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#### **BY SHAVANA ABRUZZO**

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·You learned from us that a landowner schemed to tear down the Coney Island complex where Harpo Marx made his comic debut.

• We notified you that the Sheepshead Bay Post Office replaced its bedraggled American flag



MAKING HEADLINES: The Bay News has defined many moments in our 70-year history. Clockwise from above: When the Bay News was a service bulletin, a special cover to mark the country's Bicentennial, our coverage of the Sept. 11 attacks, the Bay News in today's age, the top news was who would be the 1958 Miss Brooklyn, 1981 saw arson cases rise.







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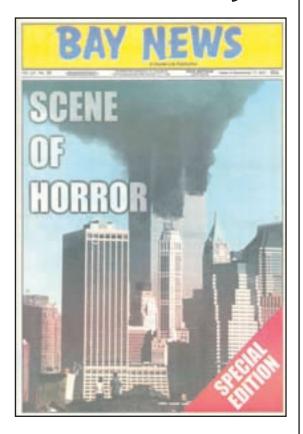
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and spiffed up its other operated by Courier Life Stars and Stripes following our inquiries.

·We were the first in the state to publish a gav wedding guide after New York legalized same-sex marriages.

Our anniversary issue is a word and picture adventure containing more than a few surprises. Did you know, for instance, that the Bay News started as an army newsletter during World War II? Or that its founder was a minister?

Our story is made proudly in Brooklyn, and this commemorative edition chronicles our ascension from a hometown bulletin serving Sheepshead Bay and surrounding communities into a citywide syndicate of 20 community newspapers, 15 websites, a dozen specialty publications, and several annual events owned and

Publications and Community News Group.

We survived a fire, a gas explosion, floods, storms, and an anthrax scare without missing a deadline, and always returning bigger, better, stronger, and smarter.

We were flattered

quite frequently as it happened — when national news outlets scavenged our scoops. The Huffington Post, the Colbert Report, and others rehashed our exclusive about Brooklyn tots ditching their bottles and juice boxes for mini decaf cappuccinos called "babyccinos." We made headlines when a Yuletide drone masquerading as mobile mistletoe at a local TGI Friday's struck our photographer, prompting a television crew to pay us a visit.

# Bay News

# **Drivers** reimbursed for damage

BY VANESSA OGLE

Residents who suffered damage to their wheels driving over an exposed manhole in Midwood last fall when the De-partment of Transportation was doing roadwork recently received refunds from the city for repair costs.

Eleven drivers destroyed

their tires or rims riding over the rough roadway on Ocean Avenue and Avenue L while the department was doing construction in the area last November. One of the drivers who blew two tires on a blustery day last fall said he was stuck out in the cold for hours while he waited for help.
"There I am, stuck in front

of it because AAA can't get me for hours and I, unfortunately, didn't carry two spare tires," said Glenn Wolin, who lives in Ditmas Park and received an \$800 refund, which he said covered nearly all of the dam-

The comptroller's office routinely settles claims from citizens who are injured or have property damaged be cause of the city's neglect. In the last fiscal year, the city made payouts amounting to \$200,000 for claims regarding vehicular damage from poor road conditions, according to Continued on page 14



## Best buds!

Lily and Michael Gaudioso, 6 and 4, from Sunset Park, dress up as characters for the cherry blossom festival at the Brooklyn Botanic Garden on April 25. For more, see page 13. Photo by Jason Speakman

# City to move speed-cam

BY VANESSA OGLE

A controversial Sheepshead Bay speed camera that earned the city more than \$2.4 million in six months last year is be ing relocated, according to an elected official who called its lucrative location unfair.

The moneymaking speed camera at the Belt Parkway exit ramp on Shore Parkway near a fenced-off location of Abraham Lincoln High School issued nearly 50,000 tickets to drivers between September and December of 2014 as part of Mayor De-Blasio's Vision Zero plan to eliminate traffic fatalities, according to the Department of Transportation.
But a local councilman who

received hundreds of complaints about the camera said the camera's placement on an exit ramp behind the fenced schoolyard didn't protect pe-destrians, but merely generated revenue.

"After hearing from countless constituents, it became obvious that this location was only serving to raise revenue for the city and was not pro-tecting pedestrians since it was not placed near any cross-

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tire newspaper to mention all the stories weisenheimers swiped, mangled, and plagiarized off our pages in the past 70 years, but we'll give them a break because we can't blame them for looking to us for Brooklyn news.

Our past is inducted into the local hall of fame and our future looks rosy under new owners Jennifer and Les Goodstein, who returned us to our chermom-and-pop ished roots with an expanded, colorized, print and web presence that is attracting new readers and ad-It would take an en- vertisers to our fertile



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per you are holding, and our diligent team of editorial, production, classified, sales, administrative, mailroom, and executive staff. Many of our employees have been with us for decades, and all of them are committed to making our products the best they can

The Bay News made its debut 70 years ago along with the microwave oven and cruise control — and dollars to doughnuts we'll be around for at least another 70 more, keeping you informed of your news in your neighbor-

# THEN AND NOW:

# The Bay News through the ages

#### BY SHAVANA ABRUZZO

The print parent of the Bay News was an eight-page newsletter that appeared twice a month and predated Bugs Bunny, the first James Bond movie, and the man on the moon.

Sheepshead Bay minister Charlie Peterson published the first issue of the Sheepshead Bay Service News in June 1945 to keep his community briefed about Brooklynites battling the enemy overseas in World War II. An all-female staff tracked them down around the world to report on a borough son released

a local daughter doing swell work in the Women's Army

Readers fell in love with the cozy, chatty gazette, and Peterson continued its publication after the war ended, changing its name to the Sheepshead Bay Town News and then to the Bay News.

He sold it in 1956 for \$1,000 to Dan Greenberg, Bob Lesserson, and Norman Fallick, co-owners of the Kings Courier on Utica Avenue and Kings Highway. The young self-starters snapped up several area circulars and rival Life newspaper, and brought in Lesserson's ambitious fraternity pal Ed Luster, who spoke like Jimmy Cagney and dressed like Cary Grant.

Former Community Board 13 district manager Chuck Reichenthal, an editor at the Bay News in its original office at 1159 Flatbush Ave., near Clarendon Road, recalls the pandemonium of those early publishing days.

"We had problems everv week, but I never had so much fun in my life!" he says. "Twenty-four-seven, it became a question of 'I quit,' 'you're

from a concentration camp or Herman Furtzaig's Flatbush fired,' and that went on for 10 in 2006, combining it with lovears!"

> Luster eventually bought out the others, and in 1977 he and his wife Rhoda moved their operation to 1733 Sheepshead Bay Rd., between Voorhies Avenue and Shore Parkway, adding Canarsie Digest, Bay Ridge Courier, Brooklyn Graphic, Harbor Watch, several downtown weeklies, and six Staten Island papers to their media dynasty, whose sales and advertising was managed by son Clifford, who is now the publisher.

Rupert Murdoch's News Corp bought the Courier chain

cal papers in Queens and the Bronx to form Community Newspaper Group, and then sold the company to Les and Jennifer Goodstein in 2014. who added a slate of Manhattan titles.

The Bay News has survived a world war, the rise and fall of the Berlin Wall. and the collapse of the Soviet Union, making its long life a rare and impressive feat in an age of short-lived enterprises. Our retrospective follows the paper's journey through the ages and explores its pages from the past.



### 1940s

•The Sheepshead Bay Service News focuses mostly on military issues and the exploits of our fighting men and women.

•A full-page reproduction of a training poster about the Japanese soldier — entitled "Tricks of the Nips" — explains: "We're giving over this page to those training pictures so our readers may see for themselves what the fighting men must face. These are new pictures; they just came out. That means the Jap still has an army — a dangerous one and a damn big one!"

·Covers scream with pictures of bay natives battling around the globe - uniformed men with names like William Gerard, Kenneth Howell, and John O'Brien are saluted as "typical Sheepshead Bay fighting men."

• A July 1945 cover story reports on the Sheepshead Bay Training Station of the U.S. Maritime Service being honored when the vessel Sheepshead Bay Victory sails into Chesapeake Bay.

•The editorial page pushes for joining the United Nations to safeguard world peace as the war draws to a close, opining, "We in Sheepshead Bay have a big stake in the ratification — without reservations or amendments - of the charter. Our boys and girls fighting all over the globe expect us at home to insist on just such an organization to prevent future aggression."

·Long-vanished Sheepshead Bay Road businesses, such as Sanders Drug Store, Clark's Cafe and Louis' Restaurant, are Bay News advertis-

•The letters' page — graced with smiling pin-up gals named Anne



During World War II the Bay News' entire editorial staff was female.

Zelli, Mary Gagliardo, and Peggy Binckes - features correspondence about men named Edward Rizzo, Frank Brincat, Bernard Simon, and other prisoners of war.

 Sergeant Arnold Karlin proves home is never far from his thoughts when he writes in a letter dated 1945, "Everything here in Burma is swell. I'm at base now living like a decent human being. Though many of us have seen all of the so-called 'wonders" of our world, believe me, there's no place like home, and home is Sheepshead Bay!"

·Staff Sgt. Frank "Manky" Powell shared an image of the unspeakable: "I am enclosing a picture that I took of Buchenwald, the Nazi prison camp. It will give you a little idea of some of the things that went on over there. Inside the building in this picture are the ovens that they burnt the bodies in. When I got here, there were still some halfburnt bodies in the furnaces. This



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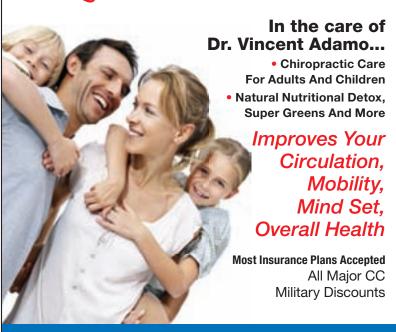
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# BAY NEWS CELEBRATING TO YEARS

# THEN AND NOW:

is only a small pile of bodies. There personally had not forgotten about were box-cars full."

•In April 1945 Pvt. Nicholas Van Vakas writes about receiving the Bay News: "When your paper arrived, it was like hearing from the old gang. I simply can't put into words the elation I felt when I saw that the folks I knew

us boys after all! You see, the greatest fear of a soldier overseas is that the folks back home will forget him. Sometimes the boys over here get a bit cynical about things 'back home,' but receiving a paper like yours tends to alleviate such a feeling."



NIFTY FIFTIES: The Bay News' annual beauty pagent was always big news during the 1950s.

#### 1950s

•The Bay News introduces a centerfold television guide, highlighting Jack Parr, Jackie Gleason, Jack Klugman, and other popular celebrities of the day, as the new-fangled entertainment takes off in Brooklyn.

•The newspaper co-sponsors the Miss Brooklyn contest with Tappans Restaurant, an Ocean Avenue hotspot, announcing it in front page "wood," an old tabloid term for the biggest headline typeface.

•Columnists reflect the paper's lighter side: Sam Silvers's "Seeing Sport" profiles local high-school ac-

tion. Al Weisbrot's "Brighton Beat" greets readers with "Hiya all! Nice winter we're having this summer!" Miriam Sobel's "Social Notes and Shopping Views" highlights local businesses, including Nancy's on Avenue X, Warren's Career and Campus Wear on Nostrand Avenue, and Schiff's Furniture on Sheepshead Bay Road.

•The annual round-up — still going strong today! — features juicy tidbits from months past, including the doozy: "Baron DeKalb Knights of Columbus raises \$800 for Sheepshead Bay Boys Club at dinner dance."





#### 1960s:

·Mayor John V. Lindsay turns the switch on the air pollution control system at the city's South West Brooklyn refuse incinerator at Bay 41st Street and Gravesend Bay — the first equipment of its kind in the nation to be installed at a municipal incinerator. The Bay News reports, "The furnace will discharge an estimated 1,800 tons per year of soot and dirt particles into the air."

•The paper covers the October 1963 grand opening of Crawford's at 1325 Kings Highway, and the September 1967 ground-breaking of the \$2-million Coney Island convention hall and indoor-outdoor skating arena that became the Abe Stark Rink.

•A Feb. 1963 announcement, "Bus Ride — Where?" invites readers to a "mystery" trek hosted by the Flatbush Park Jewish Center's sisterhood and men's club-"destination unknown!"

•New York Community Hospital in Midwood offers tours because "its administrators realized that many people are curious as to the role of a hospital."

Our Nov. 9, 1963 issue reports that four Jewish moms from Sheepshead Bay opposed integration, and

filed a complaint with the Board of Education because they felt white parents had not been "previously prepared" for the arrival of "negro children" at JHS 273 on the border of Brownsville and Canarsie.

•In Sept. 16, 1967 we write about Brooklyn Assemblyman Leonard M. Simon's proposal to outlaw city and state cops from joining "extremist organizations that preach hatred and violence.'

•On Aug. 6, 1969 we inform readers about the "Psychology of

Prejudice, Oppression and Racism," one of 10 new courses at New York City Community College now City Tech — on Jay Street near Adams Street in Downtown.

On Aug. 2, 1969 the Bay News reports that Crown Heights' contractor David L. Blaine — owner of Electorque Associates at 185 Rogers Ave. between St. John's and Lincoln places — inks a deal for \$1,070,000 with the New York Port Authority to wire the new World Trade Center.



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#### **68TH PRECINCT**

BAY RIDGE-DYKER HEIGHTS

# Tip jar jacked

A lush larcenist stole \$22,000 from a Third Avenue bar on April

The thirsty thief snuck into the pub between 97th Street and Marine Avenue in Bay Ridge through a side door sometime between 1 am and 8 am, police said.

# Computer piracy

A nerdy nogoodnik nicked three computers from a Bay Ridge Avenue home on April 30.

The intruder snuck into the residence between Third and Fourth Avenues in Bay Ridge through a rear window sometime between 8:15 am and 3:15 pm and made off with an Apple desktop, an iPad Mini, and a MacBook, police said.

## Boob tube bandit

A fiend filched eight televisions and some mounting brackets from a 76th Street residence that is under construction on May 1.

The bandit snuck into the home between Ridge Boulevard and Third Avenue in Bay Ridge through a basement door sometime between 8:15 am and 3:15 pm, police said.

The televisions and mounts were valued at about \$9,906, a police report states.

## Computer copped

A lout lifted a laptop from an 86th Street store on April 27.

An employee set the computer on the floor inside the store between Fifth and Sixth Avenues in Bay Ridge at 2 pm while he fixed the shelf it was sitting on, police said.

While the worker was distracted, the thief picked up the laptop and walked out of the store, officials

The computer was valued at \$1,849, a police report states.

#### **62ND PRECINCT**

BENSONHURST-BATH BEACH

## Love hurts

A pants-less perv hit his 21st Drive neighbor with a bicycle seat after the neighbor bristled at the man's in-the-buff come-on on April

The 40-year-old man exposed himself to his middle-aged neighbor near their homes between 20th Lane and 20th Avenue in Bath Beach at 2:20 am, police said.

But the victim wasn't interested in the man's vulgar advances, so he doused the guy with pepper spray, officials said.

The refusal got under the flash-



the face with a bicycle seat, a police

## Knuckle sandwich

Three knuckle-draggers savaged a kid with a pair of brass knuckles in a park on the corner of 17th and Cropsey avenues in Gravesend on April 24.

The trio trounced their 18-yearold victim at 7:30 pm, police said.

Paramedics took the kid to Coney Island Hospital to treat his cuts and swelling, a police report

## Brewhaha

A caffeinated cretin threw hot coffee in a 64th Street man's face when he admonished her for parking in front of his driveway on April

She left her ride blocking a residential driveway between 24th Avenue and Dahill Road at 10:30 am, but when the homeowner asked her to move the car, she pushed him and doused the guy with a searing cup of ioe, police said.

The woman threatened to return and burn the man's house down before fleeing in a silver Toyota, a police report states.

# Flogged for phone

A trio of toughs beat a teen for his cellphone on 84th Street on April 30.

The goons ganged up on the guy between 24th and 25th avenues in Gravesend at 7 pm — one held him down while the other two punched and kicked the kid's face, police

The brutes took the teen's phone before fleeing, officials said.

Paramedics took the victim to Coney Island Hospital for treatment, a police report states.

#### **60TH PRECINCT**

CONEY ISLAND-BRIGHTON BEACH-SEAGATE

## Lost his lunch

Two famished fiends stole food from a delivery guy on Brighton Fifth Street on April 27.

The pair confronted the delivery man between Brighton Fifth Court and Neptune Avenue in Brighton Beach at 2 pm, police said.

One snatched a satchel of snacks from the employee's bike, so the dogged delivery guy chased ery guy under the guise of a hug on

er's skin, so he hit the neighbor in him, but the thief's partner blindsided the victim and knocked him to the ground so the pair could beat a hasty retreat, officials

## Bait and switch

A trio of toughs robbed a teen who thought he was on his way to a date at Avenue V and Stillwell Avenue in Gravesend on April 29.

The victim was going to see a girl he met on Facebook at the intersection at 6:30 pm, but when he got there, all he found were three brutes with masks and a silver handgun, police said.

The ruffians robbed him of six pairs of sneakers, a pair of blue jeans, and a wallet containing \$30 and identification cards, officials said.

One of the brutes threatened to kill the youth if he snitched, but the kid — a card-carrying member of the police department's Law Enforcement Explorers youth program dropped a dime on the dummies anyway, a police report states.

## He fought back

A malicious mugger copped a young man's phone on West Avenue on April 1 — and the victim hit hack

The kid was between W. Fifth Street and Shore Parkway at 1:45 pm when a tough wearing a black hoodie, black shirt, blue jeans, and white Air Force One shoes walked up and said "Give me your s---," a police report states.

The lout grabbed the victim's phone and then punched him in the face, so the kid hit back, and the thief fled on an Ocean Parkway bus headed toward Shore Parkway, police said.

## Free-wheelin'

Police arrested a joy-riding teen who allegedly stole a tractor from a Murdock Court lawn care business on May 1.

15-vear-old allegedly The hopped on the battery-powered four-wheeler in lot between Ocean Parkway and West Street in Gravesend at 2:45 pm and took it for a spin before cops caught up to him, police said.

The tractor was valued at \$3,000, a police report states.

## Hug mug

A pair of punks robbed a deliv-

W. 35th Street on May 1.

The guy was dropping off food between Surf and Mermaid avenues in Coney Island when one goon bear-hugged the guy and a second sneak took \$30 from his pocket, police said. - Max Jaeger

#### 61ST PRECINCT

SHEEPSHEAD BAY-HOMECREST-MANHATTAN BEACH-GRAVESEND

## No good deed

An opportunistic thief took advantage of a man studying in a Coyle Street park on May 3, when the victim agreed to let the perp use his cellphone, according to authori-

Police say the cruel crook asked the victim if he could use his cellphone while the two were near Avenue Y at 9:28 am.

Cops say the robber then reached into the victim's pocket and snatched his wallet

The victim grabbed the thief's bike and the situation escalated when the perp pulled out a knife and stabbed the victim in the torso.

The suspect dropped the stolen cellphone and wallet but kept \$10 of the victim's money.

The perp then fled on his bike. according to authorities.

## Purse perils

Cops cuffed one of the suspects who allegedly assaulted a 53-yearold woman and stole her purse while she was on E. 28th Street on April 27.

Authorities say the victim was near Avenue X at 9:20 pm when the alleged thief approached her with another assailant.

Cops say the duo punched the woman in the face, grabbed her bag, and then fled on foot.

# Rough reception

Three cruel tricksters robbed a 22-year-old man who thought he was buying a cellphone from the trio on Haring Street on April 30, cops say.

Police say the victim met the good-for-nothings near Voorhies Avenue at 11:40 pm.

When the victim tried to buy the cellphone, the men punched him in the face and stole his cellphone and \$360 in cash, according to reports.

## Wrongdoing

Cops cuffed a knife-wielding suspect who they say stole electronics from a guy on Nostrand Avenue on April 30.

Cops say the victim was near Emmons Avenue at 9:15 pm when the suspect threatened the man with a knife and then punched him and stole the gadgets.

— Vanessa Ogle

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# THEN AND NOW:

#### 1970s

· Evocative photo essays depict the era of decay, including graffiti, pot-holed streets, and the crumbling Coney Island Boardwalk. Sound familiar?

•"We're talking about millions to fix some of the Boardwalk that goes back 45, 50 years," says borough chief of operations David Singer in our July 3, 1978 issue. "Missing slats here and there are replaced regularly, but it's a losing battle. It's a miracle how they manage to get by."

·Businesses look to revive People's Playground with casinos, but the deal is

to protest hippies and the era of free love. Why? We're still figuring that one out!

·Frederick W.I. Lundy, founder and owner of Lundy's on Emmons Avenue, dies in 1977 at the age of 82. The legendary seafood restaurant closes for nearly two decades before reopening in 1997, only to bolt its doors again 10 years later. Today its exterior is landmarked.

·We make national headlines in 1979 when Bay News crime reporter Pamela O'Shaughnessy becomes the focus of a drug trial after refusing to identify her under-cover source. O'Shaughnessy is held in contempt of court and faces a \$250 fine. She files an appeal based on her constitutional





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It's springtime and the winter is finally behind us. For me, the second week in March means my annual EYE MISSION to the Dominican Republic where every year a group of dedicated physicians and ancillary staff give their time, resources and talents to the indigent people of Licey, a small rural area near Santiago with no access to national health care. This year over 100 participated in our mission.

We are so lucky in the United States to have access to good healthcare. I'm always struck when I'm on my mission by how much we can do with so little in the way of material supplies and advanced diagnostic equipment.

The first step in preserv-

ing your vision is to get a comprehensive eye exam by a qualified health professional. Many eye conditions are silent, without any symptoms such as pain. These are the most dangerous as most patients don't even know they have these conditions until it's too late.

Glaucoma, Age-related macular degeneration and Diabetic Retinopathy are the major causes of legal blindness. The key is early diagnosis and treatment. In some countries, it is almost impossible to control these conditions without good medication and advanced treatment such as laser surgery. This year we brought an SLT laser to the Dominican Republic and treated over fifty people with glaucoma. We also brought



Dominican Republic Mission - Dr. Fell and Brighton Eye Technician, Laura, treating a thankful patient

down hundreds of bottles of medication. Getting a yearly check-up and visiting your internist or family doctor is equally important to make sure your blood sugar and blood pressure are normal. Smoking can

increase a person's risk for multiple chronic health conditions, including cataracts and age-related macular degeneration.

Cataract surgery is one of the most successful operations we perform in the

US. We can now eliminate astigmatism and even correct presbyopia and totally eliminate glasses in some individuals with our newest implants. In the Dominican Republic, patients often have cataracts that are totally blinding. We were able to do modern-day surgery on these patients. The equipment and the implants were donated by pharmaceutical companies in the US. We also brought with us some specialized surgical tools.

The sun is always shining in the Dominican Republic. There are many eye conditions which are caused by the sun. It is well known that ultraviolet radiation (UV) can damage your skin as well as your eyes. It is important to wear sunglasses and a



Clinical Associate Professor of Ophthalmology at NYU

wide-brimmed hat for protection from harmful radiation. Be sure your sunglasses offer UV protection.

Finally, following an exercise routine and taking antioxidants can help stave off multiple health conditions, both mental and physical. Food plays an important role in preventing a multitude of health conditions. Antioxidant-rich foods containing vitamins C and E, lutein, zeaxanthin, zinc and essential fatty acids are all key nutrients for maintaining good eyesight as you age. These are found in green, leafy vegetables such as spinach and kale and in berries, citrus fruits, nuts and sweet potatoes.

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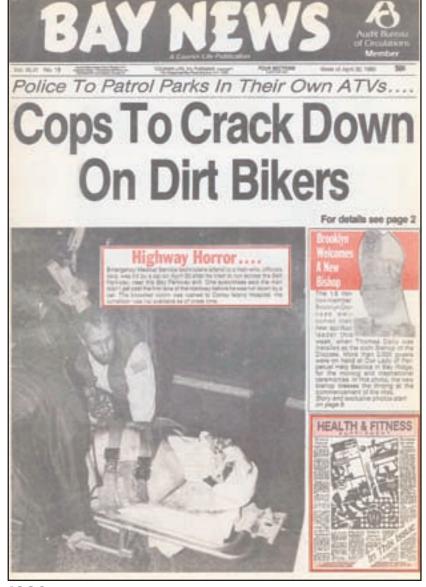
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# THEN AND NOW:

- •A copy of the Bay News costs 30 cents. Today it's free!
- •In the summer of 1983 nearly two dozen cops from the 61st Precinct patrol Manhattan Beach around the clock to stem a rash of burglaries.
- ·Our classifieds track the changing times: A two-bedroom apartment in Sheepshead Bay costs \$300 in 1981, \$40,000 buys a three-family brick house in Bensonhurst, and an advertiser looks to unload a 1969 Corvette for \$7,000.
- •That same year the Old Dutch Dairy grocery shop on Gerritsen and Cyrus avenues is our February "Merchant of the Month," honored for "cleanliness both inside and outside the store."

- ·Kingsborough Community College's WKRB radio station plays the "Jewish-Hebrew Sound" show every morning, except Saturdays.
- ·Kings Boro Auto School on Avenue U and E. 16th Street charges \$84 for a drivers ed package of five lessons, a three-hour certification class, and a car for the road test.
- ·Pagano Beer on Stillwell Avenue peddles a two-liter of Coke for \$1.09.
- Whirlaway TV & Video on Kings Highway and Dahill Road repairs Zenith video tape recorders and rabbitear TV antennas for \$49.99.
- •The Berlin Wall collapses on Aug. 19, 1989, and the Bay News features interviews with an East German refugee from Marine Park and a photographer who brings us a chunk of the wall.



#### 1990s

- New police policies include daily tabulations of crime trends and implementation of the "broken windows"
- ·Auto theft is rampant in Bath Beach and Bensonhurt, with 3,495 car thefts reported in 1990.
- •The 61st Precinct reports 1,078 burglaries and 4,206 stolen cars that
- Murder in the precinct spikes from 21 in 1990 to 24 in 1995.
- •In Feb. 1996 a gunman in Sheepshead Bay kills two cabbies in 24

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Tuna Offshore

Bluefin Tuna made their showing as expected in the second week in August. The Farms, Mud Hole, Southeast of 17 fathoms are the hot spots. The B.A. Buoy is really the center of all the action. Most boats over the weekend were staying glued to the B.A. buoy area. Tuna are being trolled and baited, Bonita, Skipjack and Albacore are mixed in. Boats chumming are having their troubles on 17 with the abundance of sharks.

Private boats fishing out of the New York and Jersey area are returning with fine results. Tuna have been caught up to 170 pounds.

Stories are coming in like mad. It's common to see anglers fighting a fish for more than an hour. This is the year for the big fish in the New York area. Tuna from 10 to 300 pounds have been hooked, spotted and boated so far. A .-M.C. packing station, Big Mike's so far is the center of returning offshore Tuna trips. To date most fish have been brought to Mike for weighing. This is only the beginning. From now to the end of October. Tuna fever will wreck the minds of many Tuna anglers.

The Sheepshead Bay Tuna Club's annual Tuna Tournament officials were quite happy to hear the early Tuna results. This year will be the best ever for the Club's tournament. The Tournament will be held on Sept. 27 and 28. Entry fee is \$5,00. For an application write to Sheepshead Bay Tuna Club, 616 Pacific St., Bklyn, There will be a Buffet and door prizes at the Pre-Tournament meeting for Captain and Contestants on Fri. evening, Sept. 26 at Miramar Yacht Club at 7:30

On Aug. 30, 31, Sept. 1, the twelfth contest of t h e Rhode Island Tuna Tournament based at Galilee, Narragansett, Rhode Island, will be held. You still have time to get your entries in at this time. Welte to Phode Island Time

over 800 pounds. All these fish are caught on rod and reel. Labor Day weekend to Rhode Island is highly recommended.

Blue Fish are there offshore. One day the bite, the next day you pull your hair out. The night boats on the other hand are doing the job. Anglers bank and the Acid waters are the areas being fished at the present time. The fish finders show that the fish are there, you locate the fish. You sit right on top of them. They don't big. Then they tease you. Yourcatch one by one. The next day you go out, action is moderate. Boats who gave up on Blues last Sat., went west for the Tuna. Seabright, New Jersey is loaded with fish, But these fish are small. They are being Chummed and Trolled. Some boats having up to 80 fish. But if you catch a fish over 3 pounds you are lucky.

Tin Can Grounds and Sandy Hook areas are still producing for trollers. Fish are being caught from 2 to 5 pounds. The fish are showing on top. Jigs are producing stripers and

Blues mixed in.

Stripers are trill on rampage on the Tin Can. Clam chum is still working. Boats are returning loaded. Tinker Mackeral are now taking their toll of Stripers. Use a fish finding dig with a live Mackerel wiggling at the end. Off of Steeplechase pier Stripers and Wealfish Sand Porgies are being caught. Off the rocks there Stripers are hiting Plugs

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# Dr. Steven C. Tawil: Colon Cancer Screening & Prevention

By Camille Sperrazza

Stop postponing your colonoscopy.

Everyone age 50 and over needs one, but African-Americans are at an especially high risk of developing colon cancer, says Dr. Steven C. Tawil, gastroenterologist and internist.

"It is recommended that they be screened for colon cancer at age 45," says the

The reasons the mortality rate is higher for African-Americans is not known, says Dr. Tawil, but the good news is that having this simple procedure "can improve the numbers."

It has never been easier or more convenient to undergo this procedure. It can be done right in Dr. Tawil's Brighton Beach office, with an anesthesiologist present.

"This means it is an 100 percent painless procedure," says the doctor.

The administration of the anesthesia is quick, so patients feel no pain, he assures. The presence of the anesthesiologist also means that a patient's vital signs are constantly being moni-

"It's another pair of hands in the room, another doctor checking oxygen, heart rhythms, and pulse," says Dr. Tawil. "It's all about the comfort and safety of the patient."

Dr. Tawil's office is recognized by the American Association for Accreditation of Ambulatory Surgery. Facilities accredited by this organization must meet rigorous standards of cleanliness and other criteria that assures the highest standards, says the doctor. This feat is not an easy achievement, and he takes pride that his practice is held in such high esteem.

The Brighton Beach Avenue facility, at the same major health plans, includlocation since 1991, recently moved from the second floor to the third floor, securing a new 6,000 square foot office. Among the highlights is an endoscopy suite with a private changing room, a recovery room, and a private bathroom in the recovery room. Such a set-up makes screening easy for the patient, as there's no running down a hall to find a toilet. Everything is convenient and private.

Make an appointment to see him if you have rectal bleeding. This could be a sign of colon cancer, and should never be ignored,

says the doctor. A change in bowel habits or unexplained weight loss are other reasons to undergo an exam. If there is a history of polyps in the family, being screened is a must, he says. Polyps are small growths that occur on the wall of the colon, and if they are not removed, some may eventually turn into cancer, says Dr. Tawil. The removal of polyps can be done right after the colonoscopy is performed, while the patient is still under anesthesia. That way, patients don't have to return to get another procedure.

Patients can also come to him to get their blood pressure checked and their sugar levels monitored. He also treats heartburn, ulcers, constipation, liver issues, and stomach ailments. He specializes in the treatment of hepatitis, particularly hepatitis C.

"We have the latest treatment, available right in the office," he says.

Dr. Tawil's credentials are impeccable. He is boardcertified in internal medicine and gastroenterology, which means a "double certification," he notes. In addition, he is re-certified every 10 years, which involves undergoing a seven-hour test. It all proves he is at the top of his game, aware of the most recent developments in the field.

A graduate of Syracuse University, Dr. Tawil trained at the Albert Einstein College Medicine for five years. He is on staff at the New York Methodist Hospital, and is a member of the American College of Physicians; the New York State Medical Society; the American Medical Association; and the American College of Gastroenterology.

The office accepts most ing Medicare and Medicaid. For the convenience of his hard-working patients, the office is now open on Sundays. It is handicapped accessible, and convenient to bus and trains. The doctor sees patients by appoint-

Dr. Tawil [130 Brighton Beach Ave. between Ocean Parkway and Coney Island Avenue in Brighton Beach, (718) 946-7557]. Open Sundays, 9 am to 1 pm; Mondays, 9 am to 4:30 pm; and Wednesdays, 9 am to 6:30 pm. Procedures are performed on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

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# Dr. Alan P. Goldman: **Treating And Relieving Arthritis Pain**

There are a lot of people suffering with joint pain and arthritis, says Dr. Alan P. Goldman, a specialist in rheumatology (130 Brighton Beach Avenue, 718-946-7557), and they often believe that there is little that can be done to alleviate their pain.

They are wrong. There are many options available, Dr. Goldman says; the key is finding a physician who is knowledgeable in those treatment modalities.

As a rheumatologist, Dr. Goldman specializes in the treatment of arthritis; one of only a handful practicing in Brooklyn.

Rheumatoid arthritis is an inflammatory illness that causes joints to swell. Symptoms include morning stiffness and swelling, often in the hands, elbows, or wrists, he says. Perhaps because there are so few rheumatologists in the borough, when people experience these symptoms, they often "see a surgeon first," says Dr. Goldman. But this often doesn't make much sense, he explains.

"When you have stomach pains, you don't go to a surgeon before seeing a gastroenterologist," he explains. "When you have chest pains, you don't see a surgeon before seeing a cardiologist."

A surgeon is the expert to see when surgery is needed, he notes, and of course Dr. Goldman refers patients to surgeons when necessary. Still, Dr. Goldman believes that the majority of people who suffer with arthritis can be treated without surgery. Even those who suffer Academy of Sciences.

enormously may find relief with Remicade IV infusion treatments, he says. "It has worked wonders."

Patients receive these treatments once every few months, and people who previously couldn't move well find that the "benefits are tremendous," he says. Those whose symptoms are less severe may find relief with pills or injections. This method has been used successfully for many years, says Dr. Goldman. And, "It still works."

When patients see Dr. Goldman they are assured of receiving expert evaluations. Dr. Goldman's office offers x-rays, and a number of in-office treatment procedures. Should patients need physical therapy, arrangements can be made for this, as well.

Dr. Goldman also recommends that people age 60 or older come in to be checked for osteoporosis. People who are thin or who smoke are especially at risk, he notes.

Dr. Goldman is a

Harvard graduate who has studied at Bellevue Hospital-New York University Medical Center and Gouverneur Hospital in Manhattan. He is on staff at the New York Methodist Hospital, and he is a Fellow of the American College of Rheumatology, as well as a member of the American College of Physicians, Nassau County Medical Society, the New York State Medical Society, American Medical Association, and the New York

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# Sheepshead Bay means business

# A thriving merchant community calls our neighborhood home

Sheepshead Bay is home to some of the borough's most iconic the Dodgers, milk was delivered in bottles, and kids played businesses, many of which started in the neighborhood even stickball in the street. Here are some of the businesses we'd before the bay News — back when Brooklyn was the home of like to recognize for their decades of service:

## **Brennan and Carr**

which opened 78 years ago, has some of the freshest ingredients around, according to the staff, who say the meaty dishes are ground up right in the shops. "We control when it's made, how it's made, what's in it," said Eddie Sullivan, who

has been the manager for 35 This classic sandwich joint, years and is the son of the owner, John, adding that the shop will remain a neighborhood-only staple. "No plans to expand — just enjoying the good people of Brooklyn."

[3432 Nostrand Ave. near Avenue U, (718) 646–9559]. Sunday-Saturday: 11-1 am.



A gravy-soaked Brennan & Carr Gargiulo Burger!

Photo by Steve Solomonson

#### **Doody Home Center**

For the past 90 years, this hardware shop has hit the nail on the head for being a one-stop shop for hometown handymen. The store — stocked with paint, tools, cleaning supplies, and home décor — is a fourth-generation family-owned business. And for those Mr. and Mrs. Fix-Its across the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge, there is also a location in bucolic Staten Island.

[2461 E. 17th St. between Avenues X and Y, www.doodyhomecenters.com, (718) 648-6000]. Monday-Friday: 8 am-9 pm. Saturday and Sunday: 8:30 am-7 pm.



#### **Delmar Pizza**

Cheese lovers will be singing, "That's amore!" This casual pizza place, which opened in 1957, has an array of options that will satisfy even the pickiest of palates. From salads to seafood and — of course pizza, locals will leave too

stuffed to even think about dessert, which is good because the only pie this place serves is the savory, not sweet, kind.

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# BAY NEWS CELEBRATING TO YEARS

# THEN AND NOW:



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•The Bay News covers the controversy over whether harbor boats should be used for fishing excursions or booze cruises. "Sheepshead Bay is supposed to be a fishing village — we need the fishing fleet!" says Eunice Rofsky, president of the Plumb Beach Civic Association in 1990, to no avail.

•In 1996 Bay Improvement Group founder Steve Barrison leads a protest to stop construction of the Loehmann's Seaport Plaza mini-mall on Emmons Avenue and E. 21st Street. A placard at the rally reads, "Ship to Shore, No Mega Store," but construction continues.

•The city installs water meters in Bensonhurst and Bath Beach, charging homeowners four cents for every 11 gallons of water used.

· Dick Zigun's financially strapped Coney Island Sideshow by the Seashore re-opens in 1996 after closing the year before. He rallies despondent freaks, sells off odds and ends, and scrapes together enough loot to lease a two-story building on the beach side of W. 12th Street near Surf Avenue. On the bill? Kieva the fire eater, Michael Wilson the illustrated man, and Ishavoodi, the anatomical wonder who can pass his body through a coat hanger.





#### 2000s

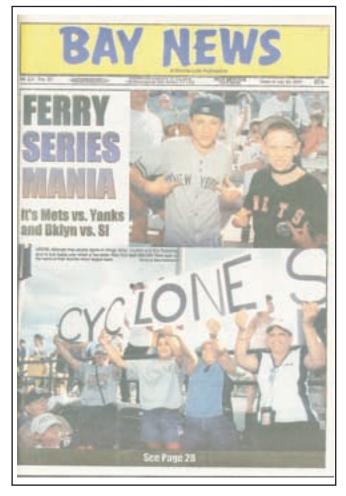
•Two hijacked jumbo jets slam into the World Trade Center on Tues. Sept. 11, 2001, killing thousands and blanketing Brooklyn in dust from Ground Zero's cauldron of ashes, twisted steel, and human remains. The Bay News documents every inch of the wrenching despair, including the march of survivors over the Brooklyn Bridge, the local police and firefighter funerals, and the stories of tragedy and triumph.

•The Brooklyn Cyclones becomes the first baseball team to stake a claim in the borough since the Dodgers left, holding its first home opener at KeySpan Park on Surf Avenue in Coney Island — now MCU Park.

•Jackhammers buzz in Sheepshead Bay as a development boom gets underway, and luxury condos and hotels rise on abandoned lots.

•Coney Island is poised to undergo a \$2.5 billion revitalization, but Astroland amusement park closes permanently in 2008.

•Luna Park and Scream Zone are the first fruits of the



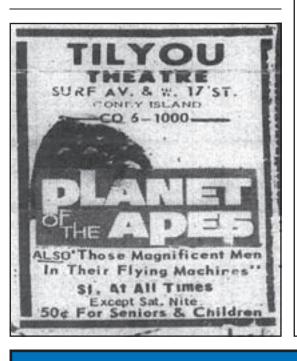


# THEN AND NOW:

make the People's Playground into a 27-acre, year-round amusement and entertainment district.

Murdoch's Rupert News Corp buys Cou-

city's ambitious plan to rier Life Publications in 2006, and two years later, its flagship paper moves to a posh, new home at MetroTech in Downtown, but still holds tight to its humble





#### 2010s

 Hurricane Sandy batters Brooklyn in 2012, becoming the second-costliest hurricane in national history and causing an estimated \$68 billion worth of damage. Seven Brooklynites lose their lives, entire families are displaced, large swaths of land vanish, and long-standing businesses shutter for good.

•The new Thunderbolt — the first new roller coaster to open in Coney Island in 44 years — starts rolling in 2014

•Publishers Jennifer and Les Goodstein buy Courier Life Publications in 2014, and add several Manhattan community newspapers to their Community News Group.

•The Bay News turns 70 years old and we celebrate by doing what we do best: informing readers about news in the neighborhood, including locals pushing back against condos on Emmons Avenue — once again!

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# **BAY BUSINESSES**

#### Randazzo's Clam Bar

This Italian seafood restaurant, which over-

looks the bay, claims it's the best clam bar in the city. Seafood lovers should dive into the menu, which features mussels, shrimp, scungilli, fried clams, and steamed lobster.

[2017 Emmons Ave. between Ocean Avenue and E. 21st Street, randazzosclambar.nyc, 615-0010]. Sunday-Thursday: 11



am-11 pm. Friday and Saturday: 11 am-midnight.

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This hearty eatery has been serving longtime locals for nearly 45 years. This no-frills restaurant is known for its sandwiches, sides, and milkshakes. "Cheez" can be added to anything, the menu boasts. And the tastiest dish? "Roast beef, of course," said Tony Wong, who has been the manager for 18 years.

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[2901 Emmons Ave. between E. 29th Street and Nostrand Avenue, rollnroaster.com, (718) 769–6000]. Monday-Thursday: 11 am-1 am. Friday and Saturday: 11 am-3 am. Sunday: 11 am-midnight.

# Just Where Did "Sheepshead" Come From To Begin With?

While the Board of Education and many local people are still arguing as to whether the new high school at Batchelder St. and Ave. X should be named Sheepshead Bay H.S. or John Jay H.S., there's one question we'd like to ask them. What's a Sheepshead, anyway? And, who christened our community "Sheepshead Bay?"

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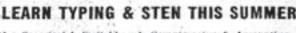
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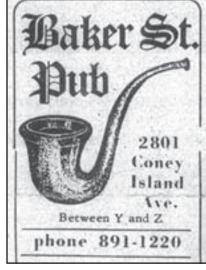
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# **BAY BUSINESSES**



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#### **Maria Ristorante**

This 80-year-old restaurant specializes in Italian dishes and seafood, including baked clams, manicotti, and pasta primavera. The eatery, which is by the bay, also has patio seating.

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#### Michael's of Brooklyn

This 51-year-old home-style Italian restaurant is sharing a little bit of Brooklyn's spice with the world. The restaurant makes its own pasta sauce and gravy

in the eatery and sends it to states as far away as Texas. And there are no plans of slowing down, according to one of the owners. "The future plan for the business is to try to stay



in business and then grow the sauce business," said Fred Cacace, who co-owns the business with his brother John and son Michael.

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# Where are they now?

# We catch up with former Bay News execs & staffers

**BY SHAVANA ABRUZZO** 

The Bay News has employed more people over the years than the populations of some American towns. We checked in with a few of the early pioneers, including the mom and pop who made the paper a Brooklyn institution, and remembered other notables no longer with us.



POWER COUPLE: Enterprising former publishers Ed and Rhoda Luster made the Bay News into the flagship publication of a Brooklyn media dynasty that continues to grow and expand today under new visionaries. The Lusters

#### Ed and Rhoda Luster

The Lusters — he a New York University grad from Marine Park, she a Brooklyn College alum from East Flatbush — merged the Kings Courier and the Flatbush Life into Courier Life Publications in the early 1960s, and spent the next half a century building a media empire of 22 weekly community newspapers, each one a virtual almanac of juicy news and local advertisements.

"No one had a paper that was 125 pages any place in the country," says Ed Luster, 80. "When we were at full steam, we had no competition."

The Lusters made the Bay News an "ABC newspaper," meaning its circulation was audited, assuring

advertisers their message was reaching readers. The super strides were rooted in a simple vision.

"The goal was to make the paper financially a success and to make a community paper in every section of Brooklyn," says Rhoda Luster, who managed payroll and personnel, and personally interviewed each employee.

These days the retired moguls split their time between their homes in Arizona and Connecticut, their three children — "two doctors and a publisher" and their eight grandchildren, while their Brooklyn news revolution soldiers on under new visionaries.



publisher Norman Fallick served his nation as an aerial engineer gunner during World War II. Norman Fallick

#### **Norman Fallick**

Co-publisher and World War II aerial engineer gunner Norman Fallick triggered the paper's boom when he negotiated its sale with founder Charlie Peterson in the mid-1950s.

"We gave him \$1,000 and made our money back in a week," says the silver-tongued salesman who secured cost-cutting, second-class mailing privileges and snagged a free, white convertible from a local car dealership to promote the popular Miss Kings Highway and Miss Brooklyn contests.

Fallick and fetching finalists in bathing suits cruised along Ocean Parkway, Coney Island Avenue, and Sheepshead Bay Road, and stumped for votes at local hangouts, including the nowdefunct Dubrow's Cafeteria at E.16th Street and Kings Highway, and the former Kingsway Cinema a few blocks away on Coney Island Avenue.

"We were showing the girls off and getting publicity," says the spry senior, 92, who edited the Courier's Harbor Watch army newspaper until his retirement in 2007.

Fallick lives in New Jersey with his wife, Sandra — a former assistant advertising manager he met at the paper — and spends his time auditing courses at Princeton University and producing Comcast TV programs for seniors.

He credits the Lusters with the Bay News' ripe, old age.

"Ed, Rhoda, and Cliff were responsible for bringing the paper to where it is today," he says.

#### Theda Spitz

Midwood resident Theda Spitz was hired in 1961 as a part-time bookkeeper for \$1.50 an hour, after responding to an advertisement she saw in a beauty parlor, but she changed the Bay News' commercial trajectory when she sold a lucrative centerpage advertisement to the Richmond County Savings Bank for a specialty issue, the likes of which we're still publishing today.

Corporate titans, including Brooklyn Union Gas, Con Edison, and the New York Press Association, soon became regular advertisers alongside

the mom-and-pops, thanks to Spitz's savvy sales knack.

"You have to know how to talk to people and deliver what you promised them," says the Williamsburg native, 90, who was Ed Luster's personal assistant, and worked at the paper for 48 years before retiring in

Spitz still drives, loves to play blackjack in Atlantic City, and faithfully reads the Bay News.

"I really relish it for the local news because it's interesting to me and brings the community together," she



EARLY STAFFER: Theda Spitz broke the advertising mold at the Bay News with her savvy sales knack.

Photo by Steve Solomonson

**PROOF!:** Alan Fromberg was a Bay News reporter before he hit the big time as deputy commissioner of public affairs at the Taxi and Limousine Commission. Alan Fromberg

#### Allan J. Fromberg

Long before he was deputy commissioner for public affairs at the New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission, Allan Fromberg worked 14-hour days at the Bay News, editing newspapers and supplements, designing and approving pages, taking photographs, managing reporter assignments, covering community events, and writing articles and columns - a drill that proved invaluable, he claims.

as one of the greatest experiences of my life and a training ground that has helped me in everything I've done since," says Fromberg, who worked at Courier Life's Sheepshead Bay office from 1987 to 1993.

The editorial jack-of-all-trades was a prolific headline writer before the age of digital pagination, writing each screamer by hand and using mathematics to make sure it fit the allotted spaces.

"Back in those days, we scrib-"I look back on my time there bled headlines on slug pads, and

the pressure was on to sometimes write hundreds in a given hour to keep up with the production department," says Fromberg. "Looking back at how easy it was to make a mistake going that fast, I'm amazed that we did as well as we did."

Sometimes a blooper managed to slip by, causing him agita.

"I once wrote a headline for a story about 300 uniformed sanitation workers, but when it came out in the paper it read '300 un-

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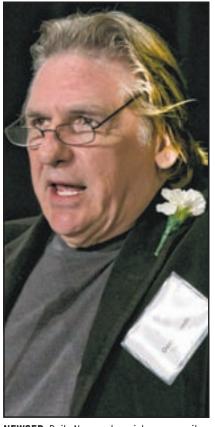
#### **Denis Hamill**

Veteran journalist, novelist, screenwriter, and New York Daily News columnist Denis Hamill cut his teeth as a Courier cub reporter, covering crime and politics for two years in the early 1970s out of the Bay News' original office at 1159 Flatbush Ave. on a block bustling with mom-and-pop stores near Clarendon Road.

Working at the Courier taught me all the nuts and bolts of journalism and it all became unbelievably handy because I learned how the city worked," says Hamill, who took the B-41 bus along Flatbush Avenue from his Park Slope home everyday and reported to then-editor Bernie Edelman.

One of his early stories was about a robbery at the Loew's Kings Theatre in Flatbush — the luxurious movie house that re-opened in February after a \$95-million makeover. Another involved interviewing shocked neighbors of a Brooklyn firefighter charged with being an accomplice in the 1975 kidnapping of the son of Seagram billionaire Edgar Bronfman. That same year, Hamill profiled Brooklyn-born director Martin Davidson when his teen gang film "The Lords of Flatbush" hit the big screen, starring an unknown actor named Sylvester Stallone.

"We gave it big play," says Hamill, who scored another coup when influen-



**NEWSER:** Daily News columnist, screenwriter, and film producer Denis Hamill got his start at the Bay News' Flatbush office in the 1970s.

Associated Press / Richard Drew

tial Brooklyn Democratic leader Meade Esposito, who rarely spoke to the press, granted the rookie reporter a face-to-face.

The hard-scrabble, cigar-chomping Esposito — who once ran for district leader and knocked on doors asking voters if they had any parking tickets that needed "taken care of" - was caught off-guard by the Courier correspondent's pointed inquiries.

"I was just a kid, and I asked him how much patronage he had, and he said to me, 'Who do you think you are?'" says Hamill. "Then he smiled and said, 'Actually I have a lot."

Hamill also wrote a column called Under the Boardwalk," exploring a borough so removed from today that yellow cab drivers refused to travel here.

"Brooklyn was much more working class and family oriented then," he says. "It was filled with natives and immigrants, not yuppified like it is to-

Hamill went on to author 10 novels, write for national publications, pen screenplays, and launch other creative projects, but he attributes his considerable communications skills to the community newspaper that gave him his

"Everything I learned about covering news I learned while working at the Bay News," he says.

# **FROMBERG**

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informed sanitation workers!"" says Fromberg. "I knew that someone, somewhere was disappointed, and that weighed on me."

He came to regard the Bay News as being more than a vehicle for delivering community

"I considered it just as important for us to make our neighbors feel special, and that's why I loved doing the parades, and the block parties, and the school plays," says Fromberg, who went on to become Rudy Giuliani's deputy press secretary and an assistant commissioner at the Department of Transportation. "The people and groups you were covering welcomed you in as if you were family."

Former subjects kept in

"One woman and her mother appreciated my feature writing so much, they have followed my career even to today," he says. "Every holiday, without exception, I will get a phone call or a card from them wishing me well."

# BREAKTHROUGH CATARACT TREATMENT

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Dr. Edward Rubinchik, make it harder for them to How It Works take the drops.

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# What we have lost since gaining the Bay News

**BY MAX JAEGER** 

It's all over for these Brooklyn institutions. The adage that change is the only constant might be truer in Brooklyn than anywhere else — but with change, comes necessary loss. Here are some of the biggest pieces of history to depart from Brooklyn's hallowed shores since the first edition of the Bay News rolled off the presses 70 years ago.

#### The original Thunderbolt

They say lightning doesn't strike twice, but Brooklynites felt the shock of losing the Thunderbolt two times since the Bay News hit the scene — first in 1982 when the Coney Island icon stopped running and again in 2000 when Mayor Rudy Giuliani quietly demolished it in the dead of night.

## Kentile Floors (and its sign)

Last year, developers mopped the floor with the iconic Kentile Floors sign, which loomed large on the Gowanus skyline since 1949, reminding motorists and subway riders of Brook-

lyn's manufacturing heyday. Now fallow industrial spaces are increasingly being transformed into housing. Kentile Floors made

patterned asbestos tile flooring that adorned New York subway cars in the 1940s and 1950s.





#### **Trolleys**

They're streetcars named expire. The trolleys that dominated Brooklyn streets were already on their way out when the Bay News

came onto the scene in 1945. The City of Brooklyn was the first in New York and the second nationwide to jump on the trolley bandwagon when the Coney Island Avenue line went electric in 1890, according to the Brooklyn Historical Society. Before long, we had so many streetcars that Manhattanites disparagingly called us "trolley dodgers." Brooklyn's last three trollev lines ended their runs on Oct. 31, 1956, according to the Brooklyn Historical Society.



#### Ebbets Field and the Dodgers

There used to be a ballpark — and the old team just isn't playing. The Brooklyn Dodgers sold out and moved to the 'burbs in 1957, and three years later Flatbush's temple to baseball — where the first African-American played a major-league game cashed in its ticket to the great ball game in the sky when owners beaned Ebbets Field with a wrecking ball in 1960 to make way for apartments. It would be decades before another major-league, professional sports franchise would come to Brooklyn.

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# **SAYING GOODBYE**

#### **Bowling**

The once-beloved game is now in the gutter as developers bowl over the borough's last remaining alleys to make way for apartments. The Sport of Kingpins is under siege anywhere that building is booming, a expert said. "Any place where real-estate values are an issue, bowling alleys are closing," Bob Johnson, international editor of Bowlers Journal International, told us in 2006. Maple Lanes in Bensonhurst was the last to go, facing the wrecking ball earlier this year. Bay Ridge's Mark Lanes closed a decade ago to make way for a parking lot. Pinheads can still get their bowling fix at Shell Lanes in Gravesend and Strike 10 Lanes in Mill Basin.

# The new arrivals

# These things came to B'klyn after the Bay News

BY MAX JAEGER

Brooklyn is in perpetual bloom. As old institutions left the borough, new establishments have cropped up to stake their claim in the best borough ever. The chapter covering Kings County between 1945 and 2015 could be characterized by immense growth in general, but we would be remiss to exclude new institutions and the rebirth of a few old ones. Here are some of our favorite new arrivals over the last 70 years.

### **Barclays Center and the Nets**

Brooklyn waited decades since the Dodgers took the last trolley west, but in 2012, we got a new professional sports team and an arena to boot. The massive complex plopped down on top of an old rail yard ruffled some residents' feathers, but there is no denying the entertainment Mecca is an indelible part of Brooklyn today.



#### Junior's

It's not as senior as you think. One of Brooklyn's favorite restaurants - reputed to serve the best cheesecake in New York opened its doors five years after the Bay News started printing in 1945. Since then, thousands of Brooklynites (and tourists) have passed through Junior's



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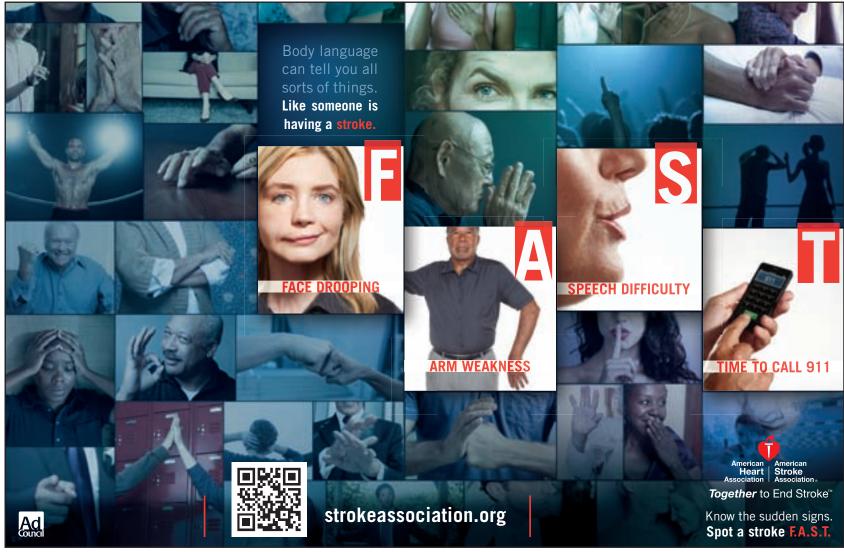
Brooklyn's manufacturing heyday left us with more than a collective sense of nostalgia — we're talking toxic sludge, and lots of it. But a 1980 federal law nicknamed the "Superfund" created a process for remediating toxic sites using money from



TIME SPAN: Despite years of pushback from Bay Ridgites, the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge opened to traffic in 1964.

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# Film premieres after 70 years

# Ratner brings Hitchcock's lost 1945 Holocaust doc to screen for first time

#### BY LINCOLN ANDERSON

On May 19, the Museum of Jewish Heritage will premiere a never-before-seen 1945 documentary directed by Alfred Hitchcock. However, unlike a typical film by the master of suspense, this isn't a psychological thriller that will leave viewers wondering until the mystery is finally unraveled at the last minute.

Rather, the documentary was made with the opposite intent: to erase any mystery about what really happened in the Nazi death camps, to expose the unvarnished truth about the Holocaust.

It's called "German Concentration Camps Factual Survey," and it will be screened for the first time thanks to the efforts of developer Bruce Ratner, chairman of the board of trustees of the Museum of Jewish Heritage in Manhattan.

When the camps were liberated, extensive footage of them was shot by British, American and Russian military cameramen, as well as by newsreel

cameramen.

This array of film, in turn, was used by the British Ministry of Information to create a documentary that would condemn the Nazi regime and document the magnitude of its crimes. In short, it was meant to be *the* film to be shown to German prisoners of war and the German public after the fall of the Third Reich.

Sidney Bernstein, chief of the film division of the Psychological Warfare Division of the Allied Expeditionary Force, initiated the project and fought for its production. Hitchcock — who was described by Bernstein as the film's director — spent a month overseeing the editing. Ultimately, though, the film was shelved.

Now, seven decades later, England's Imperial War Museum has digitally restored the documentary and assembled it for the first time exactly as Bernstein and Hitchcock originally intended.

Bruce Ratner is best known for his development prowess,



**LIBERATED:** A still from the documentary shows children smiling through barbed wire.

Imperial War Museums

including building the New York Times building and, in Downtown, MetroTech and the new Barclays Center — home of the Nets, of which he is a part owner. He's currently constructing three buildings in the Atlantic Yards project — now known as Pacific Park

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In addition to his development work, however, Ratner takes immense pride in work with Museum of Jewish Heritage. The opportunity for the museum to host the East Coast premiere of the forgotten 1945 documentary is a great honor, he said.

"I would say it's a major moment in Holocaust documentary," he said. "When the Russians reported on Auschwitz, it wasn't believed. This film was meant to prove and show what the German people and what the Nazis had done—and then to tell the people of the world.

"It still shakes the soul, shakes the mind to see this film," Ratner said. "The 'Holocaust,' the word, did not exist as we know it now until the 1970s. Had this documentary been shown at the time, it would have accelerated understanding of the atrocities and

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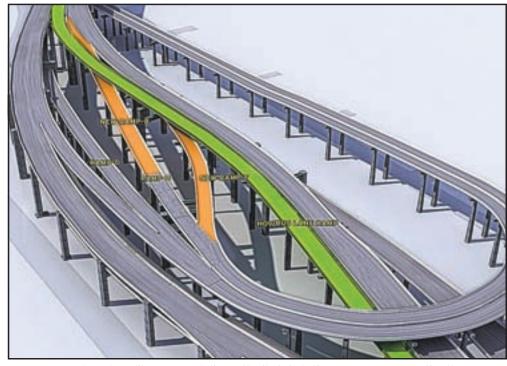
# REVAMPING RA

MTA rebuilding, moving lanes on Brooklyn side of Verrazano-Narrows

BY MAX JAEGER

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority is rebuilding and moving ramps on the Brooklyn side of the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge stirring up what the bridge's original engineer called a "spaghetti pile" of exist $ing\ ascents-in\ an\ effort\ to$ speed along drivers on the Gordian knot of interchanges tying the bridge to the Belt Parkway and Gowanus Expressway.

"The project will involve the construction of a new ramp which will weave its way through the spaghetti pile formed by the existing and complex ramp network forming the Brooklyn approaches to the bridge," according to a memo from Ammann & Whitney, the firm that designed the bridge and which is overseeing construction on the new ramps.



RAMPING UP: The Metropolitan Transportation Authority is installing a new ramp connecting the Gowanus Workers are erecting a Expressway's existing high-occupancy vehicle lane to one being built on the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge. It is new approach to connect the also re-jiggering two ramps connecting the Belt Parkway to the span. Metropolitan Transportation Auhtority

Gowanus Expressway's existing high-occupancy vehicle and bus lane to one the authority is creating on the bridge, according to a spokeswoman.

It is also re-jiggering a small portion of the ramps connecting the 50-year-old span to the Belt Parkway to make room for the new lane, but drivers won't notice a difference once the work is done, she said.

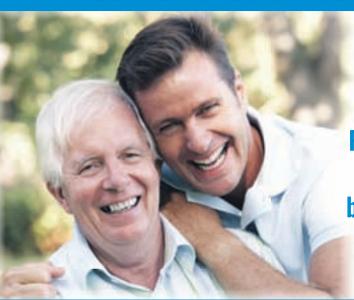
Connecting commuter lanes on the bridge and the Gowanus Expressway will help folks navigate the perennially-snarled interchange where the two link up, an official said.

"The new Bus/HOV lane on the bridge will be a great benefit to all who use it," said Verrazano-Narrows Facility Engineer David Riggs. "It is the missing piece of the puzzle that will save people time and improve traffic flow daily."



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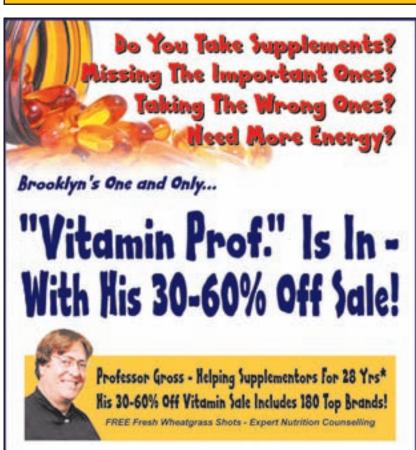
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**KEEPING HER MEMORY ALIVE:** Road safety activists painted a memorial to Clara Heyworth, who died after a driver hit her at Dekalb and Vanderbilt avenues in Clinton Hill in 2011.

Keepan Stephan

# ROAD RAGE

Pedestrian traffic deaths deserve better investigations, says husband of victim

#### BY NOAH HUROWITZ

Police need to do a better job investigating drivers who mow down pedestrians, says the husband of a woman who was killed by an unlicensed — and possibly drunk — driver on a Clinton Hill street in 2011. The widower lashed out at the cops who bungled the examination of his wife's death so badly her alleged killer was never brought to trial.

Jake Stevens damned police on Sunday during a memorial service for Clara Heyworth at the site of her death at the age of 28, calling them out for not ensuring the driver who killed ever saw a day behind bars.

"F--- the police," Stevens said while standing at the corner of Dekalb and Vanderbilt avenues, where Heyworth was run down as he watched helplessly. "There has not been, and there will never be, ever, any justice for Clara."

The widower called on cops to do a better job investigating traffic deaths and ensuring future traffic deaths get the attention they deserve.

"We are here for those that come after us, not for those we lost," he said.

Heyworth died in 2011 after a driver struck her as she crossed the intersection. A Breathalyzer test administered at the scene showed the driver — who only had a learner's permit — had been drinking, but he refused further tests and a judge tossed the results when it was learned police from the 88th Precinct had not calibrated the testing kit in four years, according to a report in Gothamist at the time.

The police further dropped the ball, Stevens accused, by failing to send the Accident Investigation Squad to the scene until three days after the crash. Because of the weak investigation, the district attorney did not press charges and the driver walked.

"The police failed to investigate her death, the D.A. failed to prosecute," he said. "In doing so, they failed all of us."



**THEY DO NOT FORGET:** Loved ones of Clara Heyworth have criticized the police and the former district attorney for how they handled the case against the driver. Alex Seel

Loved ones gathered at the intersection once again called for increased regulations to hold killer drivers accountable for their actions. Activists painted a pair of rose-studded angel wings on the payement.

Stevens has filed a civil suit against the driver.

The memorial was organized by Right of Way, a road safety group that calls attention to bike and pedestrian deaths and lobbies for increased penalties for reckless motorists.

In the past the group would spray paint white body outlines at the site of pedestrian fatalities to call attention to what they criticized as a lack of investigation of such deaths. An organizer said they have shifted to making memorials less confrontational since Mayor DeBlasio began taking road safety more seriously with his socalled "Vision Zero" initiative, which aims to end pedestrian fatalities in the city but, he said, there is still a long way to go.

"When police do a terrible job of an investigation they screw over the victims and their families all over again," said road safety activist Keegan Stephan, who helped paint the memorial.

## Peak Physical Therapy celebrates 30 years of easing pain

BY CAMILLE SPERRAZZA

Every day, people walk into Peak Physical Therapy and say, "Help me. I am in pain."

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over what he says is "one of the
oldest and most respected physical therapy private practices in
Brooklyn. It's a cherished distinction, too, because Belkin,
born and bred in the borough,
continues to call Brooklyn
home, servicing the community
in which he resides.

He is a member of the American Physical Therapy Association, the Private Practice and Orthopedic Sections, and a member of the National Strength and Conditioning Association. Licensed since 1999, he specializes in the treatment of orthopedic and sports-related injuries, and is a certified strength and conditioning specialist, the latter a distinction he achieved in 2005.

When patients come into the office, Belkin and his staff of highly trained therapists don't only look at the one injury they may be complaining about. They look at the entire individual "as a whole," he says, dealing with all the aspects that can affect patients when they are hurt, such as their inability to work, how the injury is affecting their personal lives, and the range of emotions that patients goes through when they are in pain

Healthy joints are something we all take for granted — until an accident or disease changes that perception. When we can't lift an arm over our heads, or bend down to pick something up off the floor, it has a devastating impact on our lifestyles. Physical therapy offers help because it stimulates muscles, bones, and joints. As a result, the body is strengthened, and the healing process begins.

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Chief Physical Therapist and owner of Peak Physical Therapy Craig Belkin PT, CSCS.

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### **PREMIERE**

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extreme brutality of the Nazis."

As for why the film, in the end, was left on the shelf, he said, there were a number of factors.

"It got delayed, in general, in the summer of 1945," he said. "They didn't have the Russian material from Auschwitz."

But the film's visceral impact and condemning message were also reasons why it was decided not to show it back then: In short, there was a fear of alienating the Germans and driving them toward the Soviets. Rebuilding became the focus, not de-Nazi-fication.

"You wanted to win them over, and it was felt that this would not do that," Ratner explained. "Germany became the focal point of the Cold War."

Ratner was born in 1945, and growing up, heard family members talking about the Holocaust. His family lost about 120 members across Germany and Eastern Europe in the war. Afterward, his father sponsored many survivors who came over to America.

In 1976, Ratner went to Poland to see Auschwitz for himself.

"It was communist," he said. "Nobody visited Auschwitz in those days."

The Nazis killed about 1 million Jews at the infamous killing camp. Other victims included Gypsies, the disabled, homosexuals, dissidents and non-Jewish Poles and Russians.

inexplicable," "It's Ratner said. "That's why it very much resonates today."

While the Russians filmed Auschwitz, the



**STANDING OVATION:** An ex-prisoner applauds the arrival of the Allied liberators. Imperial War Museum

documented British Bergen-Belsen, and the Yanks recorded other Other camps sites. shown include Dachau, Buchenwald and Majdanek. In all, the film includes footage from 14 locations (10 camps and four sites of atrocity) discovered in Austria, Germany and Poland.

The combat cameramen who shot the footage used very simple cameras, Ratner noted, but "there were a lot of them."

Although Bernstein called Hitchcock the director, he was really more of a "treatment adviser," according to Rat-

documentary The bears a Hitchcock hallmark, Ratner said, namely, long, wide shots that show the scenes in their full context.

"That was done to prove it wasn't staged," he explained.

The movie also uses symbolism to evoke the camps' horrors.

"Hitchcock was always about symbolism," Ratner noted. "It's not like the 15-minute newsreels of the day. It's done with a certain degree of artistry and care."

Five rough-cut reels of the film were originally completed, but a planned sixth reel was never made — until now. To create the new, digital version, the restorers went back to the original footage — a total of 100 reels of film — and followed the 1945 film team's instructions. There is also a new soundtrack, with a narrator reading the original script, plus new sound effects added.

Ratner has seen five of the film's six reels. Asked how graphic it is, he admitted, "It's very hard to watch."

For now, the plan is to show the long-lost documentary on only one night, May 19, at the Museum of Jewish Heri-

"They want to be very careful about how this is being released," Ratner said.

"German Concentration Camps Factual Survey" at the Museum of Jewish Heritage [36 Batterv Place, in Manhattan, (646) 437-4202, mjhnyc. org], May 19 at 7:30 pm. Tickets are available at the museum website, \$25 for the general public, \$15 for members and \$10 for students.

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#### BY NOAH HUROWITZ

Pols and Brooklyn's cultural elite packed Brooklyn Navy Yard's Duggal Greenhouse for a gala celebrating the three-and-a-half decades of service from outgoing Brooklyn Academy of Music President Karen Brooks Hopkins on April 29.

The festivities included the reins along with Executive performances by singer-songwriter Rufus Wainwright, gospel singer Mavis Staples, and a set by disc jockey duo AndrewAndrew.

Hopkins has been at the Fort Greene arts institute since 1979, when she joined as a development officer. She took

Producer Joseph Melillo in 1999, and oversaw the academy as it became a cultural bedrock in the borough. She is set to be succeeded by Katy Clark, the current head of a Manhattan chamber orchestra, who will take the reins at the end of June.



BIG SENDOFF: (Above) Outgoing Brooklyn Academy of Music President Karen Brooks Hopkins speaks at a gala in her honor on April 29. (Left) Attendees give Hopkins a round of applause at a gala.

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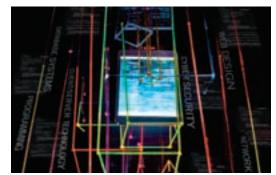
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KING OF THE HILL: Supporters of the Cherry Hill Gourmet Market – which operates illegally in the landmarked Lundy's building – out-numbered opponents at a Council hearing on a zoning tweak that would legalize the business. File photo by Steve Solomonson

# **Cherry Hill gang**

### Supporters turn out for hearing on illegal grocery

#### BY VANESSA OGLE

A Sheepshead Bay supermarket that has been operating illegally since it opened nearly six years ago had dozens of supporters and just a handful of opponents turn out for a Council hearing in Manhattan on May 5 on an amendment that would legalize the

Cherry Hill Gourmet Market violated the Special Sheepshead Bay District waterfront zoning laws when it opened illegally in the landmarked Lundy's building in 2009. The Council's subcommittee on zoning and franchises is now considering a tweak to the zoning rules to allow it to operate legally.

The community initially didn't support the supermarket, but the shop has since gained supporters, which the attorney for the store said is proof the supermarket fulfills residents' needs - even during devastating disasters.

'[Cherry Hill] was one of the first businesses to open after Superstorm Sandy." said Richard Lobel, an attorney representing the business. "Sheepshead Bay is best served by keeping Cherry Hill open."

Sheepshead Bay's special zoning was implemented in 1973 and it limits commercial land use in the waterfront district to tourism-orientated businesses, including restau-

rants, ice cream shops, boat be a "march to anarchy." rental shops, and gift shops.

February, Community Board 15 approved zoning amendment for Cherry Hill, but Councilman Chaim Deutsch (D-Sheepshead Bay) didn't support the original application, which attempted to change the zoning for the entire Lundy's building, not just the supermarket. Borough President Adams shared the councilman's position and rejected the proposal. Lobel said their concerns were addressed in the new proposal.

But longtime opponent Steve Barrison told the subcommittee he is worried that approving the application will set a precedent for other businesses to disregard zoning and then later seek retroactive permission to operate.

"That is why we have laws and procedures — it either applies to all of us or none of us," said Barrison, president of the Bay Improvement Group.

Barrison's father Earl also wrote a scathing letter about the supermarket that was distributed at the hearing. The letter made claims about illegal activities — including prostitution — that allegedly occur in the store, referenced a supporter of the supermarket who said the opening of the store was akin to civil right marches as a "despicable redhaired woman," and said the legalization of the shop would

Greenfield said he was absolutely appalled by the letter, which he said was "disrespectful" as well as "misogynistic and sexist."

"In the five years I've been a councilmember, I've never seen something quite like this I've never seen anything so offensive, honestly," said Greenfield.

But hyperbole was freeflowing on both sides of the debate. One supporter quoted Pastor Martin Niemöller's famous poem about Germany's slide into Nazi oppression to warn of the dangers of shuttering the grocery store.

"First they came for the socialist, and I did not speak out because I was not socialist. Then they came for the trade union, I did not speak out because I was not trade union. Then they came for the Jew, I did not speak out because I was not a Jew. Then they came for me and there was no one left to speak for me," said Raisa Chernina. "I speak for my community — I won't be the last one."

Throughout the hearing, members of the subcommittee had to interrupt both supporters and opponents to the supermarket for making personal attacks or off-topic claims, including an allegation that Cherry Hill wasn't legalized initially because the

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# Suicide in Ridge

#### BY MAX JAEGER

A 23-year-old man jumped to his death from a Ridge Boulevard apartment building on May 4, officials said.

The man took the plunge just before 10:50 am, apparently leaping from the fourth story of a residence between 68th Street and Bay Ridge Avenue, according to police.

Paramedics pronounced the man dead at the scene, fire officials said.

The death appears to be a suicide, and the man had a history of mental issues, police sources said.

Officials have not released the man's name.

The medical examiner will determine the cause of death, and the investigation is ongoing, police said.



HARD FALL: Police investigate after a 23-year-old man jumped to his death from a Bay Ridge apartment building on May 4.

Photo by Steve Solomonson



ON CAMERA: Police believe these two men were involved in the 2014 murder of Nicholas Walton. For the video, visit BrooklynDaily.com.

# New evidence in Canarsie shooting

#### BY VANESSA OGLE

Police have released a video of two individuals they say are wanted for questioning regarding a man's murder in Canarsie early last year.

Authorities say Nicholas Walton was shot in the chest on E. 93rd Street near Avenue K on Feb. 4, 2014. Cops say Walton was transported to Brookdale Hospital, where he was pronounced dead on arrival.

The two individuals police want for questioning were wearing dark clothing TIP577.

the night of the murder, according to surveillance foot-

Police said there have been no arrests and the investigation is ongoing.

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# Coney swordsman wins

BY MAX JAEGER

He's a real saber rattler.

A teenage swordsman who trains in Coney Island won a silver medal in Fencing World Championships in Tashkent, Uzbekistan, last month.

Romain Cannone, a student at the New York Fencing Academy in Coney Island who competes for the French National team, took silver along with his fellow French swordsmen and women, who collectively

finished second out of 35 countries in the international competition.

The medalist is no stranger to international competitions and said the air was electric in Tashkent.

"You could tell people were very aware of what was going on," Cannone said in a press release. "When we turned on the TV at the hotel, there was a channel just for fencing."

Cannone competed in the

"epee" style of fencing — a high-stakes version of "foil" and "saber" fencing where the entire body is a valid target and swordsmen have to hit harder to register a point, according to the United States Fencing Association.

The 17-year-old blademaster cut his teeth in the sport at age 8, and has won several titles, including a March win in the European Fencing Championships.



EN GARDE!: (Above) Romain Cannone trains at the New York Fencing Academy in Coney Island and helped his French National team win a silver medal at the Fencing World Championships. (Left) Cannone, left, thrusts his way to a win against the German National team during the championships in Tashkent, Uzbekistan last month.

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# These kids got an easel A

BY MAX JAEGER

They're Brooklyn's next generation of great artists.

Students from PS-IS 192 showed off the fruits of their creative labor at an art show at the Mapleton campus on April 29.

"We showcased all students from grades K to eight," said art teacher LeeAnne Thirstino. "Their work makes the show.

The instructor spent much of the year teaching her stu-

and their stylistic trademarks. Sixth-graders learned about abstraction a la modern artist Jim Dine, and made homages to his heart-themed work using class vocabulary words. Third-graders emulated Gustav Klimt's "Tree of Life," and others painted flowers in the vein of Georgia O'Keefe, Thirstino said.

The youngsters didn't reach O'Keefe's level of mastery. but the imitations were only

dents about famous artists meant to plant the seeds of artistic skill, Thirstino said.

> "Drawing flowers can become very complicated, so we used her as a springboard to lead them into it from a very simple point," she said.

> Thirstino transformed the school's gym into a gallery to hang work by her 350 students, stringing the space with hanging yarn from which she hung the paintings, she said.

> It was the school's 10th annual art show, Thirstino said.



BRANCHING INTO ART: (Above) Kamilla Kolesnikova shows off her Gustav Klimt-inspired "Tree of Life" alongside art teacher LeeAnne Tristino, who organized the 10th annual art show at PS 192 in Mapleton on April 29. (Center) Marco Espana painted flowers inspired by Georgia O'Keefe. (Left) Third-grader Jenna Thristino created dimension using color and shade in her painting "Ice Pops." Photos by Steve Solomonson



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# Truck-a-palooza!

BY NOAH HUROWITZ

Keep on truckin'!

Kids flocked to PS 295 for the chance to get close-up with all manner of trucks and other vehicles in Greenwood Heights on May 2.

The school's annual Touch-a-Truck event got tots up close and personal with cherry pickers, police cruisers, moving trucks, and other

extremely exciting thrills on wheels. Some youngsters relished the opportunity to flex their power over the police loudspeaker, even if they did not know quite what to do with it, according to one mom.

"They kept telling the kids they could say anything, like 'You're under arrest.' But she just kept saying 'Hello,'" said Nomi Altabef, whose 3-yearold daughter Lizzie Mervin got to project her voice through the loudspeaker.

Touch-a-Truck, which is in its fifth year, raised funds for PS 295's parent-teacher organization. In past years, the event raised money that went toward art supplies, a music program, and hiring part-time teachers.



TRUCK TIME: (Left) Lizzie Mervin talks into a police cruiser radio at the Touch-a-Truck event at PS 295 in Park Slope on May 2. (Center) Luke Mealon dons Consolidated-Edison safety gear. (Above) Ellis Mueller holds a pup up for adoption at the event. Photos by Georgine Benvenuto

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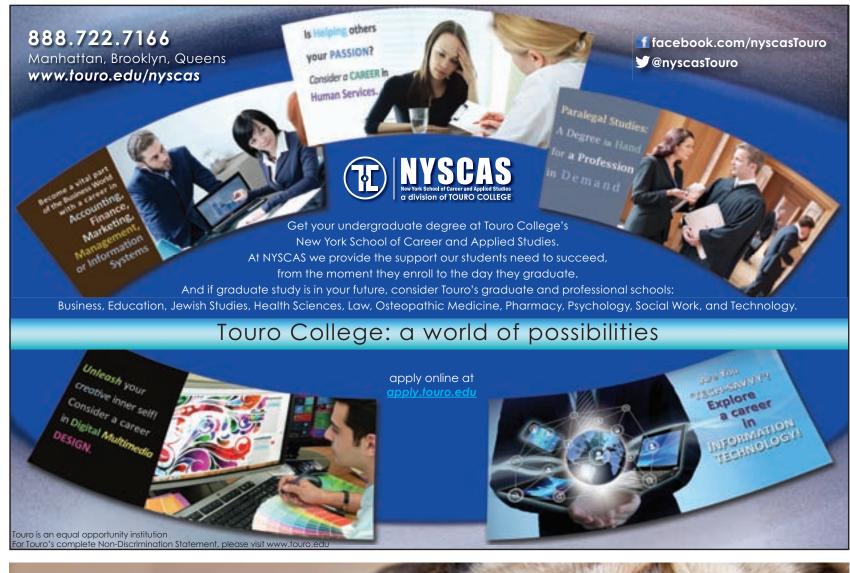
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# Vinyl destination!

### Massive record fair draws thousands



USING HIM UP: Ilya Chaiken fawns over a Bill Withers record at the WFMU record fair at the Brooklyn Expo Center this past weekend. Photo by Stefano Giovannini

#### BY DANIELLE FURFARO

Wax on!

New Jersey radio station WFMU brought its famed annual record fair to Brooklyn for the first time last weekend, drawing thousands of music fans from around the globe to Greenpoint's Brooklyn Expo Center. Attendees said the long-running bazaar is a great place to uncover hidden gems.

"The record station is the number one source for me finding good music, and the record fair is the same way," said volunteer Sasha Jones. "I go there and I play roulette by buying a bunch of \$1 and \$2 records that I never heard of before."

More than 200 vendors hawked their wares to 3,500 record geeks between Friday and Sunday.

The fair, like the radio station, is known for championing obscure musical genres, such as psychedelic, no wave, experimental, and old rockabilly. WFMU held the first fair at a Hoboken Elks Lodge in 1993, and in the intervening 22 years, it has become one of the most popular record fairs in the country, serving as a gathering place for vinyl fetishists from near and far, Jones said.

"So many people show up to congregate in the same place who only get to see each other once or twice a year," she said.

This year's fair hosted performances by Olivia Neutron John, Danny Kroha,



BOMB THIS: Olivia Neutron John, also known as Anna Nasty, performed at the expo.

Photo by Stefano Giovannini

and Conspiracy Of Beards, which is an a cappella Leonard Cohen cover band. Fair organizers also screened a handful of bizarre films, including Francis Ford Coppola's low-budget horror film "Dementia 13" and creepy 1962 cult classic "Carnival Of Souls."

And the Expo Center was a big hit in its first spin as a venue, said an or-

"This is the best place that we have done it," said station manager Ken Freedman. "It has great acoustics and natural lighting, good bathrooms and ventilation. Load-in is always hard because records are heavy, and the problems that we have had in the past were nonexistent."

### **CHERRY HILL**

Continued from 42 owner wouldn't "play ball" with disgraced exstate Sen. Carl Kruger who is still in prison for accepting bribes.

Many of the supporters included members of the 60-person staff who would lose their jobs if the supermarket shuttered. Multiple employees testified about the family-like atmosphere were brought up that

throughout the community. One employee pointed out that the supermarket donates to area firehouses and synagogues.

"We do it because we in the shop that extends way," said Samuel Nitka.



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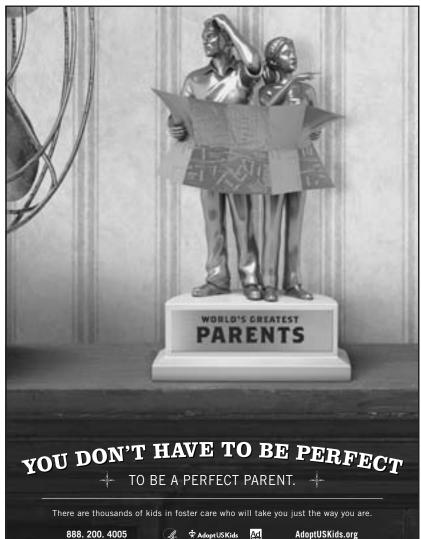
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# Reader: Toy guns bloom at cherry fest

I was very upset with the picture you posted on the front page of your May 1 issue about the Cherry Blossom Festival at the Brooklyn Botanic Garden. The children were beautiful, but the little boy, in some kind of military or superhero costume, was carrying an ugly, deadly-looking weapon, hopefully a toy, that looked like a cross between a gun, a sword, and I don't know what else.

The festival was supposed to be a celebration of spring and life, trees blossoming and flowers blooming. I don't know what that little boy was learning.

I am very concerned about the horrendous increase in violence we have been seeing, both by civilians, police officers, and terrorists. I wonder if the increase in violence watched by children on TV and computers, the video games they play, and the increasingly ferocious toy weapons produced by toy manufacturers is adding to the number of children who grow up prone to violence and become criminals or join terrorist groups.

Even those young people who grow up to become law-enforcement officers seem extremely prone to violence, shooting and choking suspects for even minor offenses like selling cigarettes illegally. I think we need to get our children away from makebelieve violence before they turn to real violence. Elaine Kirsch

Gravesend

#### **Balti-sore**

To the editor,

Mayor DeBlasio had better watch and learn how not to follow the methods of Baltimore's mayor and police. The mayor tied the hands of her own police force by ordering them to give the illegal protestors their space to be violent and destroy sections of their own neighborhoods! Something that she now denies, but the media has on tape and is repeating her charges all over the networks. Good!

It is absurd to see how she gave license to these skells to loot and burn downtown Baltimore and put members of her own police force in harm's way, as evidenced by the more than

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# SOUND OFF TO THE EDITOR

#### LETTERS AND COMMENTS FROM OUR READERS

15 severe police injuries reported.

Race relations all over this country are dipping to pre-1960s' lows, as sadly whites see the death and destruction carried out by professional agitators setting back all the good that was done in previous decades. Someone's house has to be put back in order and quite literally, it is not the government nor police, it's members of the black community that bear this responsibility.

> Robert W. Lobenstein **Marine Park**

#### Prez debates

To the editor,

Though I believe that it is way too soon, there naturally is much scuttlebutt and substantive talk about the presidential election (do we really need 19 months of this?) instead of conversation and effort toward solution of problems we are all facing today.

From my old days in the advertising-design game I learned all about "creation by committee," that is, by collaborative effort.

I have no clue who the ultimate Democratic Party candidate will be, and frankly. I have no clue whom I would like it to be; it's way too early in the game, and there are far too many significant issues that need to be described and resolved in theory or via stated platform by the potential candidates.

I am not in huge favor of a presumptive, coronation tour by possible candidate Hillary Clinton. It seems shortsighted and unproductive and rather boring; pretty much solely based on her resume and not on formative ideas on how to drive our country forward?

I would much rather see and hear Hillary Clinton debate the multitude of issues with other possible candidates, such as Joe Biden, Bernie Sanders, Martin O'Malley, Jim Webb, Al Gore, and Brian Schweitzer to name a few that I researched and may or may not be truly potential candidates, but who could easily make the conversations about the issues far more substantive and diverse in terms of rhetoric and honest ideas toward solution. I've seen a longer interview here or there with Hillary really speaking through her thoughts, her ideas and she's got what it takes when she does that, but she needs to be put in a position or place where she is forced to speak like a candidate, eliciting well-conceived points as she is well capable of doing.

I omitted Elizabeth Warren solely because she has made it clear very often that she is and will not be a candidate in 2016, but she must be part of the bigger conversations and searching for viable solutions that represent the needs of the 99 percent.

Education is key. No wonder the ruling class wants to make it more and more expensive to gain a healthy, open-minded education, and then others want to severely control what is being taught.

An effective argument and fight against the red party need to succeed in informing the voting public. To teach them the difference between facts and fabricated or purposeful lies, and to make them see, hear, and feel the reality of how they are voting against their greatest interests, when they vote based on bigotry instead of voting based on real issues, real facts and real solutions.

> **Barry Brothers** Homecrest

#### Trade schools

To the editor,

Enough talk about community colleges in our future. We need trade schools. They've gone the way of the wind, so it seems.

Community colleges are wonderful, for it leads students onto becoming teachers, librarians, and the ilk, but what about plumbers, electricians, and other tradespeople? We desperately need more of them.

> Joan Applepie Mill Basin

#### Heave-ho, Steve

To the editor.

It seems that the devilish bargain that we first heard mention of some months ago, orchestrated by Assemblyman Steven Cymbrowitz (D-Sheesphead Bay) with the Parks Department has come to fruition. His beloved Oceana supporters and donors get their bathroom moved, and the Boardwalk is condemned and sacrificed to the Parks Department's will, using funds provided by him.

Acting as a lapdog for the residents whose support he relies on while throwing the rest of us to the four winds will in the long run accrue to his detriment. It can only last for so long that a politician can act in such a calculatingly self-interested and dishonest manner before enough people get fed up and get organized to see that he is thrown out of office when the next election cycle comes around.

From the conversations I've heard recently, and those I've had with many of my friends and neighbors, the level of anger and displeasure being expressed indicates that time is quickly coming.

**Cindy Chalet Brighton Beach** 

To the editor,

I am deeply disappointed by the actions, or lack thereof, of local Assemblymen Alec Brook-Krasny and Steven Cymbrowitz. They ought to explain to the residents they represent why they have not offered any support toward Councilman Mark Treyger's effort to have the Boardwalk be granted landmark status, something it richly deserves and which would serve our community's interests in preserving a beloved local treasure. One would think that they would partner with him and write letters, make calls, and hold ioint press conferences that show a united community front to push for what the councilman has initiated. That hasn't happened and it is incumbent upon these two representatives to explain why they have not lifted a finger in this direction. Do they not think the Boardwalk is deserving of landmark status? Do they not care enough to assist in the ef-

Instead of positive actions, they have both maintained a monk-like silence on the issue. Silence may be golden in a monastery, but vigorous positive action is what is called for from our elected representatives! Worse, they have continued their funding for the Boardwalk's de-

Additionally, it seems they have secured a deal with the Parks Department whereby they sacrifice the Boardwalk so that some favored constituents get a bathroom moved.

These sorts of political tradeoffs, where the interests of our entire community are beholden to a select few, don't sit well and make it difficult to respect these politi-

Instead of destructive and negative actions like these, and silence and inaction where they might make a critical difference, we, their constituents, at a minimum deserve an explanation from them of their behavior as well as their selective inaction, both of which are hurting our community.

> William Burg **Coney Island**



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## The ABCs of math

it right back and you'll hear a tale, a tale of the mighty math, where parents and children struggle through the graph...

In those halcyon days of pre-school, kindergarten, first and second grades, I could still be the hero and help my daughter with basic addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. I looked like a math wizard to her as I easily deciphered long and short division, adding and multiplying three and four columns of numbers.

But this idol worship only lasted until third grade, when the new, new math was introduced, and I was left standing out in the polynomial cold. No longer was it simple addition, one plus one. Oh no, you needed to have a stem and leaf chart, pie charts, draggables and so on.

It is here that my quest to find the right tutor began. In third grade we hired a lovely girl who was in her last year of college studying to be an elementary school teacher. They got along very well and she was able to help my daughter through the swirling, murky waters of her first citywide exam. My daughter did well and I heaved a sigh of relief, but it was short-lived.

Fourth grade blew in and although everyone said that it was just a review of third grade, it was far more than that. Tutor number two was hired. She was able to lead my daughter through the maze of polyhedrons, the swamp of polygons, the deserts of symmetry, and the high mountains of fraction-decimal conversions and prealgebra equations.

As fifth grade approached, the math curveball grew into an avalanching snowball with no sign of melting. The school year ended, the citywides were over and middle school smacked us in the face.

On the first day of classes on that fateful September day, I didn't even open the textbook, let alone try to understand it. I resignedly went directly to calculus.



### **NOT FOR NUTHIN'**

Joanna DelBuono

the closet, opened up the telephone book and let my tired fingers do the walking. Right there under Tutors, number four was wait-

This time she had the task of explaining stretching machines, shrinking machines, and order of operations. Whew! What a mouthful. Euclid would be confused. If A equals B and B equals C, then C equals two aspirin and a strong cup of coffee to control one beaut of a migraine.

I think the powers that be need to revamp the questions to fit the minds of today's kids. "If you have a five dollar bill and put it in a stretching machine, can you then afford that highpriced, trendy boutique to buy that shirt?" "What do you do if you put that same five-dollar bill in a shrinking machine?" Well then, you need to go to K-Mart and buy that discount shirt because that's all vou can afford after all of your parent's cash is converted into tutoring bills so that you can understand what a stretching-shrinking machine is in the first place.

The three years of middle school are winding down and soon our daughter will graduate. As high school looms in the distance, we are nervously awaiting the results of all those high school entrance exams, as well as looking forward to finding that special someone who will be with her through the four years ahead - Math A & B, trigonometry, physics and

# My, what a homely place you Brooklynites have

Note: A Britisher's View made its debut on Dec. 22, 1988 with the column below.

eing British and living in Brooklyn is quite cocktail. Heady,

strong, and positively a taste in real experience.

Those of you born to these parts cannot comprehend the delights and difficulties of an outsider trying to live an ordinary life in your diverse and dynamic borough.

Waitressing part-time in a restaurant I was to discover with some embarrassment that my spoken word had distinct disadvantages.

"I'd like the zucchini, please," ordered a customer. Thinking it was an order for an aperitif, I inquired politely, "Would sir like it on the rocks?" Sir was mystified and said he would prefer it fried.



Shavana Abruzzo

The horror was all mine when I discovered that "zucchini" was the British veggie, "courgette." Then there was the bog-paper episode. Noticing that my room mate was out of toilet tissue I asked her if she had any "loo rolls," blissfully unaware of her unfamiliarity with the slang term.

"I think I may have one buried somewhere," answered my roomie to my bewilderment. Minutes later the apartment was filled with the dulcet tones of Lou Rawls belting out "My Lady Love!" Months later, still struggling with my language deficiencies, I respectfully acknowledged that a new friend's

apartment was "very homely." The chill of her gaze still plays havoc with my nerves. It had not occurred to me to precede my comment with the British definition of

"homely," which is cozy, comfortable, homelike. Upon discovering the word "homey," my luck bleakly rekindled, but putting my foot in my mouth, refuted back home, was fast becoming a way of life in Brooklyn.

Fortunately I nearly always found people to be good natured instead of insulted. That, I have learned, is the pulse of Brooklyn. The ability of its people to instinctively know the difference between sincerity and horse manure, an art form perfected by the powered to the pinhead. My husband, born and bred in Brooklyn, put it best: "If you're okay, we're okay." Now that's profound, in any English!

### It's a funny world, despite current affairs

s the great English essayist Charles Lamb once asid, "The good things in life are not to be had singly, but come to us with a mixture."

Here are some examples:

I understand that our presidential candidates flew hundreds of thousands of miles, zigzagging across the nation campaigning. I wonder if this entitles them to frequent-flier

No longer can I root for the Giants. Nor will I bother to cheer for the Jets. I am New York all the way. Once you cross over the bridge you no longer have my support. I now root for the last remaining football team in New York. Let's Go Buffalo!

Who says this was a lousy campaign? I think it was great. The candidates had more funny lines than "Saturday Night Live." Instead of writing political speeches, their writers would do better creating sitcoms for NBC.

Best Line of the week: First give credit for it, to the gumchewing Canarsie High School senior who works one of the check-out counters about her



# IT'S ONLY **OPINION**

Stanley P. Gershbein

date last night, while ringing up my order. "Not only was he goodlooking ... he had lots of class. After the movies, we went to Burger King and would you believe he didn't even use coupons?"

Ever hear of Lynn Samuels? She's a telephone talk show hostess on WABC, who lovesloves-loves Michael Dukakis ... so much so, that on Nov. 9, not

24 hours after Bush was elected, she was talking about impeachment proceedings against him. Please, Lynn. First let the man be inaugurated before you make a damn fool of yourself.

The brightest kid in town is in the kindergarten at PS 115 in Canarsie. He'll impress you with his knowledge of colors. He says he knows that yellow and blue make green, "cause when I go the bathroom and I make yellow in the blue water, it turns green."

There is a new program in town, whereby a drug addict can swap his used needles for new ones for free. This is a bit confusing. It is a fact that a bona fide diabetic, who is dependent on an insulin injection to stay alive, must visit a physician, obtain a written prescription, then visit a pharmacy and only by surrendering that piece of paper can he then buy his needles.

It's only my opinion, but I think that this is a case whereby once again the good guys get penalized, while the bad guys get a reward. I am Stangershbein@bellsouth.net saving that something's screwed up.

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# Can kids and adults play nice together?

f you have passed a public playground anywhere in New York City, you have seen this sign: "Playground rules prohibit adults except in the company of children."

That is right — no adults allowed, unless they are demonstrably there in their capacity as a caregiver. Apparently, any adult who simply wants to sit on a bench and watch kids at play could be a creep. Best to just ban them all. The idea that children and adults go naturally together has been replaced by distrust and disgust.

Maybe you recall that case in a Washington Heights playground a few years back when seven chess players were fined for — wait for it — playing chess.

The chess tables — concrete ones, placed there by the city — were deemed too close to the kids. So the men were

It didn't matter that they hadn't caused any trouble. In fact, the grizzled guys had taken it upon themselves to teach some of the local



# **WITH CRAZY**

Lenore Skenazy

kids how to play the Game of Kings.

The reality of the situation the men's kindness — didn't matter. All that mattered was the fantasies conjured up by "What if?" thinking: What if they turned out to be monsters?

By separating the generations this way, we are creating a new society, one that actively any time a parent lets her kids distrusts anyone who wants to help a kid other than his own. Compare this anxiety with what goes on in Japan. There, the youngest kids wear bright yellow hats when they go to school.

"Doesn't that put them in danger?" asked a friend I was telling about this. To her, a kid who calls attention to himself is a kid who could be attracting a predator. It is like she really thinks kids should play outside in camouflage.

But attracting adult attention is exactly what the yellow hats are supposed to do. In Japan, the assumption is that the easier it is to see children, the easier it is for grown-ups to look out for them.

Japan is coming from the idea that children are our collective responsibility. America sees children as private treasures under constant threat, so why trust anyone else around them?

Which brings me to the flip side of our obsession with do anything on their own, she is actually asking the rest of us grown-ups to "babysit" them, for free.

This topic came up last week when a story from Canada went viral: An 11 year old boy in an Alberta mall was detained by the staff of the Lego store because he was shopping there without a parent. It didn't matter that he had come there with his own money, intending to buy the Legos he loves so much. It didn't matter that he had shopped there many times before without incident. And it didn't matter that he was perfectly well behaved.

All that mattered was that this time, a store employee asked his age and when it was under 12 (the magical age when Lego allows consumers to fork over cash on their own) he was deemed an unbearable burden to the store. The manager had him detained him until his father picked him up.

This detention outraged stranger danger: The idea that many people, but a signifi-

cant contingent sided with the store, saying that the employees there shouldn't have to "babysit" the boy.

But that's the point! No one did have to babysit him. He was just a person in public, albeit a young one. He was fine.

If some problem had come up — say he poked himself in the eye with a Lego block well, then, yes, some adult may have had to come to his aid.

That is not babysitting! That is one human being helping another who happens to be under 12.

Most kids making their way to school, running an errand, or playing in the park are not going to need major league assistance from anyone, adult or otherwise. But if they do, I'd like to think most of us would give it ungrudgingly. Their parents have not foisted a huge burden on society by letting their kids be part of it.

Lenore Skenazy is a public speaker and founder of the book and blog Free-Range Kids.

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# Carmine was prolific, even as a 9-year-old!

Note: In honor of the Bay News 70th Anniversary, we give you the Big Screecher's first-ever column, written back when he was just a 9-year-old Li'l Screecher.

'm madder than that baby you just took candy from over the fact that no matter how I pout and cry and refuse to eat my dinner, my mother won't buy me the pony I so desperately need!

Look, you all know it's a long haul from my cold-water flat in Little Italy to my favorite candy store around the corner, and there is absolutely no reason why I should have to hike it all the way over there on my own two legs when I could be saving valuable calories and riding on my own black pony just like my idol Diego Vega, better known as Zorro, does in the motion pictures!

I've seen the talkie "The Mark of Zorro" with Tyrone Power about a hundred times, and not once in all those times has he ever decided to walk a



# **SCREECHER**

Carmine Santa Maria

long distance when he could instead ride on his trusty steed Tornado!

Now that's the life for me! In fact, if it were up to me, I wouldn't walk anywhere - esand humidity in this city could drive you batty, and I have to constantly look down not only for money, but to also make sure that I don't step in someone else's horse's manure!

Why is it that science can give us giant bombs to end wars, but it can't come up with a way to keep me from breaking a sweat every time a get a hankering for a glass of Moxie?

But every time I bring up the fact that I absolutely need a pony to get me from point a to point z, my pain-in-therear-end mother shoots down my plan like a kamikaze pilot!

"Butta da Carmine," she says to me in her broken English - as if she is from another country or something! "Where-a we gonna putta disa filthy beast?"

M being me, I've got all the answers! I told her there's a stable around the corner on Mott Street over by Grand. We could keep him there!

But she won't let me have pecially outside where the heat it, no matter how hard I pound my fists and feet on the floor!

"Carmine, thinking: why don't you play that old 'good cop, bad cop' game and get your dad to purchase the jackass for you, thereby working around your mom?"

The answer is simple: My dad doesn't speak English. Not even the broken kind!

That's right! I've never had a conversation with the man in my life. In fact, I don't think he knows my name!

He comes home from his job on the dock, looks at me up and down, and calls me "cretino!" - whatever that means!

Maybe my cheapskate mother will spring for one of those Italian-English, English-Italian dictionaries I keep hearing about on the radio so I can look these words up and have a better understanding of the conversations going on around me.

Speaking of which, I can't stand the fact that all these people either haven't taken the time to learn American

Now, I know what you're English or simply choose not to speak it in front of me to keep me out of the loop!

Just the other day, I walked in on a conversation between my mother and my three sisters, and they immediately went from perfectly understandable English to some gibberish they only speak on the other side of the Atlantic!

I guess that there are some things that they don't want me to know, but I am going to make it my life's mission to find out what everybody else is talking about, then let them know just how wrong they really are!

And if my mom continues to refuse to get me that pony I so richly deserve, I will do whatever it takes to ensure I will one day never have to walk someplace again! And one day, dear reader, I promise you that dream will come

I will one day have my own Tornado!

Screech at you next week!



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# Vinyl fantasy

### Film starring Bed-Stuy record store makes Brooklyn debut

By Noah Hurowitz

Talk about underground film!

A short film set in a subterranean Bedford-Stuyvesant record store will make its Brooklyn debut at this year's Art of Brooklyn Film Festival on May 16. "Lazurus" follows a teenager's experience hanging out in Israel's Record Shop. But the filmmaker said she was so inspired by the unique, literally underground shop that takes up a basement space on Fulton Street between Franklin Avenue and Claver Place, she decided to set her movie there before she even knew what it would be about.

"The first time I went to Israel's, I real-

ized I just had to shoot a movie in there," said Kate Cortesi. "Before there was a script or a lead, or money, there was a location.'

Cortesi said she found the shop which specializes in soul, funk, jazz, and disco albums — about a year after she moved to Bedford-Stuyvesant about six and a half years ago. The owner, Israel Ben Yahuda, often sat on the sidewalk along her morning commute, and Cortesi said she had a "nodding relationship" with him for a year before she ever realized that the nondescript sidewalk doors under a sign reading "Records" led to a store.

In the film, teen protagonist Lazarus also stumbles across the old-school vinyl emporium while trying to find a gift for his grandmother, and he too develops a friendship with the enigmatic owner.

Cortesi said she wanted to immortalize the shop while she still could, and also highlight the larger issue of a changing borough, where stores like Israel's are increasingly disappearing.

"A lot of us are worried that these special New York shops are dying, and I think we've tapped into a zeitgeist about everyone's panic about New York changing," she said.

Cortesi debuted the film at the New York City International Film Festival on the distant island of Manhattan last month, but this will be its first outing in Brooklyn. The Art of Brooklyn Film Festival, which specializes in flicks about Brooklyn made by Brooklynites, will screen it alongside a short filmed at the soon-to-shutter Trash Bar in Williamsburg.

"Lazarus" at the Art of Brooklyn Film Festival at Saint Francis College (180 Remsen St. between Clinton and Court streets in Brooklyn Heights, theartofbrooklyn.org.) May 16 at 5:30 pm. \$10, \$50 for festival pass.

# **ALMANAC OF AWESOME!**

#### Sloper writes guide to the most fascinating folks

By Trupti Rami

He is fascinated by the fasci-

A Park Slope writer and composer has penned an illustrated tome featuring who he considers to be some of the 50 most interesting people in the world. But the author of "Extraordinary People: A Semi-Comprehensive Guide to Some of the World's Most Fascinating Individuals" said "fascinating" doesn't always mean "famous" - just someone who has done something "above and beyond the norm."

"'Fascinating,' or more specifically, 'extraordinary,' to me, doesn't necessarily mean 'role model," said Michael Hearst, who will launch his book at PowerHouse Arena in Dumbo on May 16.

The book includes people responsible for scientific breakthroughs, inventions, humanitarian efforts, and acts of great daring. One of the 50 featured faces is Soviet space program mastermind Sergei Korolev, who was respon-

sible for Sputnik and sending cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin and the dog Laika into outer space. Hearst said Korley has never really gotten his full dues.

'Many consider Korlev to be the father of practical astronautics," said Hearst, who wrote the first draft in four months, mostly at Park Slope Library. "Of course, the reason we are just now hearing about him is because he was locked away in a Soviet gulag for

Other people in the book have more eccentric claims to fame. Jeanne De Clisson, a female pirate in the 1300s, trolled the English Channel hunting down and destroying French ships. Roy Sullivan, a forest ranger from Virginia, was struck by lightning seven times during his life. Heraclio Bernal, also known as the "thunderbolt of Sinaloa," was a real-life Robin Hood in Mexico - he stole from the rich and gave to the poor and is also the subject of many Mexican folk songs.

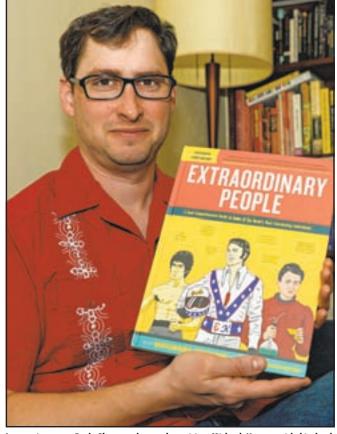
Hearst said he has met, talked to, or corresponded with several of the people featured in the book, including his all-time hero, professional skateboarder Rodney Mullen, who invented the flatground ollie skate move.

"I spent several hours on the phone with him talking about his role as 'godfather of street skating," said Hearst.

Hearst said he isn't just interested in fascinating people - he wrote "Extraordinary People" as a follow-up to his first publication, "Unusual Creatures," in which he highlighted unsung fauna, such as the axolotl, echidna, hagfish, and mimic octopus.

"I've always been captivated by things that are somewhat different from the norm, whether it's musical instruments, animals, or, in this case, humankind," he said.

For the PowerHouse launch, Hearst said he will give a presentation with photos and videos of some of the book's featured individuals, perform a musical set



Interesting guy: Park Slope author and musician Michael Hearst with his book "Extraordinary People." Photo by Elizabeth Graham

inspired by the book, and serve Toll House cookies, which were invented by Ruth Wakefield, who is also featured in the book. Hearst said he's still brainstorming other book-themed snacks.

"There will certainly need to be something peanut buttery, as invented by George Washington Carver," Hearst said. "Maybe some mushrooms threaded on leather string, as discovered on Otzi the Iceman. Mmm!"

Michael Hearst launches "Extraordinary People: A Semi-Comprehensive Guide to Some of the World's Most Fascinating Individuals" at PowerHouse Arena [37 Main St. between Water and Front streets in Dumbo, (718) 666-3049, www.powerhousearena.com]. May 16 at 2 pm. Free.

# Huge drum group throws big party

**By Danielle Furfaro** 

Talk about a birthday bash!

A massive all-female Afro-Brazilian drum group bass-ed in Brooklyn is celebrating its third birthday with a show at Littlefield in Gowanus on May 16. The band's co-founder said this will be the group's biggest shindig yet.

"We had a party last year and we wanted to make it even bigger this year," said Stacy Kovacs, musical director of Batala NYC.

And the band has plenty to celebrate. In its three years of existence, the group has opened for the Rolling Stones, graced the cover of female drummer magazine Tom Tom, and paraded through dozens of street festivals in New York City.

Batala NYC is just one of 31 Batala groups across the globe. Batala members all play one of four types of brightly colored drums, on which they bang out the movement's home in northeastern Brazil.

Kovacs and assistant director Laura Torell founded the New York arm in 2012 after visiting Brazil to learn how it all works, and bringing 35 drums home with

Only 18 people came to the group's first rehearsal in the basement of a Dumbo warehouse, but the band has since boomed to 86 members, with somewhere between 40 and 60 players joining in for most shows. The ensemble now has to rehearse in a school auditorium in Prospect Heights.

Kovacs said she wants to grow the brigade even larger and hopes to reach 150 drummers soon.

"In order to be bigger for each show, I have to saturate the amount of players we have," she said.

Batala NYC is open to all women, Kovacks said, and many of the current members had never samba-reggae arrangements from even picked up a drum stick from Batala, of course, as well as



Beat-down: The 86-piece, all-female drum group Batala NYC will celebrate its thrid birthday with a big bash.

before signing up.

"We teach through verbal repetition," said Kovacs. "So many women tell me they do not have rhythm, and I tell them they do not need it."

The birthday bash, dubbed "The Carnival Project," will include musical performances

psychedelic Brazilian '70s rock group As Lolas, Brazilian percussion project Grooversity, and a disc jockey. The party will also feature some circus elements, with Coney Island sword-swallower the Lady Aye imbibing some blades, and hula hoop expert Miss Saturn twirling all her parts. "We are not sure if the sword swal-\$10-\$12.

lower is going to perform while we are playing," said Kovacs. "The drums vibrate a lot, and it might not be safe."

The Carnival Project at Littlefield [622 Degraw St. between Fourth and Third Avenues, in Gowanus, (718) 855-3388, www. littlefieldnyc.com]. May 16 at 8 pm.







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# **SHIP SHAPES!**

### Shadow puppet show highlights female pirates

By Vanessa Ogle

XX marks the spot!

A crew of puppeteers will perform a show highlighting the most ferocious female pirates in history aboard the floating Waterfront Museum in Red Hook from May 16–31. The shadow puppet performance explores the reasons real women decided to give up their landlubbing existences for a life of piracy, according to the director.

"These women had choices and they chose this," said Gretchen Van Lente, who is also one of the actors in the show "Blood Red Roses: The Female Pirate Project." "Why in the world did they ever do this?"

There were at least 50 known

female pirates throughout history, according to Van Lente, but the show focuses on six of the most famous freebooters from the 1300s until 1869. The performance is divided into five scenes, each about 10 to 15 minutes long, about the marauders' lives in chronological order with segments on revenge, adventure and escape, justice, power, and survival.

The life of a pirate is often glamorized in movies such as the "Pirates of the Caribbean" series, but Van Lente said it wasn't all buried treasure and sea shanties.

"We have this romanticized idea of pirates — we have this Jack Sparrow-Orlando Bloom ideal around them," said Van Lente, adding that life on the boat is more miserable. "You can imagine being on a ship with 20 other guys — stinking it up, with scurvy."

But the troupe's buccaneering puppeteering doesn't focus on dissecting the lives of pirates. Instead, Van Lente said the show highlights the tough women who decided to set sail for a life of swashbuckling adventure.

"All of these woman had to have a steel constitution or they wouldn't survive," she said.

"Blood Red Roses: The Female Pirate Project" at the Waterfront Barge Museum (290 Conover St. near Reed Street in Red Hook, bloodredroses.brownpapertickets.com). May 16–17, 22–24, and 29–31 at 7:45 pm. \$20 (\$15 advance).

### Bay Ridge is for mothers!

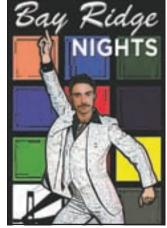
By Max Jaeger

It's time to honor that special woman in your life!

May 10 is Mother's Day, but don't fret if you have nothing planned — we saw that coming, and the Bay Ridge Nights Momma's Boy Bureau has you covered!

On Friday night, take mom to see the Narrows Community Theater's production of Adam Sandler's 1998 flick "The Wedding Singer" at Ft. Hamilton Army Post Theater (403 General Lee Ave. between MacArthur Road and Pershing Loop). She laughed obnoxiously loudly when she took you to see the original at the Alpine, and now mom can mortify you in front of your neighbors 17 years later. The show is at 8 pm, and tickets are \$20 for adults and \$15 for seniors. Regardless of her age, buy your mom the \$20 ticket - she will appreciate it.

On Saturday, grow a new tra-



dition and take materfamilias to pick some carnations at Narrows Botanical Garden (Shore Road Park between Bay Ridge Avenue and 71st Street). The 20-year-old neighborhood nursery is trimming back with its annual plant sale, and this is your chance to give ma something to dote over other than you!

Sunday is the big day, and we're going to defer to mom on this one—just do what she wants that day.

If you're a real momma's boy or girl, you can go for bonus points by taking your mom to the Regina Opera Company's free performance of five pieces from George Bizet's opera "Carmen" at **Our Lady of Perpetual Help** (5902 Sixth Ave. between 59th and 60th streets) at 8:30 pm. We're told the opera doesn't include any electric guitar or chase scenes, but don't complain — mom is the prima donna this week.

On Wednesday, finally do something for yourself and go tell Jorge Posada what you really think about the Yankees when the 17-season Bombers veteran signs copies of his memoir at **BookMark Shoppe** (8415 Third Ave. between 84th and 85th streets) at 7 pm. You earned a day for yourself.

Oh yeah, and would it kill you to call more?

## Home crowd

# Former Williamsburg singer goes back to her roots

By Phil Smrek

May dates, May dates! A country singersongwriter who got her start in '90s Brooklyn is going back to her beginnings. Acclaimed songstress Laura Cantrell is headed out to play shows all over the East Coast in May, but she will be back in the borough every Tuesday to play a show at Park Slope's Union Hall, where she said she hopes to channel the energy of those halcyon days.

"One of the reasons I wanted to return to Brooklyn for this residency was to recapture some of the spirit of fun from those early days before music was my job," she said.

Cantrell hails from Nashville, but moved to New York City in the late '80s for college, where she learned to play guitar and started working as a radio disc jockey. She moved to Williamsburg in 1991, where she said she honed her musical chops playing with the hoards of young performers who also moved to the city's new creative outpost at the time - not least of all John Linnell and John Flansburgh of They Might Be Giants, with whom she recorded in 1992 on the band's album "Apollo 18." In 1993, she began presenting her long-running country music show "Radio Thrift Shop" on New Jersey

Cantrell recorded her first demos at the legendary Coyote Studios on N. Sixth Street, between Wythe Avenue and Berry Street. She said it may be hard to believe now — the Coyote Studios space is now an Urban Oufitters — but Williamsburg was the perfect place for up-and-coming artists at that time.

radio station WFMU.

"It was a great time and place to develop as an artist," she said. "Williamsburg was like a blank canvas about to change back then. Nobody, except for maybe real estate developers, knew what it might become."

Since these humble beginnings, Cantrell, who moved to Queens in 2003, has released five studio albums and garnered plenty of critical praise. [702 Union and Sixth ave (718) 638–4 hallny.com].



Back in the borough: Singer-songwriter Laura Cantrell is playing a Tuesday night residency at Park Slope's Union Hall throughout May.

Photo by Phil Smrek

She found international success when legendary British Broadcasting Corporation disc jockey John Peel reportedly fell in love with her 2000 album, "Not the Tremblin' Kind," and brought her on his show to record several live "Peel Sessions" with him. She spent last year touring the U.S. and United Kingdom in support of her latest album "No Way There From Here." But back in the borough where she cut her teeth. Cantrell said she is excited to spread her wings.

"For these shows, I'm really looking forward to playing with some different lineups and visiting material from our first album to the most recent, and duetting with some of our great guests," said Cantrell, whose guests will include rock band the Human Hearts, featuring music writer and local music fixture Franklin Bruno, and the Michael Shelley Band, whose namesake member is also a longtime WFMU presenter. "The point of these shows is to be celebratory and fun, to stretch out over the four weeks and see how much fun we can have."

Laura Cantrell at Union Hall [702 Union St. between Fifth and Sixth avenues in Park Slope, (718) 638–4400, www.union-hallny.com]. May 12, 19 and 26 at 8 pm. \$10.



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Who's on first?: Barclays is pretty quiet right now because the Nets are out of the playoffs, but the Who will bring some life back to the arena on May 26.

Rick Diamond

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MUSIC, CONTEMPORARY COLOR: Featuring David Byrne, Nelly Furtado, How to Dress Well, Dev Hynes, Kelis, Nico Muhly and Ira Glass, St. Vincent, Tune-Yards, Lucius, and Money Mark and Adrock. \$30–\$85. 7:30 pm.

#### **SUN, JUNE 28**

MUSIC, CONTEMPORARY COLOR: See Saturday, June 27. \$25–\$85. 7:30 pm.

#### MON, JUNE 29

MUSIC, BETTE MIDLER: \$47.50-\$312.50. 7:30 pm.

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593–9776], www.jazz966.
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MUSIC, BAYOU 'N' BROOK-LYN FESTIVAL: Lineup includes Lustre Kings, C'est Bon Cajun Dance Band, Black Rock Zydeco, and more zydeco and Cajun music. \$20–\$30. 8:30 pm. Jalopy Theatre [315 Columbia St. between Hamilton Avenue and Woodhull Street in Red Hook, (718) 395–3214], www.jalopy.biz.

MUSIC, GERRY EASTMAN
JAZZ BAND AND OPEN
JAM SESSION: Part of the
Central Brooklyn Jazz Festival. Free with two-drink
minimum. 9 pm-2 am. Williamsburg Music Center
[367 Bedford Ave. at S.
Fifth Street in Williamsburg, (718) 384–1654],
www.wmcjazz.org.

WWW.WINCJAZZ.OFG.

MUSIC, ROYAL KHAOZ:
Free. 9 pm. BAM Cafe (30
Lafayette Ave. between
Ashland Place and St. Felix
Street in Fort Greene),
www.bam.org/programs/

bamcafe-live.

DANCE, "NIMBUS DANCE
WORKS — TEN YEARS":
Chamber orchestra Now
Ensemble lends live music
to Nimbus Dance Works'
10th anniversary celebration. Featuring the company premiere of "Strange
Fruit" as well as "Lynchtown" and its companion
piece "Thistown." \$25. 8
pm. Brooklyn Academy of
Music [30 Lafayette Ave.
between Ashland Place
and St. Felix Street in Fort
Greene, (718) 636–4100],
www.bam.org.

THEATER, "THE WEDDING SINGER": Narrows Community Theater presents its 2015 spring musical production of "The Wedding Singer." \$20. 8 pm. Fort Hamilton Army Base Theater [101st St at Fort Hamilton Parkway in Bay



# **EVENTS**



Sheepish grin: Get up close with some sheep at the Propect Park Zoo's annual Fleece Festival on May 16 and 17.

Photo by Elizabeth Graham

Ridge, (718) 482–3173], www.narrowscommunitytheater.com.

THEATER, "SUMMERTIME":

A site-specific dive into the reasons of love, the play watches lovers, family, and friends tempt and attempt long-lasting romance and question whether it's possible at all. \$18. 8 pm. Gowanus Loft (61 9th St. between Second Avenue and Smith Street in Gowanus), www.betweentwo-boroughs.com.

#### **OTHER**

TOYS, GAMES, AND PUZ-ZLES: Playtime for kids aged 0–5. Free. 10:30 am–11:30 am. Gerritsen Beach Public Library [2808 Gerritsen Ave. between Bartlett Place and Gotham Avenue in Gerritsen Beach, (718) 368–1435], www. brooklynpubliclibrary.org.

COMPUTER CLASS FOR SENIORS: Open to those of all levels. Free. 1–2 pm. JASA Luna Park Senior Center [2880 W. 12 St. between Neptune and Surf avenues in Coney Island, (718) 996–6666], www. jasa.org.

ART, "CHAIN REACTION"
OPENING RECEPTION:
Brooklyn College MFA
thesis exhibit, including painting, sculpture,
photography, digital
media, installation, and
performance. Free. 1–6
pm. Signal Gallery (260
Johnson Ave. between
Bushwick Place and
White Street in Bushwick), www.facebook.com/
events/767054446725776.

#### FAB FRIDAYS FOR KIDS:

Fulton Area Business hosts free afternoon kids' activities such as jump rope, sidewalk chalk drawing, checkers, FDNY safety training demonstrations, Brooklyn Public Library library card sign-up, hula hooping, and more. Free. 4–6 pm. Putnam Triangle Plaza (Fulton Street and Grand Avenue in Prospect Heights), www.faballiance. org.

### ART, "BORROWED LIGHT" OPENING RECEPTION:

A sculpture and sound installation by New York-based artist Sari Carel, "Borrowed Light" uses Sunset Park's local fauna to preserve the echo the architecture and vistas of the park and neighborhood. Free. 6–7 pm. Sunset Park Recreation Center (44th Street and Seventh Avenue in Sunset Park), www.nyc.gov/parks/art.

READING, THEBES: Poetry reading with Harry Cushing, Juliana Merz, and A.W. Strouse. Free. 7 pm-10 pm. Wayfarers (1109 Dekalb Ave. between Broadway and Malcolm X Boulevard in Bushwick), www.brooklynwayfarers.org.

#### SAT, MAY 9

#### **PERFORMANCE**

DANCE, "OFF THE SHELF (A BOOKSTORE PROJECT)": Choreographer David Appel premieres four approximately 15-minutelong sets, performed by dancers David Appel and Darla Stanley, with actor/ reader Eric Chase. Free. 3 pm, 3:30 pm, 4 pm, 4:30 pm. P.S. Bookshop [76 Street in Dumbo, 718–222– 3340], psbookshopnyc. com/off-the-shelf-a-bookstore-project. IUSIC. ZAKAFEST NYC:

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MUSIC, ZAKAFEST NYC: Featuring Louis Lesly Marcelin and Jean-Raymond Giglio. \$20. 7 pm–10 pm. Tonel [1236 Rogers Ave. at Newkirk Avenue in Flatbush, (718) 928–8252], www.zakafest.com.

MUSIC, 5J BARROW: Free. 9 pm. BAM Cafe (30 Lafayette Ave. between Ashland Place and St. Felix Street in Fort Greene), www.bam. org/programs/bamcafelive.

MUSIC, CHAIN AND THE GANG, TURN TO CRIME: \$10. 9 pm. Union Pool [484 Union Ave. at Meeker Avenue in Williamsburg, (718) 609–0484], www.unionpool.com.

#### SALES AND MARKETS

GRAND ARMY PLAZA
GREENMARKET: Free.
8 am-4 pm. Grand Army
Plaza (Union Street between Flatbush Avenue
and Prospect Park West in
Park Slope), www.grownyc.
org.

ARTISTS & FLEAS: New designers come in each weekend. Free admission. 10 am–7 pm. Artists & Fleas (70 N. Seventh St. between Kent and Wythe avenues in Williamsburg), www.artistsandfleas.com.

SHWICK MARKET OF MAK-ERS: Art, clothes, jewelry, food, and more. Free. 10 am–8 pm. Shwick Market of Makers (6 Charles Pl. at Myrtle Avenue in Bushwick), www.shwick.us.

NEW YORK BIKE JUMBLE: Shop for new and used bikes and bike accessories. Free. 1 pm. The Old Stone House [336 Third St. between Fourth and Fifth avenues in Park Slope, (718) 768–3195], theoldstonehouse.org.

#### **OTHER**

BONES OF AN OLD DUTCH
HOUSE TOUR: Examine
the white oak timbers of
Lefferts Historic House
and the many layers that
have been added, subtracted and changed over
the past 230 years. Reservations required. \$10.
Noon-1 pm. Lefferts Historic Homestead [452 Flatbush Ave. between Empire
Boulevard and Eastern
Parkway in Park Slope,



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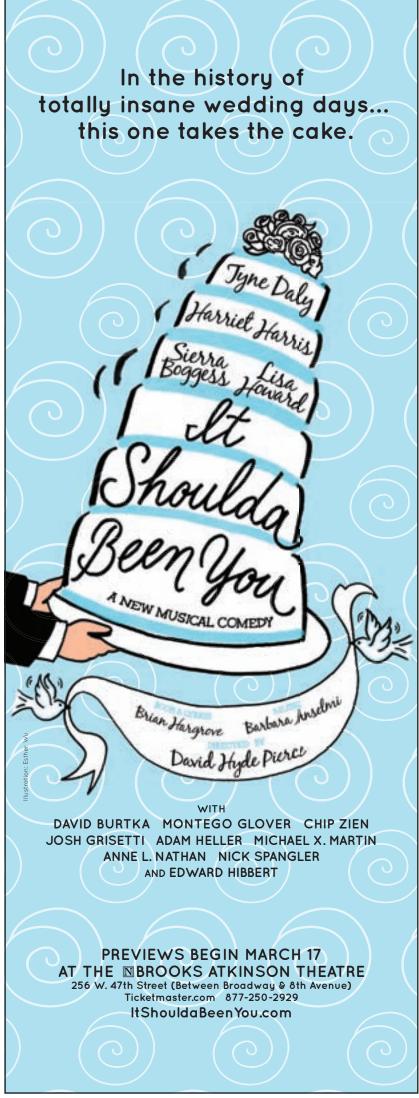


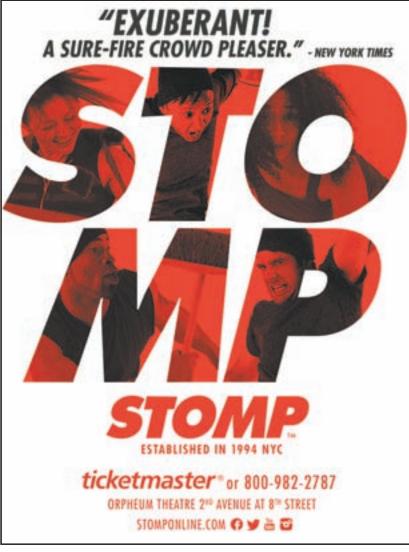
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THEATER, "JACK AND THE BEANSTALK": The classic fairytale comes to life with puppets in this musical performance based on old English folk melodies. \$9 (\$10 adults). 12:30 pm and 2:30 pm. Puppetworks [338 Sixth Ave. at Fourth Street in Park Slope, (718) 965-3391], www.puppetworks.org.

#### FILM, HAITI FILM FEST:

Screening "Black Dawn, "Port-au-Prince Mon Seul et Unique Amour," and "In the Eye of the Spiral." All screenings will be followed by discussions with filmmakers, actors, and scholars. Free. 1–6 pm. Central Library [10 Grand Army Plaza in Prospect Heights, (718) 230-2100], www. haiticulturalx.org

#### **NEEDLEWORK AND**

GAMES: Join in with staff and make a small sampler and play board games. \$3. 1-3 pm. Lefferts Historic Homestead [452 Flatbush Ave. between Empire Boulevard and Eastern Park-way in Park Slope, (718) 789–2822], www.prospectpark.org.

FLEECE FUN: See how wool was used on a Flatbush farm. Attendees can brush the wool with carding paddles, spin yarn using a drop spindle, and make a felt ball to take home. \$3. 2-4 pm. Lefferts Historic Homestead [452 Flatbush Ave. between Empire Boulevard and Eastern Parkway in Park Slope, (718) 789-2822], www.prospect-

park.org.
MOTHER'S DAY: Children celebrate their favorite mom with a special story and activity. Free. 2 pm. Barnes and Noble [267 Seventh Ave. at Sixth Street in Park Slope, (718) 832–9066], www.barnesandnoble.com.

READING, JACQUELINE SCHMIDT AND LAUREN THOMPSON: The Park Slope Food Coop's Reading Series presents story-telling, readings, and activities with two Brooklyn children's book authors. Free. 3–4 pm. Park Slope Food Co-op (287 Union St. between Sixth and Seventh avenues in Park Slope).

BARGEMUSIC: Walk across the planks for a family friendly concert. Free. 4 pm. Bargemusic [Fulton Ferry Landing, Old Ful-ton Street and Furman Street in DUMBO, (718) 624-2083], www.bargemu-

#### SUN, MAY 10

#### **OUTDOORS AND TOURS**

TALK, BROOKLYN LITER-ARY PUB CRAWL: Tour several Brooklyn Heights pubs closely connected to some of the literary greats. \$15-\$20. 1 pm. Henry Street Ale House [62 Henry St. between Cranberry and Orange streets in Brooklyn Heights, (212) 613-5796], www.literarypubcrawl.

#### **PERFORMANCE**

MUSIC, "TALE OF FIVE CIT-



# **EVENTS**

Ensemble performs. \$10-\$38. 2 pm. Brooklyn Museum [200 Eastern Pkwy. at Washington Avenue in Prospect Heights, (718) 638–5000], www.brooklynmuseum.org.

MUSIC, DARCY JAMES ARGUE AND SECRET SOCIETY: \$20 (\$16 in advance). 7:30 pm. Bell House [149 Seventh St. at Third Avenue in Gowanus, (718) 643–6510], www.thebellhouseny.com

#### **SALES AND MARKETS**

#### CARROLL GARDENS GREENMARKET:

Regionally-grown produce, cheese, and grass-fed beef. Free. 8 am-3 pm. (Carroll Street at Smith Street in Carroll Gardens), www.grownyc.org.

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#### **OTHER**

#### TALK, CHURCH OF MON-

IKA: Copernican Views: Artist Erin Gleason will host an experimental talk that will examine how we navigate conversations and spaces by shifting our reference point from one of light to one of darkness Bagels and coffee will be served. Free. 11 am. Open Source Gallery [306 17th St. at Sixth Avenue in South Slope, (315) 382-7398], www.opensourcegallery.org.

#### MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH:

Celebrate mom with a delicious brunch just for mom. \$60 (\$50 members; \$33 for children 4 and older). 11 am-1:30 pm. Brooklyn Museum [200 Eastern Pkwy. at Washington Avenue in Prospect Heights, (718) 638-5000], www.brooklynmuseum.org. ARTY FACTS: Children are

invited to imagine and create new worlds and explore the museum. Free with museum admission. 11 am. Brooklyn Museum [200 Eastern Pkwy. at Washington Avenue in Prospect Heights, (718) 638-5000], www.brooklynmuseum.org.

CRAFT ROOM: Kids get creative with a variety of Jewish themed crafts. Free with museum admission. Noon-5 pm. Jewish Children Museum [792 Eastern Parkway in Crown Heights, (718) 907-8833], www.jcm. museum.

#### WOMEN'S SOCIAL GROUP:

Social group forming for women in their 50s and 60s. No walk-ins, call and leave your number to reserve a spot. 2 pm. Perry's Restaurant [3482 Nostrand Ave. between Gravesend Neck Road and Avenue V in Sheepshead Bay, (718)

COMEDY, SUNDAY NIGHT'S MAIN EVENT: Monthly

comedy show hosted by Jennifer Salzman. Free. 8:30 pm. Freddy's Bar [627 Fifth Ave. between 17th and 18th streets in Greenwood Heights, (718) 768-0131], www.freddysbar.com.

#### COMEDY, COMEDY NIGHT AT THE FRONT BAR:

Weekly Sunday funnies with Hannibal Buress and friends. Free. 9 pm. Knitting Factory [361 Metropolitan Ave. at Havemeyer Street in Williams burg, (347) 529-6696], bk.knittingfactory.com.

#### MON, MAY 11

#### **PERFORMANCE**

MUSIC, BROOKLYN COL-LEGE CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC COMPOSERS CONCERTS: Free. 7 pm. Brooklyn College, Studio 312, Roosevelt Extension [2900 Bedford Ave. at Campus Road in Flatbush, (718) 951-5792], bcmusic.

#### THEATER, "BLOOD RED **ROSES** — THE FEMALE PIRATE PROJECT": A

shadow puppet show on the history of female pirates. \$15 at the door (\$20 in advance). 7:45 pm. Waterfront Museum Barge [290 Conover St. near Reed Street in Red Hook, (866) 811-4111], www.waterfrontmuseum.org.

#### **OTHER**

SENIOR CHAIR YOGA: For those 60 and older. Free. 11 am. Park Slope Senior Center (463A Seventh St. between Sixth and Seventh avenues in Park Slope), www.parkslopeseniorcenter.org.

#### READING, JESSICA HOP-

PER: Music writer and critic releases "The First Collection of Criticism by a Living Female Rock Critic," a collection of work from more than two decades in the front row. Free. 7 pm. Word Bookstore [126 Franklin St. between Milton and Noble streets in Greenpoint, (718) 383-0096], www.wordbrooklyn. com.

#### COMEDY, THE MEHRAN

SHOW: Iranian comedian Mehran Khaghani hosts a weekly comedy show, with celebrity and comedian guests joining him on stage. \$10 (\$8 in advance). 9 pm. Union Hall [702 Union St. at Fifth Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 638-4400], www.unionhallny.com.

#### TUES, MAY 12

#### **OTHER**

BREASTFEEDING SUPPORT GROUP: The Breastfeeding Support Group focuses on providing encouragement and information for mothers and their newborns, from birth to

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IES": St. Luke's Chamber



### Treat guests to delicious and healthy catering from Kathy's Dumplings

BY CAMILLE SPERRAZZA

People want to eat lighter and healthier, so serve something dif-ferent at your next party: dump-

Don't worry, you don't have to cook them. Kathy's Dumplings in Bay Ridge will do it for you, creating this fun finger food in a rainbow of colors — orange, purple, and green — all made from natural ingredients, says Nick Weng, the restaurant's chef and

The dumplings get their vibrant hues from fresh vegetable juice that Weng combines with flour to make wonton wrappers. He creates green dumplings by adding spinach juice to the mix. He makes purple with violet cabbage juice, and uses carrot juice to produce orange. It's all beautifully appealing, and good for you, too, a tasty way to energize yourself with powerful nutrients that come from these veggies. In fact, Weng, who was born in China, says cabbage juice has been consumed by Chinese people to restore health for years, getting them back on their feet again when they find themselves a bit

under the weather.

When your guests bite into these tasty dumplings, they'll find all natural ingredients — fillings like shrimp, zucchini, pork, peppers, and carrots.

"A lot of restaurants pre-make their food, but not us," says Weng. "Everything is fresh."







Owner Nick Weng serves up fresh dumplings. Lenny Zelfine and Jack Sklar enjoy dumplings and bubble tea. All dumplings are made fresh. Photos by Georgine Benvenuto

Weng and his partner, Kathy Ren — for whom the restaurant is named — are committed to providing Brooklynites with quality food that's all made by hand. These unique dumplings, and other intriguing small plates that are offered on the menu, are culled from the traditional fare of Northern China, where Ren worked in the restaurant business for 25 years.

They'll create other party bites for your big bash, too, whether it be an exotic luffa — a Chinese silk squash and shrimp dumpling—or perhaps some pork buns, all made

of handmade dough, and rolled so that there's a piece of meat in every bite. Weng says they welcome the opportunity to work with customers to plan a party with selections that can be original as they wish, or as simple as plain white dumplings and chicken or beef on a stick. Some of their refreshing salads, such as the violet cabbage with pears, make wonderful additions, no matter what is served.

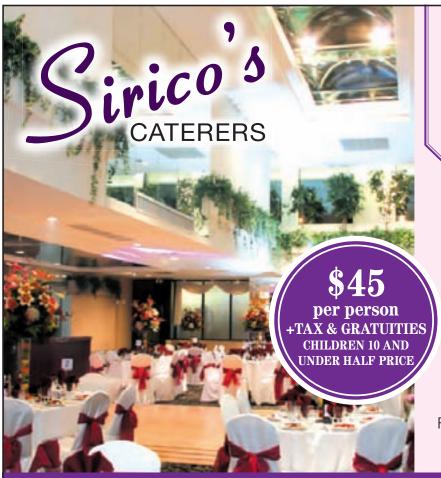
But don't wait for a special occasion. Come in and taste the variety of items at Kathy's any day. While the dumplings may get top billing, there's a lot more

on the menu, like beef that's stirfried with cumin and served on steamed buns. Try a reasonably priced combination plate like the vegetable scallion pancake wrap, cucumber salad, and bean curd soup. Weekly specials include summer rolls with white meat chicken, vegetables, and mint. What's fun, too, is experienc-

ing the flavored cold teas, served with thick straws so you can suck up the tapioca and pieces of jelly at the bottom of the cup. Kathy's is so generous with the jelly, it's like drinking dessert, the white, blue, yellow, red rounds and rectangles, taking up nearly a third of the glass. Flavors include peach, passion fruit, honey, and strawberry. Milk drinks are served the same way. For those looking to keep it simple, there's soda and bottled water, too.

The restaurant seats about 20 people, and offers takeout to Bay Ridge and Dyker Heights.

Kathy's Dumplings [7924 Third Ave. between 79th and 80th streets in Bay Ridge, (718) 833-7000, www. kathysdumplings.com]. Open Mondays through Thursdays, 10:30 am-9:30 pm; Fridays and Saturdays, 10:30 am-10 pm.



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ART, "BROOKLYN UNITED THE ARTISTS": An exhibition project on display for Immigration Heritage Week. Free. 4–8 pm. The Bridge MCP [1894 Flatbush Ave between Avenue L and Hubbard Place in Flatbush, (917) 497-0306], www.thebridgemcp.com.

READING, SYDNEY PADUA: Ortist presents her new graphic novel, "The Thrilling Adventures of Lovelace and Babbage," imagining an alternate timeline in which Ada Lovelace and Charles Babbage use their computer brilliance to fight crime. Free. 7 pm. Word Bookstore [126 Franklin St. between Milton and Noble streets in Greenpoint, (718) 383-0096], www.wordbrooklyn.com.

MOVIE TRIVIA: Six rounds. including famous movie quotes, not so famous movie quotes, and Nicolas Cage quotes. Free. 8:30 pm. Videology (308 Bedford Ave. at S. First Street in Williamsburg), www.videology.info.

#### WED, MAY 13

#### **PERFORMANCE**

MUSIC, GABRIEL GORDON, NOW VS. NOW, IAN MCF-ERON: 8 pm. The Living Room [134 Metropolitan Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11249, (718) 782-6600], www.livingroomny.com.

#### **OTHER**

THEATER, "HEARTBREAK": Ariell Stress's play focuses on a man that, after thirty ears of running a successful building company, finds himself on the brink of retirement. At their sprawling home in the Southwest, he and his wife Stell prepare for a gathering of his colleagues. 8 pm. The Bushwick Starr (207 Starr St. between Wyckoff and Irving avenues in Bushwick), www.thebushwicks-

RT, KNIT AND CROCHET **GROUP:** Learn how to crochet and knit with instructors or simply spend time with fellow makers. All experience levels and ages 10 and up welcome, and participants can come and go as they please. Free. 1–3 pm. Brooklyn Farmacy & Soda Fountain [513 Henry St. at Sackett Street in Carroll Gardens, (718) 522-6260], www. brooklynfarmacyandsodafountain.com.

tarr.org.

SENIOR BRAIN AND BODY **EXERCISE:** For those 60 and older. Free. 2 pm. Park Slope Senior Center (463A Seventh St. between Sixth and Seventh avenues in Park Slope), www.parkslopeseniorcenter.org.

**BALLROOM DANCE PRO-GRAM:** Free ballroom dance classes. Students learn merengue, foxtrot, tango, cha cha, and swing. 6 pm. IS 96 [99 Avenue P



between W. 11th and W. 12th streets in Sheepshead Bay, (718) 232-2266]

#### READING, DEBORAH LUTZ:

Victoriana scholar Debo-rah Lutz presents "The Bronte Cabinet: Three Lives in Nine Objects, which examines a series of artifacts from the Haworth parsonage where Charlotte, Emily, and Anne Bronte lived most of their lives and wrote their novels. Free. 7 pm. Word Bookstore [126 Franklin St. between Milton and Noble streets in Greenpoint, (718) 383-0096], www.wordbrooklyn.com.

COMEDY, THE BIG TERRIFIC **COMEDY SHOW: Standup** comedy, hosted by Max Silvestri. Free. 8 pm. Cameo Gallery [93 N. Sixth St. between Wythe Avenue and Berry Street in Williamsburg, (718) 302-1180], www.cameony.net.

#### THURS, MAY 14

#### **PERFORMANCE** THEATER, "DOUBLE FALSE-

HOOD": Letter of Marque Theater Company presents a workshop production of Lewis Theobald's 1727 romantic comedy, based off of original Shakespearean manuscripts. \$10, free with promo code. 8 pm. South Oxford Space [138 S. Oxford St. between Hanson Place and Atlantic Avenue in Fort Greene, (718) 246-2211], www.lomtheater.org.

#### **OTHER**

READING, BABIES AND

BOOKS: Books, songs and rhymes for babies 0–18 months. Free. 10:30–11:30 am. Gerritsen Beach Public Library [2808 Gerritsen Ave. between Bartlett Place and Gotham Avenue in Gerritsen Beach, (718) 368-1435], www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org.

SENIOR TAI-CHI: For those 60 and older. Free. 11 am. Park Slope Senior Center (463A Seventh St. between Sixth and Seventh avenues in Park Slope), www.parkslopeseniorcenter.org

KEN SIEGLEMAN'S POETRY **OUTREACH:** Anthony Vigorito hosts a night of poetry featuring guest poets each week. For teens and adults. Free 6:30 pm. Barnes and Noble [267 Seventh Ave. at Sixth Street in Park Slope, (718) 832-9066], www.barnesandnoble.com.

READING, NATHAN LAR-SON, STACY WAKEFIELD, MEGAN ABBOTT: Nathan Larson releases "The Immune System," the third installment of his Dewey Decimal crime-fiction series, along with fellow Akashic author Stacy Wakefield and her new novel, "The Sunshine Crust Baking Factory." Free. 7 pm. Word Bookstore [126 Franklin St. between

Milton and Noble streets in Greenpoint, (718) 383-0096], www.wordbrooklyn.

ARTHRITIS CLASSES: Arthritis classes for seniors will be held every Thursday in May from 10 to 11 am. This event is subject to change without notice. Before attending or for additional information please call. Free. 10-11 pm. Sunset Park Neighborhood Center [4520 Fourth Ave. at 45th Street in Sunset Park, (718) 210–1050].

#### FRI, MAY 15

#### **PERFORMANCE**

MUSIC, JOHN SAMSON: A lively performances for kids to sing, dance, and play musical instruments along to. Free. 10–11 am. Putnam Triangle Plaza (Ful-ton Street and Grand Avenue in Prospect Heights), www.faballiance.org.

#### MUSIC, "BEYOND AMERI-CAN PIE — THE DON MCLEAN SONGBOOK":

Performed by Stephen Hanks. Free. 7:30 pm. Union Temple of Brooklyn Social Hall [17 Eastern Pkwy., third floor, between Plaza Street East and Underhill Avenue in Prospect Heights, (718) 638-7600], www.uniontemple.org.

MUSIC, LOU DONALDSON QUARTET: Part of the Central Brooklyn Jazz Festival. \$20. 8–11 pm. Jazz 966 [966 Fulton St. between Saint James Place and Grand Avenue in Clinton Hill, (917) 593-9776], www. jazz966.com.

#### MUSIC, BROOKLYN CHAM-BER MUSIC SOCIETY:

The Brooklyn Chamber Music Society presents "Hindemith," an octet for violin, two violas, cello, bass, clarinet, bassoon, and horn: and Beethoven's 'Septet in E flat major' for violin, viola, cello, bass, clarinet, bassoon and horn. \$30. 8 pm. The Chapel of First Unitarian Church [116 Pierrepont St. at Monroe Place. in Brook lyn Heights, (718) 858-0718], www.brooklynchambermusicsociety.org.

#### **OTHER**

FOOD TRUCK RALLY: Sample cuisines from around the world. Free. 11 am–5 pm. Grand Army Plaza (Union Street between Flatbush Avenue and Prospect Park West in Park

Slope).
ART, "THANK YOU" OPEN-ING RECEPTION: Using plastics and refuse gathered from their neighborhood, artists Raul de Nieves and Erik Zajaceskowski create largescale immersive environment mapping multiple narratives and mythologies of creation, destruction, and consumption that are anchored in ritual, place. Continued on page 72

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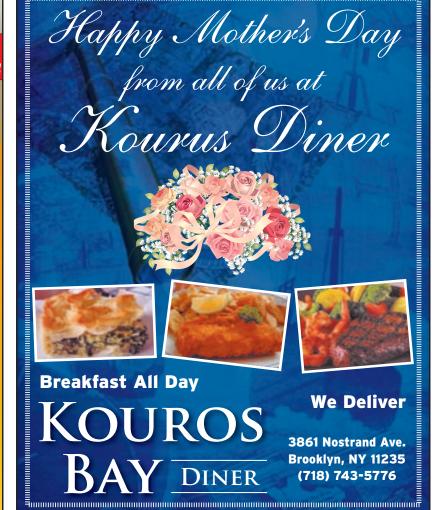


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and history. Free. 6–9 pm. Black and White Gallery (56 Bogart St. between Harrison Place and Garrison Street in Bushwick), www.blackandwhiteprojectspace.org.

#### ART, "PANCAKE FERRARI" OPENING RECEPTION: Alt Space's inaugural ex-

Alt Space's inaugural exhibition, featuring new paintings and a floor-to-ceiling installation of works from artist Brian Leo. Free. 7–9 pm. Alr Space (41 Montrose Ave. between Lorimer Street and Union Avenue in Bushwick), www. altcitizen.com.

THE PIRATE BALL: The Waterfront Museum hosts its second Pirate Ball, with foor, drink, music, and more. \$75. 6:30–10 pm. Waterfront Museum Barge [290 Conover St. near Reed Street in Red Hook, (718) 624–4719], www.waterfrontmuseum.org.

#### MUSICAL SHABBAT WITH

SKYPE: Welcome in Shabbat and Skype to a homebound member the service. Free. 6:30 pm. Bay Ridge Jewish Center [8025 Fourth Ave. between 80th and 81st streets in Bay Ridge, (718) 836–3103], www.brjc.org.

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#### **PERFORMANCE**

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Mother Gaston Blvd. between Dumont and Livonia
avenues in Brownsville,
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MUSIC, "CARMEN": Regina Opera Company presents Bizet's opera with an opera, sung in French with English super-titles. \$25 (\$20 seniors and students under 25, \$5 teens, free for kids). 3:00 PM. Our Lady of Perpetual Help School [5902 Sixth Ave. at 60th Street in Bay Ridge, (718) 259–2772], www.reginaopera.org.

MUSIC, "A LITTLE HELP FROM MY FRIENDS": Broadway performers and a live band celebrate the vocal talents of Paul Mc-Cartney, the Beach Boys, Michael Jackson, Little Richard, and other legendary tenors. \$35 (\$30 in advance). 8 pm. On Stage at Kingsborough [2001 Oriental Blvd. at Oxford Street in Manhattan Beach, (718) 368–5596], www.onstageatkingsborough.ISIC EDDIF PALMIERI'S

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places in Midwood, (718)
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MUSIC, NEMISS CHIYORK, ASA LOVECHILD BAND: Part of the Central Brooklyn Jazz Festival. \$10 with two-drink minimum. 9 pm-2 am. Williamsburg Music Center [367 Bedford Ave. at S. Fifth Street in Williamsburg, (718) 384– 1654], www.mcjazz.org.

MUSIC, GIFRANTS AND SEGWE: Free. 9 pm. BAM Cafe (30 Lafayette Ave. between Ashland Place and St. Felix Street in Fort Greene), www.bam.org/ programs/bamcafe-live.

#### **OTHER**

#### "SACRED SITES OPEN

HOUSE WEEKEND": First Unitarian Congregational Society opens its doors as part of the New York Landmarks Conservancy's fifth annual "Sacred Sites Open House Weekend," show-casing religious institutions and their art, architecture, and history. Free. 10 am-4

pm. First Unitarian Congregational Society (116 Pierrepont St. between Clinton St. and Monroe Pl. in Brooklyn Heights), www. nylandmarks.org.

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READING," BALLET CAT, THE TOTALLY SECRET SECRET": Plus an activity. Free. 2 pm. Barnes and Noble [267 Seventh Ave. at Sixth Street in Park Slope, (718) 832–9066], www. barnesandnoble.com.

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Sixth Ave. at St. Mark's
Avenue, (917) 588–2797],
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com/workshops/laughteryoga-workshop.

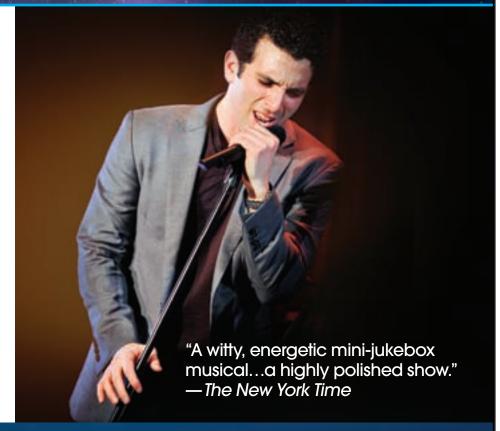
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The generous students, staff, alumni, parents, and grandparents at St. Edmund Prep rolled up their sleeves and donated more than 162



units of blood to help out the American Red Cross — and that was only for the Spring drive. Whew! Since 2013, more than 2,100 units were collected from St. Edmund. Now that's a Standing O if ever there was one.

The school was also the winner for the second year in a row - of the Bob's Discount Furniture High School Heroes Scholarship Program, which gives a grand prize of \$1,000 to worthy seniors. Stay tuned to Standing O for the names of the winners, who will be announced on June 5.

Bob's knows its heroes, and so does registered nurse Kathy DeMelllo who said, "I am so proud and grateful to everyone who donated." She added, "They are true heroes!"

Standing O totally agrees — these giving seniors get a heroes' Standing O too!

"What an amazing accomplishment," Kathy said. It certainly is.

St. Edmund Preparatory High School [2474 Ocean Ave. at Avenue T in Sheepshead Bay, (718) 743-6100J.

#### **EAST NEW YORK**

#### Welcome

Hooray! The folks living in East New York and Starrett City have reason to celebrate - Brookdale University Hospital and Medical Center has opened a brand-new state-of-theart Family Care Center.

The new location will provide highquality primary care and enhanced services, boasting more than 5,500 square feet of the most up-to-date, state-of-the-art services in internal medicine, OB/Gyn, podiatry, cardiology, and gastroenterology.

Mark Toney, chief operating officer and president of Brookdale said, "We are very pleased to be able to improve and expand care in this community and to offer services. We have a great physician and staff team and are looking forward to serving our existing and new patients."

If you need a doc, the center is open five days a week from 9 am and to 5 pm, and offers scheduled appointments and walk-ins. The center also has an



HIGH SCHOOL REUNION: Alumni and their children walked down memory lane through the halls of Edward R. Murrow High School during the 40th anniversary celebration held on April 25.

### Past meets present at Murrow

**MIDWOOD** 

"OMG! You haven't changed a bit — Is that really you?" Delighted squeals and giggles echoed around the halls as hundreds of alumni who are on the other side of 40 acted like teenagers again, gathered to celebrate the 40th anniversary of Edward R. Murrow High School on April 24.

The past graduates and their families reconnected with old friends, introduced children to children, and made new friends. They also toured the school, watched sporting activities, saw a special robotics presentation, and took in a planetarium show in the newly renovated space built using the same state-of-the-art systems used at the Museum of Natural History's Hayden Planetarium (in that borough across the river). The alumni were also treated to a preview performance of this year's spring musical The Addams Family."

Standing O BFF Donna, who graduated in Murrow's first graduating class, attended the celebration and told Standing O it was great to see old friends. "Everybody was there, it was fantastic," she said.

Fellow alum Councilman Mark Treyger (D-Coney Island) presented Ellen Goldman a citation for her more than 20 years of service as the principal's secretary. She is retiring this June after a long life of service to all three principals the high school has had.

Standing O offers congratulations to all the graduates, past and present, and toasts the school for its 40 years of educating the borough's

Edward R. Murrow High School [1600 Avenue L and E. 17th Street in Midwood, (718) 258-30501.

on-site retail pharmacy.

Family Care Center, (1110 Pennsylvania Ave., between Flatlands and Cozine avenues in East New York).

#### **MIDWOOD**

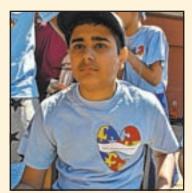
#### A jolly good Fellow!

Mazel tov to Ayalaon Eliach, an alum of Yeshiva of Flatbush Joel Braverman High School, and current rabbinical student at Hebrew College, for being chosen as a Fellow at Auschwitz for the Study of Professional Ethics. The rabbi-to-be will be participating in a two-week program this summer and will travel to Germany and Poland.

dents to be chosen for this program, which explores the history of the Holocaust and offers first-hand experience at Auschwitz.

"By educating students about the causes of the Holocaust and the power of their chosen professions, the program seeks to instill a sense of professional responsibility for the ethical and moral choices that the Fellows will make in their careers and in their professional relationships," explained C. David Goldman, founder of the

Over the course of 12 days, our Standing O Fellow Avalaon will participate in seminars run by leading Our pal Ayalaon is one of 12 stu- scholars and attend lectures with a



**DOWNTOWN** 

#### **Have a HeartShare**

Getting fit was never so much fun! Harbor Fitness held its eighth annual Race for Autism on April 26, raising a whole lot of funds and awareness for the disorder. The proceeds benefited HeartShare's education programs and helps support more than 700 children in Heart-Share's preschool classes. Bill Guarinello, the president and chief operating officer explained, "HeartShare continues to respond to the needs of the community and to the increasing numbers of children - now one in 68, some say one in 50 - diagnosed with autism, by providing quality education and therapies.'

Runners Jose Davila, David Mendelsohn, and Antonio Tizapa placed one, two and three, respectively, finishing the 5K run in approximately 18 minutes, and Jennifer Stephens, who finished the race in approximately 21 minutes, placed first in the women's category. Her six year old son has participated in HeartShare's One World After-School Program at PS 102 for the past two years.

State Senator Marty Golden (R-Bay Ridge) was on hand with Bill, Sharon Toledo, school director of HeartShar; Mary Jean Patella, former HeartShare veep for Human Resources; Carol Verdi, veep for Education Services; and board member Barbara Slattery, to cheer on the

Children from the program, including 12 year old Tallal, were among the participants in the day's event that included Zumba and a Pee Wee run for children, plus a Feats of Strength competition.

HeartShare Human Services of New York [12 MetroTech Center at Myrtle Avenue in Downtown, (718) 422-4200].

range of guest speakers. He shared his excitement with Standing O and said, "I want to do everything in my power to make sure that I never stand idly by while others suffer gravely."

Standing O wishes Ayalaon and the other Fellows a safe journey!

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I've been saying, we are going to the championship.'

 Brooklyn Tech coach Anthony Cicolini on his team's ambitions to the year 'He's a shutdown guy.'

> Poly Prep shortstop Anthony Prato on Blue Devils ace Nick Storz

# Storz's lucky 13

### Baker's dozen of strikeouts propels Poly Prep past George Washington

#### BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Nick Storz backed himself into a dangerous corner before striking out arguably the city's best hitter to give Poly Prep a signature win.

The Blue Devils ace walked the bases loaded with two outs in the top of the seventh inning with his team holding a three-run lead. It brought George Washington star Wesley Rodriguez to the plate as the potential go-ahead run.

Storz's first pitch sailed well high, but he regained his composure to come back and strikeout Rodriguez — who is projected as an early round pick in the Major League Baseball First-Year Player draft — for the third time in the game, this time with a fastball on the outside corner.

Storz's 13th strikeout of the day sealed Poly's 5–2 victory over George Washington last Saturday afternoon in Bay Ridge.

"I just needed to get him out," Storz said. "Hit my spots and try to fool him as best I can"

Rodriguez went zero-forfour against him. Storz allowed just three hits and walked five. George Washington (20–4) scored only two fourth-inning runs, including a homer by shortstop Jose De La Cruz.

Storz was throwing in the high 80s consistently and had his slider and change-up working most of the game. His teammates have complete confidence in him when he is on the mound. It brought back memories of the Blue Devils' former ace.

"It kind of reminded me of the freshman year of Andrew Zapata," said Poly shortstop Anthony Prato. "Anytime we need a win, just go to Nick. He's a shutdown guy."



DOUBLE TROUBLE: (Above) Poly Pitcher Nick Storz unwinds a twoseam fastball against George Washington on May 1. (Right) Isaiah Russell connects for a base hit. Photos by Steven Schnibbe

Prato provided Storz with his biggest help defensively, saving a run with Poly ahead 4–2 in the fifth. He stayed in front of a hard ground ball off the bat of Rodriguez. Prato gathered himself quickly and got Rodriguez out at first to end the inning and keep the runner at third from scoring.

"That thing was smoked at me," Prato said. "It hit my glove, it bounced up. I don't even know if I caught it with my hand or not. I just flung it out to him."

While Poly (13–2) made the defensive play, it got its runs by taking advantage of George Washington miscues. Travis Zurita delivered a three-run, inside-the-park home run when his hard-hit ball got un-



der the glove of a charging left fielder in the second inning.

The Blue Devils, who has just four hits, added another run to make it 4–0 when Prato doubled and then came home when then the ball was again misplayed in left. Poly's final run came on a bases-loaded walk to Storz in the fifth to make it 5–2. The Blue Devils have won five straight since losing to Dalton, including beating St. Joseph by the Sea on Sunday.

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**LEADING THE CHARGE:** Brooklyn Tech's Monica Garlinska makes her way down the field during the game against Midwood on May 1.

Photo by Steve Solomonson

# Brooklyn Tech aims to engineer city-title run

#### BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Brooklyn Tech's expectations have risen as quickly as its win total.

The Engineers girls' lacrosse team entered its first season playing against the Public School Athletic League's top competition just hoping to make the playoffs. It was coming off winning a Class B city title, but took nothing for granted after losing 13 seniors.

"We did not think we were going to be good at all," said senior midfielder Monica Garlinska.

Taking down league power Curtis in an early season scrimmage proved to Brooklyn Tech it was capable of more. Remaining undefeated and going on the road to beat Brooklyn rival Midwood for the second time this season by 9–7 on May 1 has the Engineers thinking about a city title as the regular season draws to a close.

"Once we saw we could really compete against the other strong teams, we knew this would be a good year," said sophomore midfielder Breanna Flynn.

She watched this team continue its trend as a second-half club. Flynn scored one of her four goals with five seconds to go before the half to give her team a 4–3 lead. Midwood (7–7) tied the score when Monica Riskevich (four goals) scored off the opening faceoff of the second half.

Brooklyn Tech (14–0) took control from there by tallying three goals in the first 5:00 of the period. Flynn capped the spurt with a goal off a feed

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# Going to bat vs. autism

### Local softball teams play fund-raising event

#### BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Frank Marinello wanted to do more than just raise money for autism research - he wanted to help his nephew.

The Fontbonne Halls of tball coach's 15-year-old nephew Joseph Gavinelli has autism, and that inspired Marinello to organize an event to raise money for a group that advocates for families dealing with the condition.

He also wanted to raise awareness among his young athletes, who may not always appreciate how lucky they are to be able to play the game they love.

"It's a reality check for these young ladies who have the ability to get on the field and not have to worry about something that is going to impede them from playing in the game," Marinello said.

He got 17 of the best softball programs from New York City and Long Island to come together to play for the cause at McGuire Fields in Bergen Beach last Sunday for the first of what he hopes will become an annual event.

Gavinelli and his family were there helping out, along with a staff of volunteers, and the event raised more than \$8,000 for Autism Speaks, an advocacy group. Autism is a neurological disorder that affects the development of communication and social skills. Marinello also organized breast-cancer-awareness event in September.

Once word of the autism event spread. Marinello said many of the schools quickly reached out to him and asked if they could be involved.

"Every school really, really wrapped their arms around it," Marinello said.

"It makes us feel better that we can play for them," said Fontbonne ace Bianca Marletta, who has a 22-yearold cousin with autism. "Even though they can't, we know we are playing for them. We like



PLAYING FOR A CAUSE: (Above) The St. Edmund softball team was one of several city and Long Island teams that joined forces for the May 3 game. (Right) Fontbonne softball player Emily Manti played to bring awareness to autism and raise money for research.

Photos by Steve Solomonson

doing a great thing for them."

Teams were required to do more than play two softball games. They each made a \$200 donation, brought two baskets filled with donated items to be raffled off, and two trays of baked goods to be sold. The goodies included chocolate covered Oreos decorated as softballs and lollipops in the shape of puzzle pieces, which is the symbol for Autism Speaks. There was even a clown on hand painting faces and making balloon animals.

Many squads, including Fontbonne, Telecommunications and St. Edmund made up special T-shirts for the day. Some included the names of people with autism. Fontbonne also sold the T-shirts at the school for a dress down day. St. Edmund's senior Nina DiCioccio, whose 16-year-old brother Alfonso has autism, appreciated the efforts of all involved.



"It's really touching, the fact that all these people take time out of their life to do this," DiCioccio said. "It is really amazing."

The day was supposed to happen back on March 28, but bad weather forced a postponement. The gorgeous weather over the weekend had many of the coaches hoping the event stays in May. It gives the teams a chance to play different competition with the playoffs quickly approaching.

"It worked out good," Marinello said. "March 28 would have been a little bit rough. It looks like the good Lord made it a special day."

### **POLY PREP**

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"In a game with two good teams, that one mistake makes the difference a lot of times," said Poly Prep coach Matt Roventini.

The game lived up to all the hype despite Rodriguez not opposing Storz on the mound. Roventini said he likes playing the best, but didn't miss his lineup having to face Rodriguez's 97-mileper-hour fastball. Storz overpowered him twice before said. "I tip my hat to Nick."

freezing him on the game's final pitch.

"As much as I didn't want that match-up by the end for the game, if you want to write the story, it was a heck of story getting that match-up at the end of the game," Roventini

### Midwood supporting Antoine with heart to be proud of

debilitating stroke has kept Erica Antoine from playing a single game during her senior girl's lacrosse season at Midwood, but she is present at every one.

The Hornets play with her in their hearts as Antoine continues a long rehabilitation process. The defender was ever-present in Midwood's 9-7 Senior Day loss to Brooklyn Tech on May 1. At halftime all the seniors individually ran through a tunnel made with the underclassmen's raised sticks. When it was over, the players spread out wider and Antoine ran through the middle of the field with the group shouting "Ericka!"

Brooklyn Tech did a cheer in her honor after the contest. On the other end of the field, the Midwood players fought back tears and filed in along the 15-yard line. They went to one knee, raised their sticks and chanted "Go Ericka! Go Ericka!"

"There is purpose for the efforts this season," Midwood coach Michael Giordano said. "It puts a lot of things in perspective. They spend a lot of time supporting her at the hospital and at the rehab center."

The news of her stroke around Valentine's Day hit the team hard. She was kept in a medically induced coma for a week, and was nonresponsive for a month, according to Giordano. The most she could do was move a finger before opening her eyes halfway after the Easter Break. Antoine's first words came the second week of April.

"She's got a long, long journey ahead of her," Giordano said. "We don't know what the end result will be."

Antoine is special player in Giordano's eyes. Her energywas contagious and her enthusiasm for the game spread to all her teammates.

"Ericka made everyone feel like you were her best friend," Giordano said. "There aren't too many people who can make you feel like that. She makes you feel like you are really, re-



### **JOE KNOWS**

by Joe Staszewski

ally important to her."

Antoine was also the epitome of what lacrosse is supposed to provide kids. It's an athletic outlet that can be learned very quickly with dedication, even if the student doesn't play another sport or never picked up a stick before.

Antoine only began playing lacrosse the summer of her junior year and quickly excelled because she practiced up to five days a week.

"She's the glue for team camaraderie," Giordano said. "She's the fire-starter at practice. She's the one girl who brings the game intensity to everything she does."

She played defense last vear, but was expected to move to midfield and be one of the Hornets' top goal scorers this season. Midwood is 7–7 this season.

"She would have been that midfielder we need to free up other players," Giordano said.

Her teammates are doing whatever they can to help Antoine now. They honored her at the team's first home game, a win over James Madison, back in March, and sold some T-shirts. Midwood is hoping to start a GoFundMe account to help the family pay the medical bills. Antoine may not be with her team on the field, but she is always with them in their hearts.

"Just one of those people you run into in life," Giordano said.

# **SOUTH SHORE SHORT CHANGED**

### Vikings penalized for playing in Dick's Nationals tourney, kept in dark by PSAL

#### BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

South Shore's athletic programs could be shut out of interstate competition next year as punishment for the Vikings' participation in the Dick's High School Nationals Tournament — and school officials say the league didn't warn them about those consequences before the event.

The New York State Public High School Athletic Association, the state's sanctioning body, will not sanction the Vikings' athletic programs for interstate play in the 2015-16 season, according to its executive director Robert Zayas, after the South Shore girls' basketball team played in the unsanctioned Dick's Nationals that was broadcast live on ESPN in early April.

"In fairness to other states throughout the country, they are asking me, 'Do these schools abide by all the rules and regulations of your state?"" Zayas said. "By participating in a national event. I can't in good faith say that they do for a period of one year."

The ruling means South Shore is cleared to play schools from New York State, but teams from outside the Empire State would have to think twice before facing the Vikings, because those squads could be subject to punishment by their states' governing bodies.

"That's up to all the other states," Zayas said.

Bronx-based Wings Academy was slapped with the same punishment over its boys' hoops squad's participation in the Dick's tournament.

According to the association's website, interstate competition is when teams, or individuals representing their schools, travel across state lines to participate in competitive sports events, including but not limited to such events as "shoot-outs," "showcases," and "round-robin tourna-

The ruling could hinder the South Shore's girls' and boys' hoops teams' ability to travel out of state for events that showcase the kids in front of college coaches in hopes of gaining scholarship

It will also keep its track and field athletes from competing for South Shore in sanctioned national high school meets, according to a source with knowledge of the sports' rules. That includes the Penn Relays, big indoor meets at the Armory such as the Hispanic Games and Marine Corps Holiday Classic, and the indoor and outdoor national championship meets.

According to Zayas, he hand-delivered a letter outlining the punishment to Public School Athletic League Executive Director Donald Douglas on March 28 — a week before the Dick's event — during a long talk in the bleachers of the University of Albany's SEFCU Arena at the state Federation basketball tournament.

The letter stated that the state association would not provide the schools' athletic programs with interstate sanctioning for the coming season if their teams took the floor for the event, according to the minutes of the organi-



SPECIAL DELIVERY: New York State Public High School Athletic Association executive director Robert Zayas, at right, said he hand-delivered a letter of concern about South Shore's participation in the Dick's Nationals to Public School Athletic League executive director Donald Douglas during this chat in the stands during the state Federation tournament in Albany on March 28. Photo by Ken Maldonado

zation's May 1 executive board meeting. The letter also said it would notify the State Education Department of the violation of the Commissioner's Regulations.

But the PSAL continued to tell its teams to play — and didn't even tell the schools about the promised conse-

South Shore Athletic Director Pat Trani said he was unaware of potential consequences or the New York State Public High School Athletic Association's ruling until being contacted by this paper.

"I work through the PSAL," Trani said. "I trust them to use their best judgment for the league and my school and honestly no one has ever communicated with me."

He said he was disappointed in the league's lack of communication. Trani appreciated the experience the girls got at the Dick's Nationals, but said had he known what it would have cost the rest of his programs, he would have pulled the team from the event, unless told otherwise by the PSAL.

"I was under the impression this was taken care of, everything was good, "Trani said. "Now we are the black sheep."

Wings Academy was likewise kept in the dark by the PSAL, according to athletic director Michael Salvatore.

League officials refer all questions to the city Department of Education, which refused to address the withholding of the state association's

"Playing in this tournament was a wonderful opportunity for our student athletes,' said department spokesman Jason Fink.

There could be more consequences in store for South Shore, as well. Zayas said his organization has not officially filed a complaint to the state Education Department, but when it does, the department could decide to take further action. Department spokesman Tom Dunn has not returned requests for comment.

The state Federation executive board meets on May 13. The Catholic High School Athletic Association's Federation board member Tom Murray said in March that the issue of the Dick's event will likely be brought up again there.

When Boys & Girls and Murry Bergtraum took part in the similar ESPN Rise tournament in 2010, it was also deemed a violation. The CHSAA threatened to have its teams boycott PSAL squads and the other two Federation members considered similar bans, but none of them followed through after a conference call with Douglas. The hope then was that this issue would not come up again.

Both South Shore and Wings played well in their opening-round games of the Dick's tournament before falling to teams ranked in the top three in the nation by USA To-



HOT PURSUIT: Breannna Flynn cradles the ball with Midwood's Feyisola Soetan on her heels.

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from Anna Kwong to give her team

'After halftime we really adjust our game plan and we look to dominate the second half," said Garlinska, who scored twice.

Flynn scored two more times, including on a slick move that saw her split two defenders on her way to the net for a goal that made it 9-5 in favor of Brooklyn Tech in the final minutes. Her emergence had helped Brooklyn Tech weather the loss of its seniors from Photo by Steve Solomonson a year ago, according to Engineers

coach Anthony Cicolini.

The Hornets, on the other hand, struggled to get into an offensive flow. Midwood, which got two goals from Feyisola Soetan, hit a pipe twice and saw Brooklyn Tech take away some of its cutting lanes in the second half. Midwood scored twice in the game's final minute.

"They play a little more of a zone defense," said Hornets coach Michael Giordano. "Our girls not recognizing it or being used to it, it takes a little time to break into it."

He also had to watch Brooklyn Tech goalie Alexa Euceda makes eight saves. Two came back-to-back late in the first half and she stopped a key shot by Dajana Reci on a re-

start with the Engineers up just a goal with 17:00 to play.

"I believe she was the MVP," Cicolini said. "That game could have been turned around real quick."

The victory keeps Brooklyn Tech rolling and it doesn't plan on stopping until it earns a chance to play for a city title at the highest classification. It wasn't an achievement the Engineers thought was possible when the year started, but a lot has changed since then.

"After that first couple weeks, we realized, 'I think we can handle some really good teams," Cicolini said. "For the last month I've been saying, 'We are going to the championship.' That's our goal."

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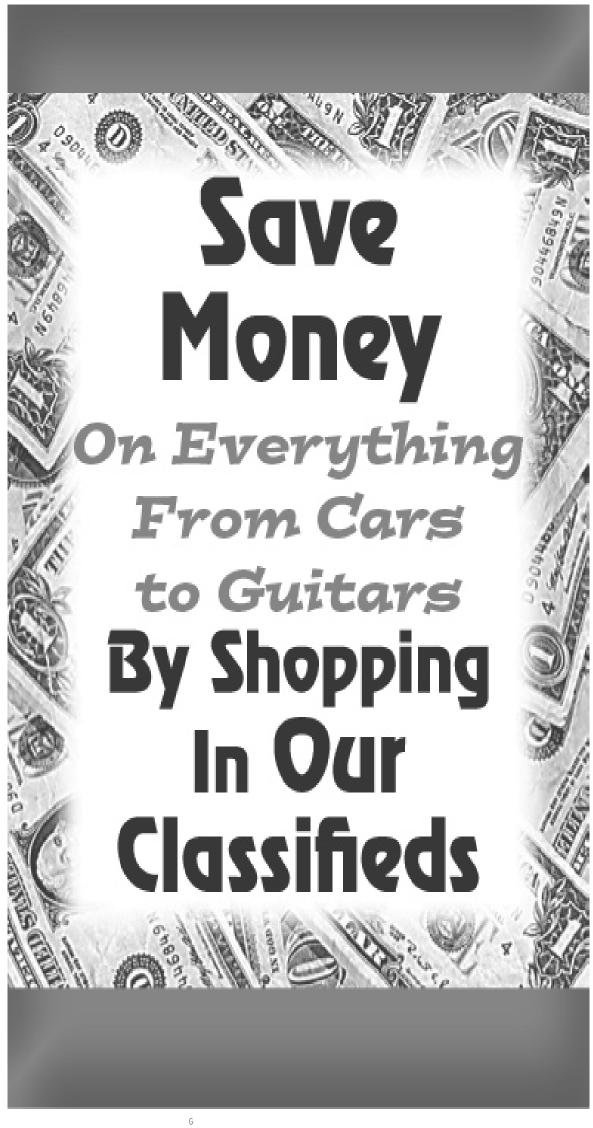
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