their dynamic has intensified as Ford embarks on a season with high hopes and featuring its most talented roster in recent years. Esposito and his son are now head coach and the senior starting varsity quarterback trying lead the team together.

The two described the transition as smooth because Jim Esposito worked with his son as the junior varsity starter and the varsity backup. They understand an increased role means increased expectations and demands. James has handled it all well so far.

"It's been a lot easier than I thought it would be," Jim Esposito said. "The main reason for that is he can take criticism as good as anybody."

That's because James Esposito, an accurate pocket passer, has been groomed for this opportunity since he was a freshman. He waited his turn playing behind three-year starter Xaviah Mattocks — but like any kid, not always happily. He said there were times last year where he would bug his dad about putting him in certain spots where he thought he could have helped the team. Now the squad is all his.

They do admit to having one advantage over most coach-quarterback combinations in the



### JOE KNOWS

by Joe Staszewski

Catholic High School Football League. James Esposito can ask his dad questions at home and they often go over the offense scripts and schemes together. It has led to a greater comprehension of the attack.

"Him being at home makes it a lot easier to understand the playbook," James Esposito said. "Not a lot of kids can't go to their head coach in their home and say, 'what do I have to do on this play and this play?'"

He said the players around him have also eased the transition. Ford returns senior star running back Dante Aiken, tight end Rodney Gonzalez, receiver Malik Warner, and features a massive offensive line led by Walter Ferdinand. Rolando Ellis and Quamari McAllister are back in the secondary for a team that went 5-4 last season. These Falcons have their sights set on making the Class AA playoffs after two straight Class A titles.

"It's pretty easy to be a quarterback when you are surrounded by such talent," James Esposito said.

## Cyclones

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a two-game series against each other.

Aberdeen scored two runs each in the sixth, eighth, and ninth innings and silenced the Cyclones' bats to dismantle Brooklyn and retake the division lead.

Tanner Rust opened up the scoring by hitting a solo home run in the second inning and the game remained close until the sixth, when RBI singles by Austin Wynns and Jared Breen put the IronBirds in autopilot.

The Aberdeen pitching struck out eight Cyclone batters and allowed only one Brooklyn player to reach third base.

### Aberdeen 5 Cyclones 4

Sept. 1 at MCU Park

The Cyclones rallied from

a 5-1 deficit in the bottom of the ninth, but came up just one short and lost a crucial game to the Aberdeen IronBirds, and fell a game and a half back in the division with just three left to play.

The Clones struck first in the seventh inning when Jared King walked and reached second base on a fielder's choice. Alex Sanchez hit an RBI single to send King home for the late-game lead. But Aberdeen's Conor Bierfeldt homered in the next inning to quickly tie the score.

The IronBirds' bats then caught fire in the top of the ninth, adding four runs.

Down 5-1 in the bottom of the ninth, the Clones made a furious rally, starting with back-to-back singles by Mazzilli and King. Mazzilli scored on a throwing error and King scored his second run of the inning on another RBI by Sanchez. Roche, who reached first on

the throwing error, then came home on an RBI single by Tomas Nido. But the next two Cyclones to come to the plate both flew out to come up just short of a comeback.

### Tri-City 3 Cyclones 1

Sept. 2 at Tri-City

It's over.

The Cyclones playoff chances died in a place called "Tri-City," where a team of Valley Cats pounced on our beloved Boys of Summer, breaking a 1-1 tie with two runs in the eighth, sending the Clones to the team's fourth straight loss.

Tyler White and Ronnie Mitchell drove in a run apiece in the eighth inning for Tri-City to break a tie, and the Valley Cats' pitchers combined to retire the final 18 Brooklyn batters.

Earlier in the game, though, things were looking up.

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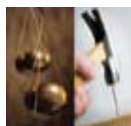
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**NEW CONDOS**  
**1BR, 804 SF- \$349K**  
**2BR, 2 Bth 1161-1689 SF \$464K - \$469K**  
**3BR, 2 Bth 1390-1452 SF \$540K - \$564K**

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Det Ranch, Beautiful Block, 4BRs, 2 Baths, Gut Renovated Post Sandy. Over \$100,000 in Renovations. New Hot Water & Gas Htr, C/Air, \$1,000 Sump Pump, New Cast Iron Radiators, New Wood Floors.

  
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**Bergen Beach**  
Sun 9/8/13 1-3pm  
**2213 East 69th St**  
**btwn Ave V & Ave W**

2 family, 3 bdr duplex with master suite on its own level, gourmet eat in kitchen, den facing pool, modern security system, finished walk-in rental w/ eat in kitchen, prvt 4 car drive

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**Bergen Beach**  
Sun 9/8/13 1-3 pm  
**6611 Avenue N- btwn E 66th st & E 67th st**

Mint condition, semi-det 1 family, 6.5 rm duplex, 3 bdrms, 2.5 baths, eat in kitchen, full finished bsmt with summer kitchen & side entrance, sliding doors to yard, prvt parking

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## ► BROOKLYN OPEN HOUSE

**BERGEN BEACH**  
Sun 9/8/13, 1-3<sup>PM</sup>  
**6905 Ave Y**  
(bet. E. 69<sup>th</sup> & Ave Y)

Fully renov. semi-det, 1 fam, mother/daughter house, 3 BR duplex, 2.5 bths, C/A, EIK w/ granite counter tops, FDR, huge deck on 2nd flr leading to back-yard, heated pool, walk-in apt for mother, prvt prking

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**Canarsie**  
Sat 9/7 12pm-2pm  
Sun 9/8 12pm-2pm  
**1384 East 93st**  
**Bet: Ave K & Ave L**

One fam attached brick. 3 bdrs., duplex, excellent condition fin bsmt, pvt dwy, owner motivated, Just Reduced Hurry....

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**Canarsie**  
Sun 9/8/13 1-3 pm  
**923 East 82<sup>nd</sup> St**  
**btwn- Flatlands & Ave J**

Solid brick 2 fam, great location! 6.5 over 4.5 with full basement, next to all shopping & trans, seller motivated, a must see!

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**Dyker Heights CO-OP OPEN HOUSE**  
**SUNDAY 1-3 PM**  
**1085 SHORE PKWY #2-B (15th/ 16th Ave)**

**Rare Find, Ocean View!**  
Bright & airy 2nd (top) flr garden apt co-op. Spacious 1BR w/full LR, ocean view. Galley kit w/window, dining area, full bath. Clean MIC. H/W incl. Community laundry rm. Sublease & pets ok. Indoor/ outdoor parking waiting list. Steps to Dyker Pk, golf, tennis cts, water, Express bus to NYC. \$239,000

**Century 21 Homefront**  
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**East Flatbush OPEN HOUSE**  
**SATURDAY 9/07 12 NOON-4 PM**  
**1003 Clarkson Ave.**  
(Corner of E.91<sup>st</sup> St)

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<b>CANARSIE</b> Sun. 2-4pm 932 East 79th St. (Bet. Flatlands Ave & Paerdegats 1 <sup>st</sup> ) Huge 2 fam. brick, offering 2 bedroom over 2 bedroom apartment over walk-in fin. bsmt. 2 car built-in garage. Asking Only \$469K.....ID# 06229	<b>EAST FLATBUSH</b> Sat. & Sun. 2-4pm 1054 New York Ave. (Snyder & Tilden Ave.) Solid & Newly Renovated 1 fam. Brick Victorian feat. 4 BR Duplex, EIK, FDR & Lrg LR over Fin bsmt. Priced out for a quick sale. Asking Only \$359K ..... ID# 06227	<b>EAST FLATBUSH</b> Sun. 2-4pm 3520 Ave. D (bet. E. 35th & Brooklyn Ave.) Corner one fam. Brick consisting of 3 BR Duplex over Semi-finish bsmt. Needs TLC. Ideal for any professional use such as a medical office. Asking Only \$349K ..... ID# 06226
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Sun, Sept. 8<sup>TH</sup> 1-3<sup>PM</sup>  
1955 EAST 35<sup>TH</sup> ST  
SIMPLY FABULOUS  
Totally redone from top to bottom semi detached 3 br dup offers 2 full baths, finished basement & more! **Must See To Appreciate!** BB1862 718-763-4110



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SUN, SEPT. 8, 1-3PM  
2213 EAST 59<sup>TH</sup> PL.  
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**MILL BASIN**  
Sunday 9/8/13, 1-3<sup>PM</sup>  
2510 East 63<sup>rd</sup> St  
(bet. Mayfair Dr. North & Mayfair Dr. South)  
Brick, 2 fam, MIC, 2 BR over 2 BR rental over full fin bsmnt w/ all new boiler, water heater, kitc, laundry rm, storage rm, sep ent to bkyd, 2 car prking in the back, huge terrace off owners BR. Talk of The Town RE 718-251-7400

## ► BROOKLYN OPEN HOUSE

**OLD MILL BASIN OPEN HOUSE**  
SUN. 9/08, 1-3 PM  
6414 AVE N  
Cozy 1 Family- Ready To Move In! 2 Bdrms, 1 Bath. Fully appointed w/ great applis in kitch, wood flrs, new A/Cs, washer/dryer in bsmt. Front yard & huge bkyrd, 1,020 sq ft. Annual R.E. tax \$3,548. **JUST REDUCED \$429,000**  
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### SHEEPSHEAD BAY

Sat, 9/7  
Sun, 9/8  
1-3 PM  
2546 East 13<sup>th</sup> St  
Apt B14  
(off Ave Z)  
Luxury co-op  
2 bed + 2 bath.  
Custom Kit + bath.  
Low maintenance



## ► BROOKLYN OPEN HOUSE

### Sheepshead Bay

Sun 9/8/13 1-3 pm  
2131 Brown Street-  
btwn Ave U & Ave V  
Att brick 2 family,  
beautiful kitchen/ din-  
ing rm combo, door to  
deck and yard, 3  
bdrms, re-done baths,  
walk-in 3 rm apt, (gar-  
age turned into bdrm),  
needs some TLC!  
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## MILL BASIN OPEN HOUSE

SUN, SEPT. 8, 1-3 PM  
2354 NATIONAL DRIVE  
Boat Lovers Delight!  
2 Fam S/D, all brick, extra  
long prop 23x120, 3BR  
dplx w/ full stand up attic  
over fully reno'd 2BR apt.  
Main apt has deck, dock  
& prvt drwvy, house can  
be delivered vacant,  
present all offers.



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## MILL BASIN OPEN HOUSE

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DETACHED BRICK  
50x100  
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Distance to All Houses  
of Worship, Great House  
for Builder, Walking  
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## Mill Basin

Sun 9/8/13 1-3 pm  
6202 Avenue T  
corner of Mill Ave  
Fully detached corner  
1 fam duplex, 3 bdrms,  
1.5 bths, updated EIK,  
parquet flrs, new  
windows, fin bsmt with  
side entrance, attic,  
bkyd with gas grill  
hook up, sprinkler sys-  
tem, garage, \$400's  
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## Mill Basin

Sun 9/8/13 2-4 pm  
2323 East 66th St-  
btwn Strickland Ave  
& Mayfair Dr N  
Move in condition! 1  
family, 4 bdrms, 3  
baths, master bed-  
room w/ Jacuzzi bath-  
tub, formal dining area,  
fireplace in family  
room, prvt drive, at-  
tached 1 car garage  
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## MILL BASIN

Sun Sept. 8<sup>TH</sup> 1-3<sup>PM</sup>  
1548 EAST 59<sup>TH</sup> St  
New construction  
duplex condo offers 2  
brs, 2.5 baths, wd flrs,  
huge fin bsmnt w  
enough room for more  
brs & fam rm, possible  
private dv, backyard &  
more! Designed with  
style! Asking \$475,000



## Mill Basin Waterfront

Sun 9/8, 1-3<sup>PM</sup>  
2428 National Dr.  
(56<sup>th</sup> Dr. &  
Arkansas DR)  
**OWNER ANXIOUS!!!!**  
Price reduced 1 fam.  
Detach colonial, 5 BR,  
3 bths, oversized EIK,  
extended family rm,  
frplc, maids quarters,  
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gar. A MUST SEE!!!!  
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### MARINE PARK OPEN HOUSE SUN. 9/08, 1-3PM 3218 Fillmore Ave.

2 BR Att. Ranch, lg LR, dinette, full fin.bsmt,  
comm. drv, 1 car gar. Needs TLC!! RT1155 \$420s



**GERRITSEN BEACH  
OPEN HOUSE,  
SUN. 9/08, 1-3PM  
2446 Stuart St.**  
3 BR Att. Brk Dup.,  
lg LR, DR,  
kit., bth on first flr,  
full fin bsmt,  
rear deck, pool,  
private parking,  
new roof!  
A Must See!  
PL1223 ..... \$440s

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### FLATBUSH OPEN HOUSE SUN. 9/08, 1-3PM 2026 East 41st St.

SD 3 BR Dup. - LR, DR, kit., full fin  
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on every flr - Won't Last! AC988, \$430s

### MARINE PARK OPEN HOUSE SUN. 9/08, 1-3PM 1856 East 38th St.

3 BR, LR, DR, EIK, full fin. bsmt, new  
win., yd, gar. MINT! PL1212... \$560s

### BERGEN BEACH OPEN HOUSE SUN. 9/08, 1-3PM 2030 East 74th St.

3 BR Semi Att. Dup., stainless steel  
applis, full fin. bsmt. Mint Condition!  
Close to the Park! TB1168... \$470s

**SEAGATE:** Magnif. 3 Fam., 6  
BR, 4 bth with pvt drive overlooks  
the Atlantic Ocean! Comes with  
130' Sea Wall Constructed in  
1990. Hse survived the storm!  
Call for More Info!..... RT1215

**GERRITSEN BEACH:** Great  
Investors or Boat Lovers Dream! 3  
BR det. frame hse - waterfront  
property needs renov. - new boiler,  
new elec., new ht - has a dock  
for 2 slips - Won't Last At This  
Price!!..... \$310's

**GERRITSEN BEACH:** Mint!  
Totally Renov. 2 BR Dup., Perfect  
starter home - nothing to do! Has  
side yd and drv! NZ1053. . \$310s

**GREAT GERRITSEN BEACH:** 3  
BR Dup., large LR, DR, EIK, full  
bsmt. Priced to Sell!

PL1193 ..... \$330s  
**EAST FLATBUSH:** Mixed  
Use - 1 Fam. and Office - Currently  
Dental Office - will be delivered  
cleaned out/vacant. Good for any  
prof. use, across from Kings Cty  
Hosp. and Downstate Medical  
Ctr. Has shared drv with garage,  
bsmt with private entrance.  
BW1205..... \$370s

**GERRITSEN BEACH:** 3  
Bdr Dup., LR, DR, kit., 2 full baths,  
full fin. basement, rear deck, yard.  
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2 family, 3 over 2,  
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garage, fin bsmt near  
all. Fin# 319029  
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Flatbush-Flatbush Junc-  
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3 bdrm apt, 2nd flr prvt  
house. Small pet ok. Good  
cond. Heat included.  
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**8416 3rd Avenue**

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B'Ridge- 2rms, 90s/3rd Ave, Mod, sep br .....\$1250  
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Bath Beach- 4rms, 16th Ave, has ref, painted, porch .....\$1300  
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yard, pet ok .....\$1350  
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Apt, \$975. Custom Kitchen  
& Bathroom, Parquet  
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**ALSO**  
Double Lot House. Newly  
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1 bath on 2nd flr. 3 rms on  
1st flr w/ EIK & sliders to  
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ter. Full bsmt, porch, car-  
port, oversized yard w/ new  
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Maint. **\$357/mth.** Broker  
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