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SCHOOL BUST

City wants
to put school
across from
bus depot

BY CAROLINE SPIVACK

Parents want to knock the city "to the moon" over this school proposal.

The School Construction Authority aims to build an elementary school across the street from the Jackie Gleason Bus Depot in Sunset Park, said officials at a June 20 hearing at Community Board 7. But the transit hub clogs the area with traffic, is a magnet for accidents, and has spewed fumes that already sickened students in another nearby public school — so it's no place to erect a school, no matter how dire the need for seats, say locals.

"Yes, I understand you need space, but do you build your school on the Love Canal when you have children who are developing?" said Elizabeth Shelton, who lives on 36th Street between Fourth and Fifth avenues. "There should be thought to safety."

Officials plan to raze a two-story building where the Victory Outreach Brooklyn church operates and erect a 404-seat K-5th-grade school to help chip away at the more than 2,600-seat deficit in the borough's School District 15.

But the site is directly across from one of the borough's largest bus depots, with more than 300 buses zip-
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Photo by Steve Schilb

PRESERVED: The city plans to restore parts of the landmarked 68th Precinct Station House when it builds a new grade school.

STAY-TION

Landmarked cop house
to become a school

BY CAROLINE SPIVACK

The city will not raze Sunset Park's landmarked old 68th Precinct Station House on Fourth Avenue to make way for a grade school. Instead, the state has approved plans to preserve half of the building's facade and gut the rest to accommodate the school.

School Construction Authority reps raised the controversial possibility of knocking over the crumbling landmark to erect a 300-seat school last summer, but couldn't move forward with plans until the State Historic Preservation Office okayed the project. Officials rehashed the design and settled on a compromise that saves most of the facade but sacrifices the horse stable, much to the locals' rejoicing.

"At least to me, the stable is the least interesting part of the facade," said Jeremy Laufer, district manager of Community Board 7. "If we are able to preserve the rest of it and at the same time gain a modern school — I think that
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Launching 'Lunchbox'

The Bay Ridge second-graders who named one of the city-wide ferries "Lunchbox" took a voyage on their boat on June 21. For more, **see page 2.**

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LUNCH ON THE BAY

Bay Ridge students ride ferry they named 'Lunchbox'

BY CAROLINE SPIVACK

Second-graders from two Bay Ridge elementary schools set sail on June 21 on one of the city-wide ferries they named.

Students from PS 170 and PS 102 cruised from the American Veterans Memorial Pier in Bay Ridge on "Lunchbox," soaking in majestic views of the city skyline to celebrate dreaming up monikers for four of the city's 13 commuter vessels. It was a life-changing voyage for some of the tykes, said an educator.

"We have new immigrant children who have never had the experience of being on a boat or seeing Manhattan from this angle," said Tony Wu, who is the principal of PS 170 and joined his students for the trip. "They loved it. It's wonderful to see them learning in the classroom, but it's so different to see them on a boat. I'm so proud. This is one of the best moments in my career."

Pint-sized sailors from PS 170 named a trio of boats that now ply the city's waterways daily, including "Lunchbox," "The Friendship Express," and "McShiny." Students at PS 102 christened a fourth boat "The Owl's Head," after the nearby park.

Schools within half a mile of the new ferry landings — which in Brooklyn include Downtown, Red Hook, Sunset Park, and Bay Ridge — were invited to participate in the naming contest to showcase their respective naves, and for a dash of the flare that can only be achieved through the creativity of kids, according to an Economic Development spokeswoman.

Kids from neighboring PS 971 in Sunset Park also christened a ferry the "Sunset Crossing" — but for some reason the city did not go with one of their other submissions: the "Fuhgettaboutit Ferry."

After cruising along



SIGHTSEEING: (Clockwise from left) Students from PS 170 and PS 102 sailed the harbor to soak up views of the skyline and the Statue of Liberty aboard "Lunchbox," the boat they named. The kids each got a special souvenir — an actual lunchbox featuring a picture of the eponymous ferry on the lid.

Kreg Holt

Brooklyn's coast and venturing to the distant isle of Manhattan, students circled back to Bay Ridge where they were gifted actual lunchboxes

with the "Lunchbox" ferry on the lid as souvenirs from their ride and recognition of their achievement.

Tykes at PS 971 and other

schools across the city that pitched in to name the boats will get their own rides on the ferries they named in the coming weeks.



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HANDCUFFED: Acting District Attorney Eric Gonzalez charged 15-year-old Justin Murrell with attempted murder for dragging police officer Dalsh Veve with a stolen car on June 3. Photo by Paul Martinka

Busted stop

Drivers are illegally parking in Bay Ridge bus stop after someone rammed into sign



MOWED DOWN: A driver smashed into a bus stop sign on Third Avenue and 78th Street. Photo by Georgine Benvenuto

Teen charged with attempted murder in dragging of officer

BY JULIANNE CUBA

District Attorney Eric Gonzalez charged 15-year-old Justin Murrell last week with attempted murder and assault for allegedly dragging police officer Dalsh Veve — who remains in critical condition — with a stolen car on June 3.

Six officers from the 67th Precinct, including Veve, responded to 911 calls that shots had been fired at a party near Tilden Avenue and E. 53rd Street a little before midnight, officials said. After Veve and his colleagues determined the supposed shots were just fireworks, he went across the street and spoke to several people in a car that was blocking a fire hydrant.

The 15-year-old Brownsville resident — who is reportedly in a gang and has a slew of former arrests, according to the New York Post — allegedly then hit the gas and dragged Veve with the car for two-and-a-half blocks until the officer fell off and his colleagues transported him to the hospital, police said.

Veve was able to fire off two shots while he was getting dragged along, allegedly hitting Murrell, who later walked into a nearby hospital with a gunshot wound, police said. Murrell allegedly crashed the stolen car near E. 53rd Street between Snyder and Church avenues, officials said.

But Murrell's attorney says he never intended to hurt Veve — a nine-year police veteran who is married with a 2-year-old daughter — and suspects it will be challenging for the District Attorney's office to prove attempted murder.

"That's significant in this case because here the grand jury and the people of the state of New York are charging Justin with intentionally hurting the cop like that was his goal," said Frederic Pratt from Legal Aid. "I don't believe the evidence can sustain either of those charges."

Murrell is next due in Kings County Supreme Court on Aug. 22.

BY CAROLINE SPIVACK

Desperate times call for desperate measures.

Scofflaw drivers are illegally parking in a Bay Ridge bus stop after a rogue motorist mowed down a B4 bus sign in mid-June. Now, with no sign to ward them off, parking-starved drivers are taking advantage of the freed-up spots — and forcing straphangers to step off into the street.

The space may be a boon for drivers, but a bummer for bus riders, said one sympathetic local.

"A spot is a spot. People go nuts for parking here. If I really needed it, I'd probably go for it too," said Bay Ridge Stephen Mifsud, who has spent countless hours hunting for parking in the nabe. "Parking is such a nightmare, I don't blame them, but that's kind of obnoxious for people getting off the bus. It'd be tricky if someone in a wheelchair wanted to get on."

What was once the bus sign for the B4 stop at 78th Street and Fifth Avenue is now a mangled mess after a driver smashed into the pole and launched it into a nearby wrought iron fence and shrubs. And the crushed



MAKESHIFT STOP: Buses must drop commuters off in the street.

Photo by Georgine Benvenuto

metal has been rusting there since mid-June, said one block resident.

"I was laying in bed when I heard a loud crash one night," said Jacqueline Ricci, who reported the downed sign to passing bus drivers. "People have been parking here ever since. They either don't know or don't care that it's actually a bus stop. Why would they? There's never enough parking."

The post's pulverized remains, along with the ripped off bumper of the car that struck it, still remain in a crushed junk heap on the side-

walk. All that's left of the stop is a foot-deep crater marked by a neon-yellow cone.

The Department of Transportation and the Metropolitan Transportation Authority did not answer questions about when the wreckage would be cleared and when a new sign will be erected.

At the moment, B4 passengers must still unload in the street up against a line of parked cars. It just goes to show how dire the lack of parking in the area is — some drivers are even taking advantage of the city's lazy line painters to park in the intersection up the block and across the nabe — said one regular rider.

"Getting off in the street is not the worst thing ever, but it just shows how bad the parking situation is around here," said Dominic Martelli, who often rides the B4. "People gotta park."

It's unclear if desperate drivers run the risk of earning a ticket for parking in the bus stop when there are no sign to warn them away. But the Department of Transportation's website on parking regulations states: "If a sign is missing on a block, the remaining posted regulations are the ones that are in effect."



Warriors dragged through mud

BY JULIANNE CUBA
What a bunch of maniacs!

Thrill-seekers romped through mud, climbed ropes, and scaled walls during the Rugged Maniac race at Aviator Sports on June 24. Participants got down and dirty as they made their way across three miles and 25 different obstacles, but it was all worth it for the cold glass of beer at the finish line, said one participant from Manhattan.

"It was a lot of fun!" said Nell Davis, who competed with her co-workers as a team-building exercise. "The best part was probably the beer after, though we also enjoyed the obstacles."

The weekend warriors

stepped across the finish line after challenging themselves to make it across fire jumps, warped walls, trampolines, and water slides — just a few of the crazy obstacles along the course that really got everyone's adrenaline pumping.

And if true maniacs want to go at it again, there are plenty of races to sign up for across the state and country this summer, said one of Rugged Maniac's head honchos.

"We've got a lot of great things in store for 2017," said Rob Dickens. "For starters, our engineers have designed some big, exciting obstacles that will make things even crazier out on the course. We've

partnered with Anytime Fitness to produce an amazing obstacle course training program for all of our Maniacs, and we've added new varieties of beer to our festival. We can't wait to bring another year of outdoor fun to the people of New York."

The wild race, now in its seventh year, is also a party with a day-long festival featuring live music, mechanical bulls, pie eating and strength contests, food and beer. And a portion of the profits and donations collected at the event go to the American Cancer Society. For 2017 so far, Rugged Maniac has raised more than \$200,000, according to Dickens.



TROOPERS: (Left) Participants crawl through the mud during the 5K Rugged Maniac obstacle course at Aviator Sports on June 24. (Above) Teamwork helps everyone through the tough parts of the course.

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Bay Ridge's Bridgeview Diner a step above the rest

BY CAMILLE SPERRAZZA

It bridges the gap between diner and restaurant food.

The Bridgeview Diner in Bay Ridge, under new management for more than a year, continues to provide patrons with enhanced dining options that far exceed typical diner fare.

"We break the barriers," is how general manager Chris Kyriacou describes it.

With a menu stuffed with Italian entrees like chicken Francaise, veal picatta, penne alla vodka, eggplant parmigiana, and seafood fra diavolo, customers have learned they can come here for a lot more than waffles and sandwiches. They can enjoy a hearty Sunday dinner or weekday feast.

The enhanced menu, the beautiful renovations, and the paved parking lot are all part of owner Dimitrios Kaloidis's plan to invest for the long term. Unlike many diners in the borough and beyond that have closed shop, the Bridgeview Diner expects to stick around.

"We will be here for a long time," says Kyriacou.

They prove it by investing in the community, and are proud to donate to neighborhood churches and schools. It may be a gift certificate or perhaps a tray of food. When you're part of the community, it is important to be a good neighbor, so the Bridgeview



The friendly staff makes everyone feel at home.

Photo by Georgine Benvenuto

Diner does its part.

Customers will find the interior sparkling clean, often decorated for the season. A newly paved parking lot means they will have no trouble finding a spot. Another manager, Sam Singh, may be at the door to greet you.

During the week, from 4 to 10 pm, patrons can enjoy a multi-course meal for \$21.95 — soup, salad, entrée, and veggies included. Broiled filet of sole, turkey with all the trimmings, and homemade meatloaf with brown gravy are among the scrumptious possibilities. As portions are generous, it may cost

more than that to cook the meal yourself, never mind the time spent preparing it.

Sunday specials start at noon, and the long list of possibilities include a hearty barbecue chicken and ribs, served with salad or soup, potatoes, and vegetables.

There is always an enormous selection of staples — burgers, wraps, paninis, appetizers, salad platters, soup, fun finger foods, and items for those who prefer to eat light.

Pasta is cooked to order, and includes favorites like fettuccine alfredo, linguini with red or white clam sauce,

and angel hair with vegetables and a choice of chicken, salmon, or shrimp.

Keeping with tradition, expect a tray of coleslaw, beets, and chickpeas to arrive at the table, along with a bulging basket of bread and crackers.

There is a full bar with many tantalizing wines, frozen margaritas, chocolate martinis, and sangria. Desserts beckon inside a showcase — huge black and white cookies, cheesecakes, and rainbow cookie cake, covered in chocolate. Black tie Oreo cake, red velvet, tiramisu, and lots of other good-

ies tempt. Enjoy them with cappuccino that's served in a stemmed clear glass, overflowing with whipped cream, and adorned with a cinnamon stick.

Kaloidis brings a wealth of experience to this endeavor as he is also the owner of the Floridian Diner in Brooklyn, and the Nevada, Georgia, and Terrace on the Park, all in Queens.

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Diocese launches fund for abuse victims

BY COLIN MIXSON

The Diocese of Brooklyn established a fund to compensate victims of sexual abuse at the hands of clergy, its bishop said on June 22.

The settlement program — which offers money in exchange for immunity from prosecution, and was announced by Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio days after the state Senate killed a bill that would open the Catholic Church to a flood of lawsuits — offers immediate recourse to victims as lawmakers in Albany continue to twiddle their thumbs, according to a lawyer portrayed in the Oscar-award-winning film, “Spotlight.”

“It’s certainly beneficial for some victims, who enter the fund with the hope of gaining validation, healing, and moving on with their lives,” said Mitchell Garabedian, who represents 13 victims of sexual abuse in Brooklyn. “Others will wait for the legislature to change the statute of limitation laws.”

The Brooklyn fund is modeled after one established last year by the Archdiocese of New York, both of which are administered by a pair of attorneys that oversaw the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund.

The diocese established the program after witnessing the success of the archdiocese’s fund, not in response to the push for legislative reform, ac-



COMPENSATION: Msgr. Thomas Brady was accused of sexually assaulting two boys at Good Shepherd Church in 2011. The Brooklyn Diocese has created a fund to compensate those who were sexually abused by members of the clergy.

File photo by Steve Solomonson

ording to a spokeswoman who said the Child Victim Act — a bill to relax the statute of limitations on child abuse that passed in the state Assembly and was supported by Gov. Cuomo before dying in the Senate earlier this month — has faced obstacles in Albany for years.

“They’ve been debating that legislation since 2005, and it’s going on 12 years with nothing passed,” said Carolyn Erstad. “So it’s pretty obvious that

is not the motivating force here.”

But some challenges to that bill can be traced to the church, which spent more than \$2 million between 2007 and 2015 on lobbyists to combat statute of limitations reforms, according to a New York Daily News report.

The Diocese of Brooklyn — which oversees 211 churches and 186 parishes in Brooklyn and Queens — identified 280 victims of clergy abuse dating to 1934 as part of “phase one” of

the settlement program, and is in the process of inviting them or their families to apply to it, according to Erstad.

Those who participate are not required to sign a confidentiality agreement but must waive their right to bring their cases to court, where they could stand to receive larger settlements and force the church to reveal information including the identities of abusive priests and sealed records showing church officials ignored victims’ complaints, according to an attorney who represents victims throughout the city.

“It effectively hides the truth,” said Jeff Anderson.

And while the diocese’s reputation suffered under past leaders who sheltered abusers, its work under Bishop DiMarzio to prevent further attacks is commendable, according to a Brooklynite who was abused and plans on applying to the fund.

“It’s done a complete 360,” said Anthony Hughes. “There are no ifs, ands, or buts about it — they do everything right.”

But no amount of money will erase the memories victims carry, according to Garabedian.

“There’s no victim I’ve ever represented who would not in a second give back all the money to not be sexually abused,” he said.

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Road rage

A baddie purposefully drove his car into a woman's legs while she was conducting an evacuation drill at a 24th Avenue school on June 15., police say

The woman is the middle school's principal and asked the man to patiently wait in his car while students crossed the street between Bath and Harway avenues just before 9 am for the drill, said police. But the cad could not have cared less and purposefully struck the woman in the knees with his car several times, despite her shouting for him to stop, according to a police report.

The educator suffered a sprain, swelling, and bruising to her right knee, authorities said.

Chainsmoker

A thief managed to take off with 138 packs of cigarettes from an 86th Street pharmacy on June 23.

The cashier told police that the goon entered the drugstore between Bay 40th and Bay 41st streets at 4 am, walked over to the cashier's counter, and began grabbing packs of Marlboro, Camels, and Newports.

The chainsmoker drove off with an accomplice in a black Nissan Altima, according to a police report.

Et tu?

A supposed "friend" literally stabbed a man in the back after beating him with a stick on Avenue U on June 22.

The 30-year-old victim told police that the man, who he described as a "friend," suddenly began attacking him with a stick — striking him in



POLICE BLOTTER

the head and body — between W. Fifth and W. Sixth streets at 8 pm.

The lout pulled out a knife and stabbed the victim in the back, resulting in a wound emergency responders said was superficial to the muscle, according to a police report.

Crafty thief

A goon removed a man's car window and raided the vehicle on the corner of 21st Avenue on June 24.

The man told police that he parked his car near 64th Street that morning, and returned at 5 pm to discover the rear passenger-side panel window was gone. A backpack stuffed with cash and bank cards was swiped, authorities said.

The victim called his bank to report his card stolen and was informed that there was an attempt to withdraw cash from his account at 6:30 pm in Bensonhurst. Officials at the 62nd Precinct were informed, according to a police report.

60TH PRECINCT

CONEY ISLAND-BRIGHTON BEACH-SEAGATE

Gunslinger

A sharpshooter shot a man with a BB gun on W. 24th Street on June 21.

The victim told police he was between Mermaid and Surf avenues at 3:30 pm when a pellet from a BB gun

suddenly pierced his chest. The shot came from an unknown direction, said police.

Emergency responders rushed the man to Coney Island Hospital, officials said.

Bad ceremony

Police arrested a man for slapping a parent in the face at a graduation ceremony at a W. 12th Street school on June 23.

The woman told police she was attending her son's graduation at the grade school between Neptune and Surf avenues at 10:30 am when a man approached her and slapped her across the face. The disgruntled man shouted, "Do not mess with my nephew" after striking the woman, officials said.

After the woman notified police, the man — who has a prior drug charge — was arrested, according to a police report.

Arcade brawl

Cops cuffed a guy who they say freaked out on an arcade worker and sliced her arm with a glass bottle on Jones Walk on June 23.

The woman told police that the man had been harassing her while she was on duty at the arcade stand near W. 12th Street and finally snapped on June 23 at 1:30 pm. Screaming and frenzied, the man grabbed a glass bottle and rocketed it toward the woman, slicing her

right arm open, according to a police report.

Police officers responded to a call and arrested the raving man, authorities said.

Passport ransom

A cretin swiped a man's passport on W. 21st Street on June 23 and is holding the document hostage and threatened to burn it unless he pay up.

The man told police that the thief took his passport and naturalization documents from a storage facility between Mermaid and Surf avenues and at noon and refused to give them back.

A police officer called the woman demanding she return the documents, but the scofflaw refused, and said that she will burn the papers on June 26 unless he pays her \$1,500, officials said.

— *Caroline Spivack*

61ST PRECINCT

SHEEPSHEAD BAY-HOMECREST-MANHATTAN BEACH-GRAVESEND

Drugged up

A crook stole over-the-counter medication from a Kings Highway store on June 22, police said.

The baddie stuck the allergy medication in his pants and left the store near E. 16th Street at about 12:30 pm when a witness stopped him, grabbing him by the belt, according to authorities.

But the nogoodnik fought the do-gooder off — punching him in the left shoulder, officials said. The malefactor fled towards the Kings Highway subway station with \$1,367 worth of drugs, police said.

— *Julianne Cuba*

Woman slammed by cab in Bay Ridge

BY CAROLINE SPIVACK

A livery cab driver plowed into a Bay Ridge woman at Fourth Avenue and Bay Ridge Parkway on June 28.

The driver turned his black Toyota Camry into the intersection at approximately 8:45 am and collided into the woman crossing the street, according to a police spokeswoman.

The cabbie struck the woman so hard she was thrown several feet from the crosswalk. The woman was bleeding from her mouth and is believed to have suffered from internal injuries, according to an eyewitness.

The incident is the third this year at the notoriously dangerous intersection, which has logged 43 accidents since 2009, according to city data.

Officers questioned the driver, who remained on the scene, and a police investigation is ongoing. Emergency responders rushed the victim to Maimonides Medical Center, said police.



BRUTAL COLLISION: A Bay Ridge woman was struck and thrown from the crosswalk at 75th Street and Fourth Avenue by a taxi driver in a black Toyota Camry on June 28.

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Balady hosts community feast

BY CAROLINE SPIVACK

They made fast work of this meal.

Balady Foods welcomed Bay Ridgites breaking their Ramadan fast for the 11th-annual Iftar dinner in front of the Fifth Avenue market on June 20. The halal grocer cooks up the succulent feast as a way to break bread with neighbors and bring the community together, said the store's general manager.

"The one thing that all Muslim people have in common is that they'll be eating at the same time, so it's a good

way to take advantage and say, 'Let's eat together,'" said Bay Ridgite Mosa Masoud.

During Ramadan, observant Muslims abstain from food and drink between sunrise and sunset and break their fast with large meals known as Iftar dinners at sundown.

More than 350 hungry locals turned out for the massive smorgasbord, which included lamb, roasted chicken, kifta meat patties, and an array of rich pastry desserts called baklava.

It's tradition to ease into

the feast with a date and water, and then usually something light such as lentil soup, according to Masoud. Then feast-goers pile high the salads, meats, and sweets as a treat for their piety. But the family-owned market aims to give back to locals regardless of their religious affiliation.

"It's religious and cultural that it's a beneficial thing to feed someone, Muslim or non-Muslim," said Masoud. "Especially during the month of Ramadan — it's a great thing to feed someone. And we plan to continue this every year."

COOKING UP COMMUNITY: (Above) Balady Foods dished out a free feast at its 11th-annual Iftar Dinner on June 20. (Center) Locals from across the neighborhood showed up for the massive dinner. (Far left) Walid Sadik heaped on the the helpings for the break-fast feast.

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POINTING FINGERS: Concerned Sunset Parkers, including Belkis Sanchez, say the Jackie Gleason Bus Depot will pose a major hazard to students if a new grade school is built across the street.
Community News Group / Caroline Spivack

BUS DEPOT

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ping in and out of the terminal on any given day, according to a Metropolitan Transportation Authority depot worker who is not authorized to speak to the press and so asked to remain anonymous.

And in 2014, dozens of students and staff at PS 24, less than a block from the authority-run hub, were sickened by noxious fumes believed to have wafted from the Jackie Gleason Bus Depot.

Making matters worse, since 2010 there have been 27 accidents at the corner where officials plan to build the school, according to city data. Between 2009 and 2016, at least two people have been injured at the intersection every year and residents are doubtful that the safety record will suddenly improve.

"You know, for 30 years they never could control the traffic and trucks going down this block — never. They've had signs, we've complained to 311, 911, and accident after accident happens because of the buses and trucks," said Fernando Loperena, another local who has lived on the street for 37 years. "It's been a problem that has never been solved and now bringing a school there — you're just creating more. I can't see a school being built there."

But it is slim pickings for space in the neighborhood — officials have even begun cold calling property owners looking for land for schools — and the city must make due with what is

available, said an administrator with the Department of Education.

"We've been waiting a very long time to get seats in Sunset Park, and we're eternally grateful for any opportunity to get any scrap of land we can find," said Anita Skop, the superintendent for District 15. "Sunset Park has historically been an under-served area."

Roughly 32,600 students are enrolled in the area, with 2,600 more than the collective number of school seats in the district, according to data from the Department of Education.

The school would be within three blocks of three public schools — two elementary and a high school — and rather than making it a zoned school Skop is leaning towards a district-wide lottery system.

"To be honest with you, I'm kind of thinking lottery," said Skop. "Because at this point in time it is a zoning issue, because there are three schools in a relatively tight area. Goodness, we need the seats so badly in Sunset Park, but we need them all over the district as well."

After reviewing community concerns, school officials will bring the proposal to the Council. If pols endorse the plan, the property will be purchased and a year-long design process will ensue, followed by up to three years of construction.

The school is expected to open its doors in 2021.

Locals can e-mail their concerns to the city at sites@nycsca.org until July 27.

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is a good compromise."

The castle-like turret, and the exterior facing Fourth Avenue and 43rd Street will be cleaned and spruced up once shovels hit the ground.

Officials sought to preserve as much of the structure as possible, but it was decided that the extra space gained by razing the neighboring stable house would be too much of a boon to overlook, according to a School Construction Authority spokeswoman.

The current owner, Yosef Streicher, bought the land for \$6 million in 2015. Streicher originally aimed to rehab the graffiti-covered castle and horse stable into a daycare facility, and erect luxury condominiums on a vacant portion of the lot. But he agreed last summer to sell the site to the city for a school.

The School Construction Authority will go to the Council for final approval in July, after which the city will purchase the property. Once that is squared away, officials will embark on a year-long design process followed by up to three years of construction.



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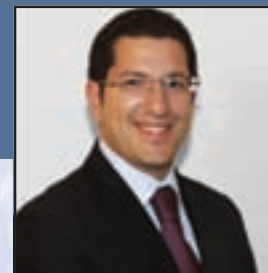
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Kids helping kids!

BY JULIANNE CUBA
They're the real superheroes! Hundreds of youngsters — many dressed up as Superman, Batman, or another favorite crime fighter — came out to take a ride on the Ferris wheel at the ninth-annual Kids for Kids Family Fun Day to raise money for children's cancer research at the Aviator Sports and Events Center on June 17.

A handful of kids presented a check to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital for a whopping \$1.3 million, but one of the greatest gifts of the day was seeing all the smiles on the children's faces knowing they are making a difference, said one of the event organizers.

"We just make it a fun family day with rides, games, entertainment and just have a good time for the community while raising money for the

hospital," said Bay Ridgite Diandra Shear. "It was a great day. I think it was a very successful event."

The Mill Basin-based foundation, which started nine years ago, raises money throughout the year for St. Jude. And the kids are an integral part of the foundation's success — they make up what's called its junior committee and hold their own

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SUPERHEROES: Kids enjoyed a whole bunch of entertainers (above), and carnival rides (center), to help raise money for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital (far left).
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Massey is out, leaving Malliotakis clear path

He's been priced out of the market! Millionaire Republican mayoral candidate **Paul Massey** — my former soccer coach — abruptly dropped out of the race on Wednesday, leaving Assemblywoman **Nicole Malliotakis** (R-Bay Ridge) as the front-runner candidate for the Grand Old Party.

Massey, who was an executive at the real estate company Cushman and Wakefield and who hailed from Westchester County with a house in Cape Cod, said he couldn't keep up with the price tag of trying to oust incumbent **Mayor DeBlasio**.

"Unfortunately, the cost of running for office is extraordinary, and I do not see a path to raising the necessary funds to beat an incumbent mayor," Massey said in a statement. "I am forever indebted to my family, team, and my friends for their support."

Massey's departure leaves Malliotakis as the Republican favorite with a slew of support from the Brooklyn Republican Party, New York State Conservative Party, newly re-appointed Metropolitan Transportation Authority chairman and former nominee **Joe Lhota**, and Rep. **Dan Donovan** (R-Bay Ridge).

But with one less candidate in the race, she will now be able to focus her attention to holding DeBlasio accountable, said Malliotakis, who referred to



Massey as a "gentleman."

"Whether it's yesterday's A train derailment, our failing schools, or an out-of-control homeless crisis, I will take these issues to the Mayor," Malliotakis said in a statement. "I will challenge him on how he is running New York City into the ground and slowly returning it to the bad old days of the 1970s and '80s. Yesterday, Bill DeBlasio refused to take questions about the derailment that injured dozens of New Yorkers. That is unacceptable. He may attempt to run and hide from the press, but he won't be able to

run from me."

Malliotakis currently has \$94,624 in her campaign coffers, according to city records, and Massey had raised \$5.75 million, according to Politico.

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Insurgent judicial candidate and newly exonerated Sunset Park attorney **John O'Hara** fears his overturned conviction will be used against him if the county Democratic machine challenges his eligibility to run for a seat on the bench in court.

"There's a lot of rumor and buzz going on — they challenge people, this is what the machine does," said O'Hara's communications director **Gary Tilzer**. "They challenge people to not only kick them off the ballot but to tie up their campaign."

O'Hara was convicted of voter fraud in 1997 for voting in the wrong district, in what he says was retaliation from then-District Attorney **Charles Hynes** for his political activism. After the conviction, his license to practice law was revoked, but his name was cleared in 2008 and he was reinstated in 2009.

Attorneys must have practiced law for 10 years in order to be elected to judgeship, and O'Hara has been a licensed lawyer for 14 years — though not consecutively. The law doesn't explicitly require the 10 years to be consecutive, but O'Hara is certain that party boss **Frank Seddio** — or one of his allies — will go to court to try to use the interruption to try and keep him off the ballot and sabotage his insurgent slate of civil-court judicial candidates that is challenging party-backed incumbents, O'Hara said.

"So the statute does not say consecutive, but it does leave room for interpretation," he said. "This is what the county does for insurgents."

The party's executive director **Jeff Feldman** denies the rumor, saying that he has no intention of challenging O'Hara's standing, but Tilzer said he's calling Feldman's bluff and still gearing up to fight back.

"They can say they don't plan to challenge, and someone out of left field challenges it," Tilzer said. "Someone they say they're not connected to challenges it."

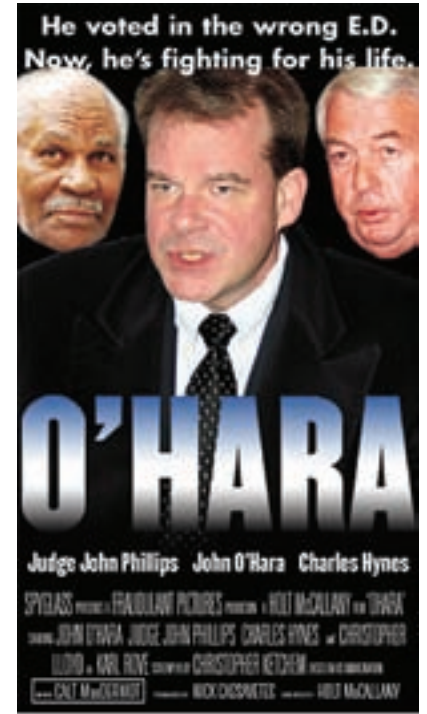
O'Hara's slate includes attorneys **Isiris Isela Isaac**, **Patrick Hayes**, **Thomas Kennedy**, and **Sandra Roper** — who ran a failed bid for District Attorney against Hynes in 2001, and whose own allegedly retaliatory felony theft charges were later dropped.

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The mud-slinging never ends in Bay Ridge!

Bay Ridge Republican Council candidate **Liam McCabe** penned an open letter to his rival **John Quaglione** calling him out for only collecting petitions that benefit himself and not the entire Grand Old Party.

"John, I think you can do better than this. I am calling on you to be a



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leader in the GOP and collect signatures for your local district leaders, county committee members, and candidates for public office. We are all on the same team with respect to having a strong local Republican Party," McCabe wrote in the letter published last week. "You and I running against each other in a Republican Primary makes us competitors for City Council. However, this competition cannot prevent us from standing side by side and acting in the best interest of the Party, which is to elect a slate of candidates and party officials that share our ideology."

Candidates started hitting the streets and subway stops earlier this month collecting signatures on their petitions in order to secure a spot on the ballot for the September primary. Kings County Republican chairman **Ted Ghorra** created the "petition together" campaign that would allow each of the candidates to collect signatures for themselves, but it would include the names of the county and district-wide candidates for the party.

But Quaglione's campaign ditched the togetherness and went around collecting signatures on what's called "bullet petitions" with just his name on them, charged McCabe.

"When one side is helping out the other and the other is not reciprocating, that's sort of what led to some frustration," he said during a phone call on June 27.

Quaglione's campaign did not deny using "bullet petitions," and instead sent an e-mailed response from a former Bay Ridge district leader.

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and am certain he wants all the candidates to get on the ballot and be successful in November,” said Republican **Bob Howe**.

The third Republican in the race, **Bob Capano**, took aim at his competitors’ squabble, calling them both out for not focusing on the issues that really matter to voters.

“Their political insiders’ spat show’s they are stuck in a political clubhouse mentality and don’t understand the real and immediate problems we face,” said Capano. “While they squabble, I’ll continue to talk about cutting taxes, keeping our streets safe, and making sure a jail doesn’t open in our community under the DeBlasio plan to close Rikers Island; the issues our community really cares about.”

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Endorsement round-up:

Liam McCabe recently received support from the Brooklyn Tea Party and the Brooklyn Teen Republicans. He also has the endorsements of Rep. **Dan Donovan** (R-Bay Ridge) and former state Sen. **David Storobin** (R-Sheepshead Bay)

Councilman **Chaim Deutsch** (D-Sheepshead Bay), who is fending off a challenge from his cousin-in-law **Kalman Yeger**, locked up the endorsements of a handful of his colleagues, including councilmembers **Mark Levine** (D-Manhattan), **Elizabeth Crowley** (D-Queens), **Andy Cohen** (D-Bronx), **Stephen Levin** (D-Brooklyn Heights), **Rory Lancman** (D-Queens), and **Joe Borelli** (R-Staten Island). He also has the support of Council Speaker **Melissa Mark-Viverito** (D-Bronx) and his predecessor, the former Councilman **Mike Nelson** (D-Sheepshead Bay).

KIDS

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fund-raisers, bake sales, and dance-a-thons. This year, the all-star junior committee raised about \$65,000, said Shear.

“It’s so cute that they raised so much,” she said.

Families got to enjoy all of the rides, games, and various creations

from the balloon artist, but what made it even better was that it was all for a good cause, said one of the organization’s founders.


“It was an amazing feeling,” said Staten Islander Todd Baslin.

“It’s a great day, the kids all have fun, and to see everyone having fun and raise money for such a good charity, it’s a good feeling.”



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Charity sells salvaged appliances from the other borough on the cheap

BY COLIN MIXSON

Staten Island's loss is Brooklyn's gain!

A charity group is salvaging appliances from Hurricane Sandy-damaged homes on the Rock and re-selling them for bargain basement rates at a new store in Gowanus, according to the organization's head honcho.

"Most of the items we sell are at 50 percent retail value, so you're looking at significant savings," said Kimberly George of Rebuilding Together NYC, the local branch of a national organization that works with low-income homeowners.

The shop, Salvage Store, opened inside a re-purposed warehouse at 126 10th St. between Second and Third avenues on June 21.

The charitable group acquired its mega-discounted merch after building strong ties with the state through its work re-furbishing 100 Sandy-hit homes in Brooklyn, George said, which enti-



THE PRICE IS RIGHT!: The executive director of Rebuilding Together's local affiliate, Kimberly George, shows off an oven that the charity salvaged from flooded homes on Staten Island and is now offering to locals on the cheap.

Photo by Caleb Caldwell

led it to first dibs on salvageable appliances from homes on Staten Island that were set for demolition as part of New York's buyout program — a scheme in which the state purchased damaged resi-

dences not worth fixing because of their susceptibility to future floods.

Volunteers grabbed everything of value — including boilers, refrigerators, microwaves, laundry machines,

and ovens — before giving the loot the old once-over to ensure it all worked okay.

And those buyers still worried about their second-hand washer going on the fritz will be taken care of in the event

that it does conk out, George said.

"We have a very flexible return policy," she said.

The shop's inventory is not relegated to cheap appliances — it also sells discounted construction material donated by developers, which benefits local artists as much as do-it-yourself homeowners, George said.

"We have artists interested in re-purposing stuff for their artwork," she said.

The Gowanus store's opening follows years of Rebuilding Together operating out of a cramped Red Hook facility near Ikea, which it occupied since 2013 and was near-to-bursting with appliances due to it being so difficult for people to reach, according to George.

But while the new, larger space is a lot easier to get to, it's not getting any bigger, she said.

"Unfortunately, we've already run out of space," George said.

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Three cheers and a huzzah to **Dr. Sharon Warren Cook**, the Assessment Dean at **Kingsborough Community College**, who was among five alumni of the **University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill's** School of Social Work to be awarded the school's Distinguished Alumni Award for 2017.

This award recognizes outstanding leadership and achievement in the profession.

Chapel Hill Dean Gary L. Bowen presented the awards during the school's 2017 commencement exercises. This year the School of Social Work honored its outstanding alumni for the

leadership, passion, commitment, and contributions they have made to the field of social work. The school selects these alumni based on written nominations.

Dr. Cook received her PhD

from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro in curriculum and teaching and her Masters from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She earned her bachelors in psychology from North Carolina Central University and recently joined Kingsborough as Dean of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment. She served as a professor and administrator at North Carolina A&T University and is a 1995 graduate of the school's MSW program.

At Kingsborough, Dr. Cook provides guidance and support in curricular and accreditation matters. She is also responsible for designing, implementing, and monitoring an array of academic initiatives, programs, and priorities, as well as administering college activities and operations to support academic policy and student learning strategies.

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PROSPECT LEFFERTS GARDENS

Keep 'em dancing

It's abundantly clear that founder and acclaimed dancer **Karisma Jay** is the creative force behind **AbunDance Academy of the Arts**, an arts organization dedicated to offering children and adults top-notch free and affordable dance, theater, and musical instruction at all levels.

Karisma found that the world of performing arts wasn't available to people who came from lower-income households. Growing up as the child



WINNING TEAM: From left, Direct Support Professional Yusuff Atanda, Residence Coordinator Keisha Briggs, resident Peter, and Program Coordinator Pedro Vargas.

To the rescue for Peter's sake

DOWNTOWN

A big shout-out to **Yusuff Atanda**, a direct support professional at **HeartShare's** Ralph Avenue group home, for leading the team, including Residence Coordinator **Keisha Briggs** and Program Coordinator **Pedro Vargas**, that helped save the life of resident **Peter**, who was in the final stages of kidney failure and refused to receive dialysis over many years. When HeartShare took over the program from another organization, staff immediately noticed the toll that his condition was taking on his quality of life.

During a medical appointment, Peter was told that it was only a matter of time before the disease would take its final toll. Without dialysis, his body would shut down. While respecting Peter's wishes, the HeartShare team was having a difficult time watching Peter suffer. The team allayed Peter's fears about dialysis treatment by reviewing dif-

ferent options. Most importantly, the team said it'd be there with him every step of the way.

Peter went through the process and had the comfort and company of Yusuff. As promised, Yusuff did not move from the door of Peter's hospital room.

After the dialysis treatment, Peter almost immediately had color in his face and the energy to be himself again.

"I'm glad that I did it," Peter said since starting dialysis three days every week.

Yusuff, among other director support professionals at HeartShare, were honored at the **Everyday Heroes Storytelling Celebration** hosted by HeartShare on May 4 at **St. Finbar's Auditorium** in Bensonhurst.

Standing O is happy to give Yusuff and the staff a big yellow O, too!

HeartShare Human Services of New York (12 MetroTech Center in Downtown, www.heartshare.org).



BOROUGH WIDE

She's a doctor now

Three cheers to **Amanda Fried Koh, PhD**.

Amanda completed her studies and was conferred her doctorate in Chemical Engineering, specializing in interfacial chemistry, from **Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute** in Troy, N.Y. She studied for her undergraduate degree and received her Bachelor of Science from **Massachusetts Institute of Technology**.

This stellar star's list of achievements is stunning and is a byproduct of the best public school system around — the Brooklyn one. She is an alumnus of **PS 222**, **Andries Hudde Middle School**, and **Midwood High School**.

She is also a recipient of the Girl Scout Gold award, and while in high school, was chosen as a national semi-finalist in the **Intel Science Talent Search**, the nation's most prestigious pre-college science competition.

She is still doing her borough proud and currently lives with her husband David and two cats in Baltimore, Md., working at the Army Research Laboratory developing stretchable materials for use in soft robotics.

Standing O wishes Dr. Koh a long and illustrious career.

tative from the Department of Education to congratulate her on winning the **Big Apple Awards: Recognizing Teacher Excellence in NYC**.

Schools Chancellor **Carmen Fariña** announced the winners of the fifth annual awards, honoring 19 recipients of the 7,800 nominees.

Diana was raised in a family of educators and throughout her teaching career has sought to create a welcoming environment and an atmosphere of trust for every child and family, as well as to build a strong parent partnership.

At the end of last year, all her students were able to enter kindergarten without the English as a Second Language program due to excelling in language and literacy.

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of a single parent, she felt blessed that her mother worked so hard to secure the funds to give her top-quality training so that she could pursue her passion for dance. After years of performing on stages around the globe, she decided she wanted to help give the next generation of dancers the opportunity to receive superior instruction without cost being a barrier to entry.

"I wanted the school to be a place where the focus is on developing students' innate gifts without it being a financial strain for their families"

said Karisma.

AbunDance Academy of the Arts [430 Rogers Ave. in Prospect Lefferts Gardens, (347) 788-1069; www.abundancearts.org].

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The Big Apple

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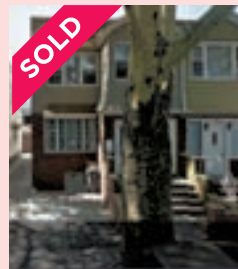


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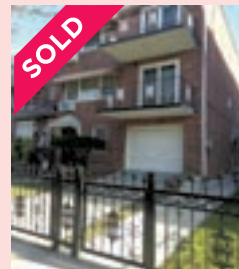
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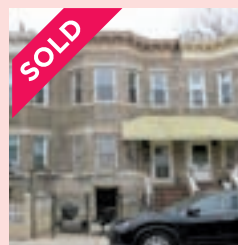
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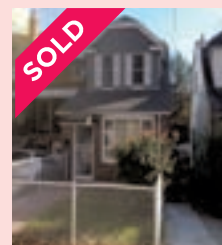
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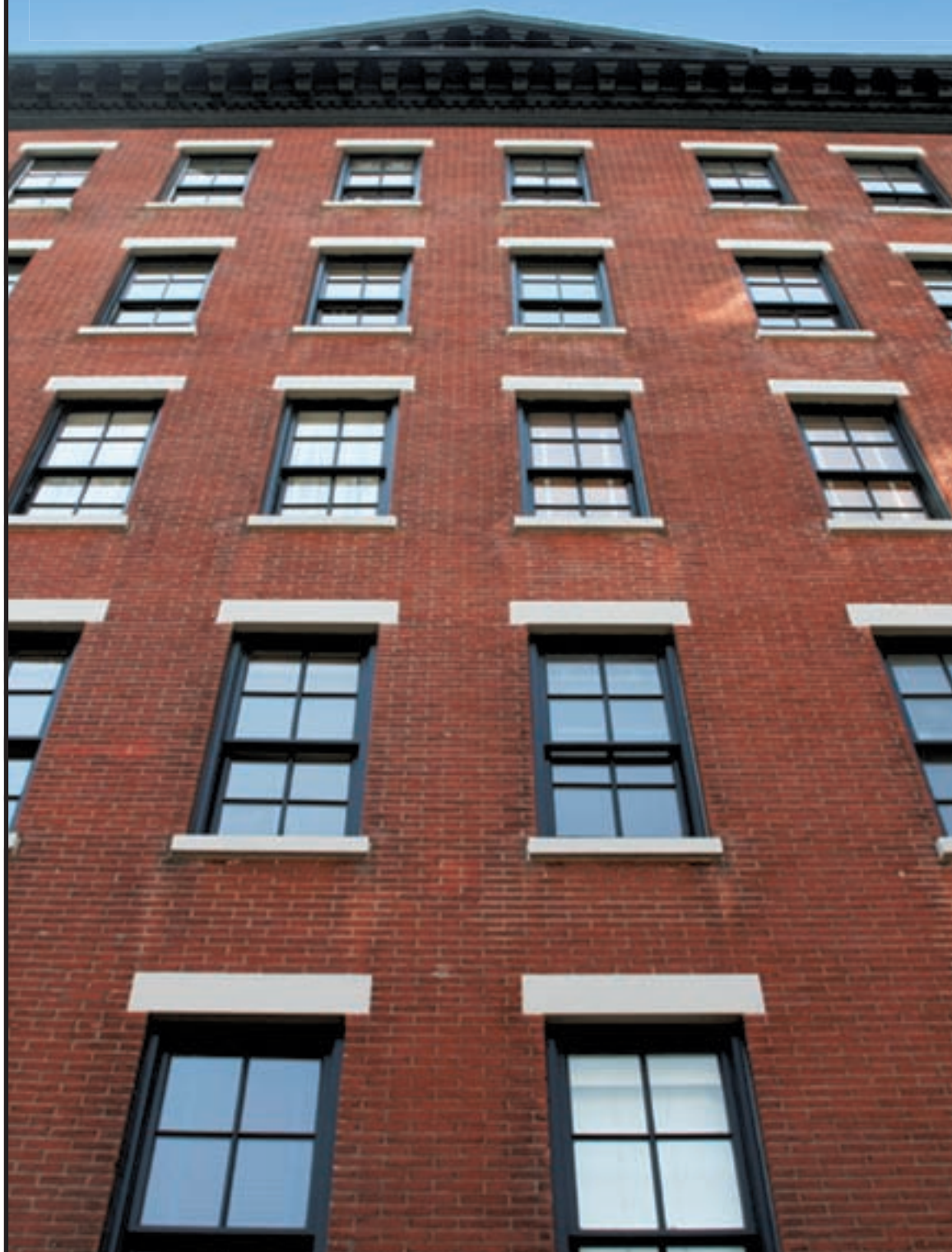
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Going postal over illegal parking

Mail depot on P'Heights residential block is driving its neighbors crazy

BY COLIN MIXSON

And you thought your post office was bad!

A United States Postal Service shipping depot that opened earlier this year on Dean Street in Prospect Heights is driving neighbors crazy with all-night deliveries and employees who illegally use parking placards to turn the residential block into their own personal lot, according to the head of a neighborhood group.

"They don't want to take mass transit so they park out front illegally. It's dangerous," said Anu Heda, president of the Dean Street Block Association. "I call it renegade employee parking."

The carrier annex, formerly a part of the Trinity Place Post Office on Atlantic Avenue, opened between Carlton and Vanderbilt avenues in January after the landlord refused to renew the facility's lease, forcing the post office and shipping depot to occupy separate spaces, according to postal service spokeswoman Maureen

Marion.

And while the former location — which was in a commercial area and had a parking lot for workers — was perfect for the depot, the site on Dean Street could not be worse, according to its next-door neighbor.

"It's not an ideal place for what they're doing," said area resident David Richman. "I don't know why they moved in there."

To navigate the narrow street — which is even more clogged now thanks to temporary fencing for the Pacific Park project — the postal service traded 18-wheeler shipping trucks for smaller vehicles that still barely fit and require more trips to deliver the same amount of freight, Heda said.

The result is trucks driving onto the sidewalk, destroying property, and, worst of all, arriving at all hours of the night — forcing neighbors to plug their ears just to catch a wink, according to Richman.



PLACARD ABUSE: Postal service workers at the annex on Dean Street are illegally using placards to park in no-parking zones, clogging up the narrow street.

Photo by David Richman

"I've started wearing ear plugs to bed," the Dean Street resident said. "I can be awakened by a truck coming in at one, two, three, four in the morning — it's literally around the clock."

The new annex doesn't have space for all its vehicles, Heda

said, so employees often park them sticking halfway onto the street's only usable sidewalk, forcing pedestrians into traffic.

"You have no choice but to walk in the street," he said.

And postal workers who grew accustomed to parking

their personal vehicles in the former location's parking lot are now improperly using postal-service-issued parking placards to park them in illegal spots on Dean Street — a big no-no according to the city's Department of Transportation.

"The placard... is not an officially issued placard, and is not valid for use on city streets," said spokeswoman Alana Morales.

Marion said the placards are only for use on official business, such as visiting customers, and that the postal service would crack down on its employees' nasty habit.

"Be assured the Brooklyn Post Office will redouble its efforts to monitor the distribution and use of these placards," she said.

Heda filed complaints with local and federal officials, the city's Department of Consumer Affairs, and, of course, the postal service, but has yet to receive any good news.

"No promising results yet," he said.

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Protect, don't damage, the Boardwalk

To the editor,

In addition to having proven himself to be a man of integrity and fine character, Councilman Deutsch is an excellent public servant who has worked hard and done much good for our community. One issue that he, in concert with his colleague, Councilman Treyger, has committed himself to, is preserving a true wood Boardwalk and having appropriate and timely maintenance be performed so that it is safe for people to enjoy. Thus, I was pleased to read, in the article entitled "Brighton Beach Boardwalk Repairs," that he was able to "put a lot of pressure on the Parks Department, and ... they came out to this part of the Boardwalk to do these much needed renovations."

The next paragraph, wherein the Parks Department spokeswoman declares that "the Parks Department often does routine maintenance work to tighten up some of the loose ends and ensure it's safe for walkers," caused me to be convulsed with paroxysms of laughter at what I can only assume is a part of a standup comedy routine that she is practicing.

Nobody, especially not an ostensibly knowledgeable Parks Department spokesperson, would seriously suggest that the Boardwalk is maintained so that it is safe. Other than the small area that the Parks Department was pressured by business interests and a politician into fixing, the other 99 percent of the Boardwalk, as anyone that lives here knows, is in a deplorably dangerous condition. Despite community outrage, the Parks Department continues to inflict its devastatingly destructive one-two punch to the Boardwalk: it insists on running its heavy vehicles at high speeds on a Boardwalk slated for pedestrian use, thus loosening and destroying boards and creating the dangerous conditions that have existed for many years and presently predominate, and second, it does little to no maintenance to ameliorate and address the destruction that this very Department that is tasked with overseeing the care of the Boardwalk has itself caused!

I'm glad that Councilman Deutsch

SOUND OFF TO THE EDITOR

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was able to facilitate getting the Parks Department to fix the small amount of Boardwalk that was repaired. Now let's see if he and Councilman Treyger have any success in getting the Parks Department to stop its destructive actions and address making the other 99 percent of the Boardwalk safe, rather than pathetically declaring that their only solution is to pave it over and make it a sidewalk!

Rob Burstein
Brighton Beach

Train parade

To the editor,

During Father's Day weekend, our Transit Museum ran its fleet of 110-plus year-old Brooklyn Rapid Transit (BRT) wooden elevated cars, the old BMT Standards along with the unique BMT "Triplex." Rounding off the parade of trains was the old Duke Ellington-Billy Strayhorn "A" train of the early 1930s. And nary a mention in any publication.

Thousands of smiling train enthusiasts and children with their fathers and mothers enjoyed the sights and smells of these old cars and experienced a ride from Kings Highway to Coney Island that few have had for over a half a century.

I am curious if the Courier had a heads-up about this annual ride, open to the public. If not, I will make sure the public relations of our museum includes your paper in its press releases concerning these special events for families in Brooklyn.

Robert W. Lobenstein
Marine Park

Let Hizzoner do it

To the editor,

Mayor DeBlasio is correct in wanting to retain control of the New York City school system by having a commissioner who is responsible to the mayor and not the governor. When the State Legislature enacted legislation in 1976, for example, for 21 percent of the city's budget to go for education from 17 percent, Gov. Carey's veto was overridden after New York City almost defaulted because this would have come out of the city's pocketbook and not the state's. I would have been less indignant if it came out of the state's pocketbook.

While I do not favor statehood for New York City like some left wing politicians did, such as Bella Abzug and former Councilman Peter Val-lone Jr., if residents are dissatisfied with the way the public schools are run, the buck should stop with the mayor and the City Council. People

are free to elect a new set of city officials.

The state cannot consistently act as the city's parent, especially New York State to New York City. As it stands, if the city acts like an obedient child and behaves itself, it will get more revenue whether it deserves or not. As it is, the city is being bribed.

Elliott Abosh
Brighton Beach

Day care-less

To the editor,

While I enjoy Tom Allon's columns because he inadvertently outlines the flaws of liberal thinking, I prefer to read the way-out-in-space columns of Lenore Skenazy and I'm rather disappointed that her column was not published this week.

In "Now is the time for universal day care in NYC," Mr. Allon prefers to confuse those readers who lack knowledge of our economy in the 1980s. President Ronald Reagan (consulted by economist Arthur Laffer) and British prime minister Margaret Thatcher (consulted by economist Michael Boskin) instituted a series of tax cuts, while controlling spending and relaxing regulations. "Reaganomics" (supply-side economics) resulted in economic growth and in an increase in family income by about \$4,000. Reagan's trickle-down economics resulted in private investing, expansion of businesses and increased hiring. In essence, the initiative revived struggling economies on both sides of the pond.

The feminist issue is a different story and Mr. Allon is mostly correct in his assessment. Simply put, women must — and I emphasize "must," receive equal pay for equal work.

For the day care issue, Mr. Allon conveniently groups all women in the same bundle. There are skilled and unskilled women. There are women who have small children but cannot work and there are women with children in tow, another in the stroller and still another in their belly — and in about a year, will produce another tax deduction. Are these the women that Mr. Allon includes in his master day care plan? Would the latter type of women get jobs if the city babysat for their children?

At one time I was in favor of government subsidized "day care" for all, for the same reason that Mr. Allon mentions, but after the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1965, where liberals allowed irresponsible people with little or no skills into our country and expanded the public as-

sistance program, I changed my position to fit the reality on the ground. My current position is that subsidized day care should be limited to those families who do not receive public assistance. The argument that those on public assistance will find work if someone would care for their children is weak because if members of these families had marketable skills and would eventually obtain jobs and get off public assistance (highly improbable), they might not be able to claim the Earned Income Credit on their federal taxes. Besides, why work when the government already supports the family? Liberal politicians want to keep people on public assistance for votes. Ask yourself "How many people on public assistance vote for conservative politicians who advocate workfare?"

The situation is difficult for either position and I don't think that Mr. Allon understands the negative implication of his position. One thing is for sure: Mr. Allon's position would be stronger if mommy, daddy and the clan of kids wouldn't parade around the neighborhood in the middle of the work day.

Of course liberals usually offer examples of socialists programs and Mr. Allon chose France, a liberal socialist country that allows many of its workers to retire at age 55 and has proposed lowering the retirement age to age 50. So who is working? Where does France get money for day care and pre-K programs? How about intricate medical care? Rich individuals and politicians come to the U.S. for intricate medical care. Where does France get its money for its defense budget? France can make some targeted strikes, but cannot sustain a long-term conflict. Thank God for the U.S.

Comrade Bill advocated and succeeded in implementing pre-K programs for all. Why? Because without evidence, he said that pre-K would prepare 5-year-olds for college. What?

It doesn't make sense to me.

Mr. Allon defends the mayor's pre-K initiative for totally a different reason than the mayor does. I wish liberals would get their act together and stop trying to fool the public.

I find it laughable that liberals are following George W. Bush's advice "You can fool some of the people all the time, and those are the ones you want to concentrate on."

Elio Valenti
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TOP DRIVER DISTRACTIONS

Using mobile phones

Leading the list of the top distractions behind the wheel are mobile phones. Phones now do more than just place calls, and drivers often cannot pull away from their phones, even when driving. According to the California Department of Motor Vehicles, studies have shown that driving performance is lowered and the level of distraction is higher for drivers who are heavily engaged in cell

phone conversations. The use of a hands-free device does not lower distraction levels. The percentage of vehicle crashes and near-crashes attributed to dialing is nearly identical to the number associated with talking or listening.

Daydreaming

Many people will admit to daydreaming behind the wheel or looking at a person or object outside of the car for too long. Per-

haps they're checking out a house in a new neighborhood or thought they saw someone they knew on the street corner. It can be easy to veer into the direction your eyes are focused, causing an accident. In addition to trying to stay focused on the road, some drivers prefer the help of lane departure warning systems.

Eating

Those who haven't quite mastered walking and

chewing gum at the same time may want to avoid eating while driving. The majority of foods require a person's hands to be taken off of the wheel and their eyes to be diverted from the road. Reaching in the back seat to share some French fries with the kids is also distracting.

Try to eat meals before getting in the car. For those who must snack while en route, take a moment to pull over at

a rest area and spend 10 minutes snacking there before resuming the trip.

Reading

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Jo: No patience for incompetence

Two recent incidents occurred that have me convinced we no longer live in the United States of America, but in the United States of Incompetency.

First was at Denny's. The restaurant opened a few months back and Bob and I wanted to try it, but each weekend we encountered long lines. Bob started vacation, so we decided to try it during the week.

We went on a Monday. "How crowded could it be?" we thought. We arrived at 10 am and were told we would have about a 15 minute wait. There were only a few people ahead of us, so why not?

But 15 minutes passed, then 20, then 30, still no seating. Bob then asked to speak to the manager.



NOT FOR NUTHIN'

Joanna DelBuono

He was not available, we were told. "We have a number of wait staff on break and the kitchen is backed up, so

you can't be seated," they said. What an idiotic excuse, we thought.

Getting a bit tired of the run-around, Bob decided to take matters into his own hands and proceeded to walk over to an empty table and sit down.

Miracle of all miracles, the manager appeared — and proceeded to reiterate the same idiotic excuses.

Now, I am far from an expert, and we don't dine out every day of the week, but between Bob and I, we have been to our fair share of restaurants, so we could tell that not only didn't he have a clue, but running an efficient staff and providing service was just not in his wheelhouse.

Incompetency.

Our second experience was

at the EZ-Pass office. With the new HOV lane on the bridge, and the new express toll lanes, the brain trust at EZ-Pass decided now was the time to send out letters to issue new tags and to recertify Staten Island customers — all at the same time.

You would think the executives should have known better. There are a lot of people on this island, and many of them are HOV users. This being the case, recertification letters should have been staggered so as not to create a log jam for the only EZ-Pass office on the island. Right?

Nope. Not only didn't they stagger the dates and times, they didn't put on extra personnel to handle the deluge, thereby creating sheer chaos for all.

The first day we went, we waited for half an hour, decided this was nonsense, and left. Vowing to return early the next day and beat the crush, we got up early and again set out to EZ-Pass. Even though it was fairly early, the line was even longer than before.

But time was running out, so we decided to stay.

There we were, with dozens of other disgruntled, disgusted, and hot customers standing in line, waiting to be re-certified.

Incompetency.

Not for Nuthin™, but I no longer wonder why this country is in the state it's in. There are far too many incompetents running the show and not enough competents.

Follow me on Twitter @JDelBuono.

It's time to put an end to free parking

What if you could rent a place to store a giant pile of your stuff in New York City for free?

The bad news is you *can*. If you own a car, you can park it on the street in many neighborhoods without paying a cent. All you have to do is move it once or twice a week.

Of course, that seems totally normal — but maybe it shouldn't. As Paul Steely White, executive director of the non-profit Transportation Alternatives, points out, streets are actually public space. We *think* they're a place for cars to drive and sit (mostly sit), because that is what we've gotten used to. His goal is to get us all to think differently.

To that end, his group sponsored a night at the Museum of the City of New York last week called "Streetopia." Hundreds of people visited three floors of exhibits, all showcasing ways to reclaim the city from automobile dominance, like Barcelona's "Superblocks." Choked by traffic, that Spanish city is creating small neighborhoods of about three square blocks and allowing cars to drive only around the perimeter.



RHYMES WITH CRAZY

Lenore Skenazy

The chunk of blocks becomes a community — kids can play in the streets again, bicyclists don't fear cars — while the amount of air and noise pollution plummets.

Another exhibit featured the winners of a contest for how to deal with transit on 14th Street when the L train goes out of service for a year. One idea: Get cars off the block and have buses run every minute.

But the starkest, most perspective-changing exhibit was

simply time-lapse footage of a corner of E. 22nd Street where a CitiBike rack sits across from some on-street parking. Over the course of a single day you see people swarming the bike rack, taking bikes out, bringing them back. For a while, almost all the bikes are gone, then the rack fills up again, then off they go. And across the street, taking up twice as much space as the rack, are two cars, just sitting there, parked all day.

You start to realize how much space we have simply ceded to cars, and what a waste that is.

"Parking is a finite public resource," says White. That space that we think of as the place-cars-have-a-right-to-sit-all-day *could* be used differently. It *could* be used to expand the sidewalk, or make a bike lane. It *could* be given over to buses. It *could* become space for businesses to open up cafes or kiosks — and pay taxes on the land. Or it *could* be planted with grass and turned into a playground. We think of it as "parking" only because we believe that cars have the right to it.

But in fact, the majority of New Yorkers don't own cars. Why must we sacrifice public land to the minority, for free — especially since studies have shown that 90 percent of people who drive to their Manhattan jobs could get there by public transit?

"For too long the vast majority of New York City's public space has been dedicated to the convenience of drivers and the storage of cars. The small spaces carved out for pedestrians — crosswalks, sidewalks — leave the public at the mercy of drivers," says White.

I was talking to a car-owning friend about this, and he said that free parking is no different from free education. Some people don't own cars, some people don't have kids. Our taxes pay for schools and on-the-street parking anyway.

But streets are not like schools. Streets are public land that we are giving away. Would we let a private citizen build a house in Central Park? Of course not, because we recognize the park as something that belongs to all of us. It is time to think of our streets that way.

So then: How do we wrest them back from the car owners?

Some alternatives that have been tried elsewhere are working. London charges a giant premium to drive into its business district, and as a result, traffic (and parking) are down, but commerce is not.

Each summer, Paris turns some of its roadways into "beaches," complete with sand and palm trees. Somehow the Citroens survive.

Los Angeles raised its parking meter fees with the predictable result of cars parking for less time. That means cars are circling for less time, too.

Here in New York, one simple idea is to start charging for all street parking, and give the money to the MTA. Most of us would cheer.

"Streets can be designed for either cars or people, but not both at once," White said.

It is time to stop giving away New York City's precious public land.

Lenore Skenazy is founder of Free-Range Kids, a contributor to Reason.com, and author of "Has the World Gone Skenazy?"

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Coney's iconic coaster turns 90!

BY JULIANNE CUBA

It's been 90 years of thrills!

Coney Island's beloved Cyclone roller coaster ride in Luna Park turned a spry 90 years old this week, and the People's Playground

celebrated the local landmark with two full days of fun. Revelers made their way to the seaside amusement park for a block party on June 25, and another bash on its official birthday of June 26 had

people riding high on the iconic coaster for just 90 cents.

The two-day event was a great way to honor the wooden coaster's history and the joy it brings so many people, said Michael Quinn,

the owner of Feltman's, the dog company that recently returned to its birthplace beside the Cyclone after 60 years out of business.

"It's great to have a landmark like the Cyclone that still exists and is working better than ever," he said. "And we were not only celebrating the milestone of the Cy-

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WHAT A RIDE!



Coney goes virtual with zombies and flight games

BY CAROLINE SPIVACK

The amusement park is going to a whole new dimension!

Adrenaline junkies can take their thrill-seeking to the virtual limit with a pair of futuristic attractions now at the People's Playground. Two new rides use video tech to send visitors to strange new worlds: fighting for survival in a post-apocalyptic "seven dimension" shooter called Stop the Zombies at Deno's Wonder Wheel Amusement Park, or soaring high over a digital landscape at Luna Park's high flying WindstarZ.

First, you can rev up your engine with the shoot-em-up attraction Stop the Zombies! After stepping into the mouth of a 20-foot high zombie head to enter the theater, you can don a pair of 3-D glasses, and the encompassing surround-sound will give

you the impression that you are in the midst of a post-apocalyptic war where you use a laser pistol to blast the shambling undead.

While you shoot, the gyroscopic seats bump, tilt, and shake with the thrills. For instance, when an on-screen car takes a dive off a cliff after mowing down a horde of zombies, the seats tip precipitously forward.

Not only does the driving-heavy ride show off the 3D tech, but the air-conditioned theater offers a respite from the sweltering summer heat before you soak up the sunshine in Luna Park's latest fete on the futuristic fringes of entertainment.

Visitors can strap on a virtual reality headset in a digital upgrade to the park's already heart-thumping WindstarZ, where riders soar above the Boardwalk. The Samsung headsets

turn Sodom by the Sea into a whimsical reality that vaguely resembles "Super Mario World," where you can steer through caverns and waterfalls while shooting for coins.

The WindstarZ ride is truly a test of coordination, as pilots must navigate through the virtual sky by using a lever that affects how high or low you go in the real world, while also tapping the side of the headset to fire rainbow balls, which you aim with the subtle shifts of your melon.

"Stop the Zombies" at Deno's Wonder Wheel Park [3059 Denos Vourderis Pl. near Surf Avenue in Coney Island, (718) 372-2592, www.wonderwheel.com]. \$8.

"WindstarZ" at Luna Park [1000 Surf Ave. at W. 10th Street in Coney Island, (718) 373-5862 www.lunaparknyc.com]. \$5.



STICK EM UP: The "seven dimension" ride has you fighting off zombies with your trusty laser pistols. The thrills of the "Stop the Zombies" virtual shoot-em-up starts with an atmospheric entrance through a giant zombie head. And our intrepid reporter Caroline Spivack took the virtual WindstarZ ride for spin!



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GIVE 'EM A SHOW: Stickball players gave folks at MCU Park a demonstration of the classic street game at last year's inaugural session at the park. Photo by Angel Zayas

IT'S A HIT!

Stickball returns to MCU Park

BY LAUREN GILL

They're sticking with it!

Brooklynites can get a taste of the street game stickball on July 9, when fans of the old-timey ball game face off in a match before a Cyclones game at MCU Park. Stickball was popular in the first half of the 20th century and waned after, but the game is still alive and well in Kings County — and this stint in Coney Island can only create more buzz, according to the event's organizer.

"The game itself has a rich tradition not only in Brooklyn, but in New York City," said Jay Cusato. "We want this game to keep going, we want it to live on, and we hope this event does get people interested and hopefully they come out and pick it up too."

Cusato, a Brooklyn native who lives in Park Slope, is also the director of the short documentary "When Broomsticks Were King," which will play on the park's enormous screens after the stickball match.

The game is similar to baseball, but is played in the street with a broomstick and rubber ball, which made the game more accessible to kids without regulation bats and gloves.

This is the second Stickball Day at MCU Park, and Cusato said that the inaugural event helped bring a wave of youngsters to participate in the game.

"Once kids who don't know what it is see what it's all about, they jump right in," he said.

For this year's game, Cusato's Brooklyn team will play against the Staten Island club, one of about 10 games they will play this summer, he said. The layout of the match will vary a little from last year's, said Cusato, in order to more closely mimic playing in a narrow street.

The player and filmmaker hopes that the MCU Park game becomes an ongoing tradition, and that the game becomes so popular in Kings County that the borough can field its own league of teams.

"Everyone on our team is really excited about it," said Cusato. "We're hoping it can lead to the type of thing where people every year become attracted to the game of stickball."

Stickball Day at MCU Park [1904 Surf Ave. at W. 17th Street in Coney Island, (917) 572-2727, www.groupmatics.events/event/Stickballhall6]. July 9 at 2:30 pm. \$15.

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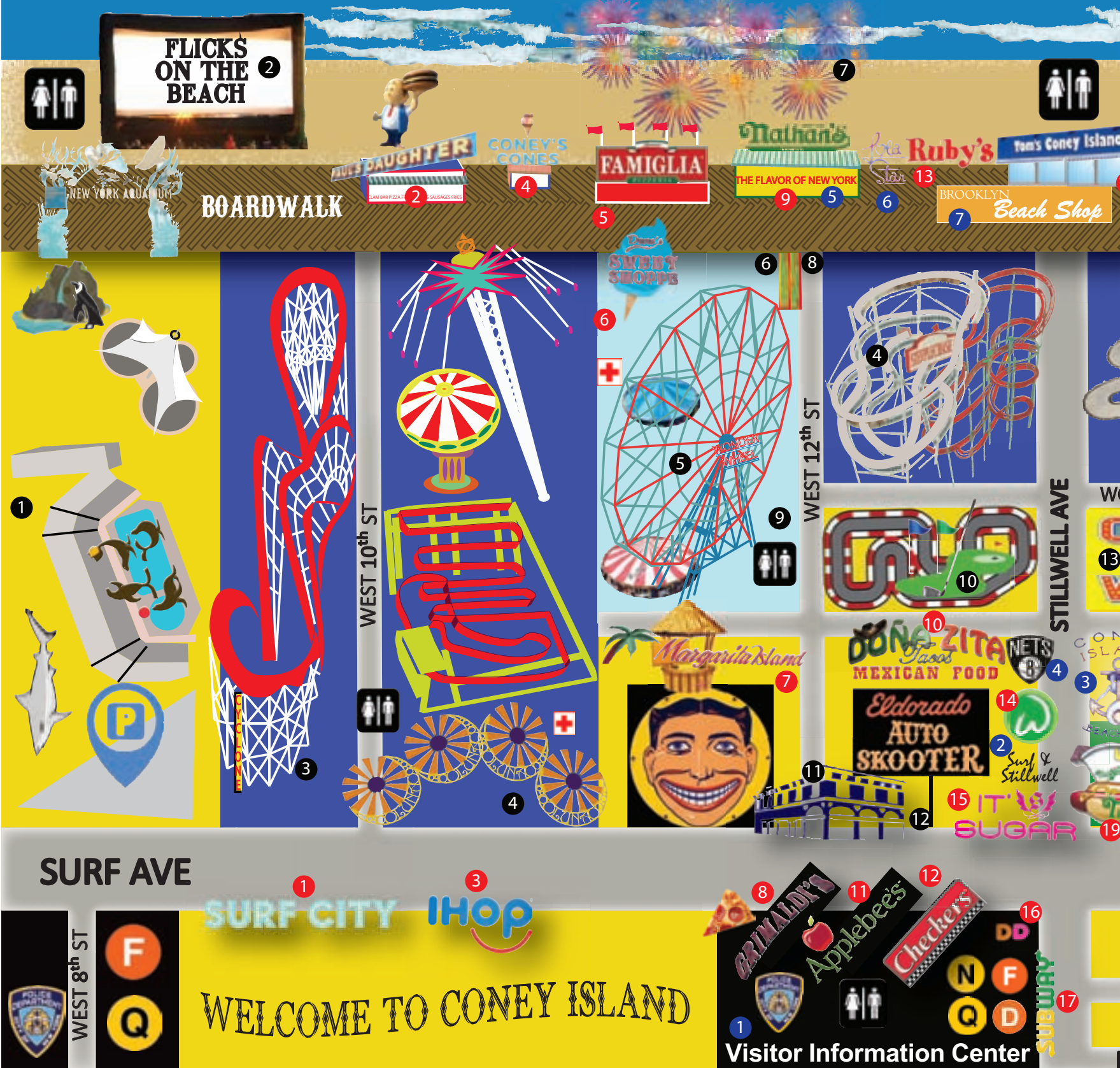
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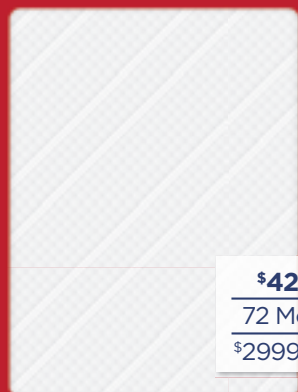
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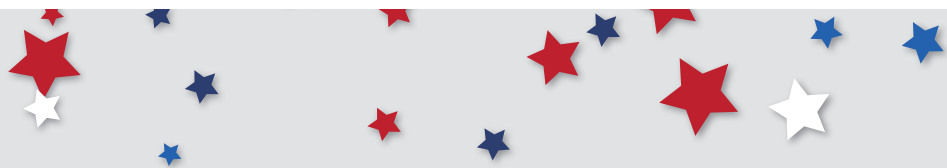
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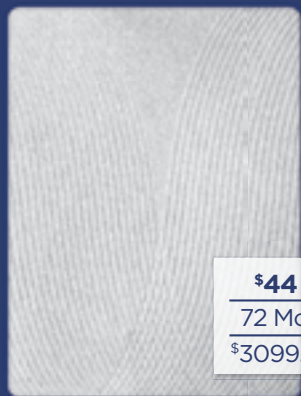
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Feltman's vs. Nathan's

They've both got a dog in this fight!

Frankfurter fans now have double the historic hot dog options in Coney Island, where sausage salesmen Feltman's of Coney Island and Nathan's Famous each dish up the classic convenient food.

A century and a half ago, Coney Island vittles vendor Charles Feltman had the bright idea to set his sizzling sausage inside a piece of bread so customers could easily nosh while they strolled the Boardwalk. Feltman's protégé, a young Nathan Handwerker, took his knowledge of franks and opened his own hot dog stand with a secret spice recipe across the street in 1916, underselling the Feltman's frankfurter by five cents. The two stands competed for decades, but Nathan's eventually proved more popular, and the original Feltman's restaurant closed in 1954.

Nathan's, home of the famous annual hot dog-eating contest

each Fourth of July, reigned supreme over Coney Island ever since, and the biz now has more than 300 Nathan's Famous hot dog restaurants and carts around the world.

But historian-turned-restaurateur Michael Quinn recently revived Feltman's original 1867 recipe, and dedicated himself to returning the original red hot to the People's Playground. Quinn opened his brick-and-mortar establishment on Surf Avenue earlier this year.

Each dog distributor claims to dish up a superior product, but we'll leave it to you to try them both and decide for yourself!

Feltman's of Coney Island (Surf Avenue at W. 10th Street in Coney Island, www.feltmansofconeyisland.com).

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Al Capone frequented the original Feltman's of Coney Island while working as a bouncer at Coney Island's Harvard Inn	FUN FACT	Franklin D. Roosevelt served Nathan's hot dogs to the King and Queen of England in 1939

CYCLONE

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clone, but also letting people know Feltman's is back alongside the Cyclone for the first time in many years."

At the afternoon block party celebrating the anniversary on June 25, partiers danced to music from Grammy-nominated hip hop artist Fabolous, a Brooklyn native.

Beloved basketball team the Harlem Globetrotters — which also celebrated its 90th birthday this year

— performed for the crowd, signed autographs, and posed for photographs with excited fans.

And the next day, riders hopped on the Cyclone for just 90 cents, while Feltman's handed out its delicious dogs for the same price during the official birthday party.

It was the perfect way to celebrate nine decades of the Cyclone, and the homecoming of New York's oldest dogs, said Quinn.

"It was a beautiful day, just a perfect day for the celebration," he said.

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OLD-SCHOOL PICNIC: Beachgoers can snag grub packed in picnic basket-esque containers at Kitchen 21 for a seaside feast at Coney Island. Photo by Jon Farina

Kitchen 21 brings your picnic to the beach

BY CAROLINE SPIVACK

Now that's service!

Culinary craftsmen at Coney Island's Kitchen 21 stand ready to pack a picnic basket with goodies and run it out to you on the beach! Vacationers seeking a classy seaside picnic need not even step off the sand — they can order by phone and not interrupt their sunbathing, said the restaurant's general manager.

"Every moment on the beach is precious, so now people can enjoy being on the beach longer," said Jim Coughlin, who runs Kitchen 21. "I mean it's just classic — picnic lunch on the beach, what's better than that?"

Hungry beach-goers can also step directly into the food hall, which opened in May at the historic Childs

Building on the Boardwalk at W. 21st Street, to select from a menu of different baskets. Options include "The Classic," which offers Mediterranean chicken pinwheels, lemon poppy slaw, and black bean salad; "The Cafe" stuffed with Italian ciabatta, tomato salad, and chocolate mousse; and a vegan option with grilled cauliflower steak, among others.

Picky eaters can also mix and match items off the cafe's regular menu to make the perfect meal for you and your partner.

"You can go a la carte off the cafe menu, which is sandwiches and salads to build it how you like," said Coughlin. "The baskets are meant for any derivative of two — it's designed for pairs of two and up."

The baskets mostly run \$21, except

for a premium goodie bin loaded with seven dishes and drinks for \$42.

At the moment, employees are getting their cardio by running the nosh to people on the shore, but Kitchen 21 plans to set up a tent on the sands near the food hall, where picnickers will have to journey and pick up their fare.

Instead of the traditional wicker baskets, the kitchen uses recycled, corrugated cardboard containers that can be tossed out after the meal, so you will not have to return dishes to the Boardwalk eatery.

The minds at Kitchen 21 developed the rendezvous set up to emphasize convenience for those enjoying the sand and the sea, said Coughlin.

"We were thinking how could we reach out to that customer that's 30

feet from us on the beach, and make it easier for them," he said. "So we brought back the old-fashioned picnic — except now we'll pack it for you."

No alcohol is allowed on the beach or in the baskets — but those who want some tannins with their tanning can step up to Kitchen 21's newly opened rooftop wine bar. The spot, called Boardwalk and Vine, offers a selection of eight tap wines, 21 bottled vintages, and its own menu of succulent grub — along with amazing views of the beach.

Kitchen 21 [3052 W. 21st St. at the Boardwalk in Coney Island, (718) 954-9801, www.kitchen-21.com]. Sun-Wed, 11 am-10 pm, Thu-Sat, 11 am-11 pm. Boardwalk and Vine open from 1 pm until late.



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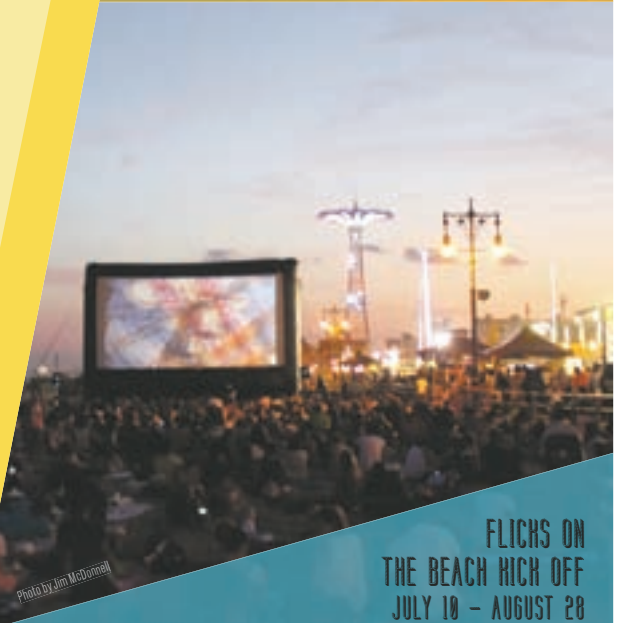
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Do you know your risk of stroke?

Taking the time to answer a few questions may help to reduce your risk of stroke. Stroke is the number three cause of death of Americans and is a leading cause of disability.

This year, it will strike 700,000 Americans of all ages, genders and ethnicities. A member of your family, a friend or neighbor — or even you — could be a victim.

Many Americans are not aware of their stroke risk factors, many of which can be prevented or controlled. You can start to take control by knowing what factors put you at risk. Check all that apply to you.

Age: For every decade after age 55, your chance of stroke doubles.

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Previous stroke or transient ischemic attack: You have had a stroke or tran-

sient ischemic attack (“mini-stroke”).

Blood pressure: Your blood pressure is 140/90 mm Hg or higher (high blood pressure), a healthcare professional has said your blood pressure is high, your blood pressure is 120/80 to 139/89 mm Hg (prehypertension), or you don’t know what your blood pressure is.

Tobacco smoking: You smoke, live, or work with people who smoke tobacco regularly.

Diabetes: You have diabetes (a fasting blood sugar reading of 126 mg-dL or higher), you need medicine to control your blood sugar, or you have been told you have an impaired ability to control your blood sugar (a fasting blood sugar reading greater than 100 mg-dL).

Total cholesterol: Your cholesterol is 240 mg-dL or higher, or you don’t know your level.

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If one or more of these choices apply to you, studies show you are at increased risk for stroke. See a healthcare provider for a complete assessment of your risks.

To learn more, call, toll free, (888) 478-7653 or visit www.StrokeAssociation.org.

Knowing signs can save a life

Each year, 780,000 Americans suffer a stroke. It is the third leading cause of death and the leading cause of long-term disability in the United States. Yet, many Americans do not know the symptoms or what to do when they witness someone having a stroke.

“Stroke is an unmistakable event. Few other medical conditions come on so suddenly or are so noticeable to a bystander,” said Dr. Walter J. Koroshetz, deputy director of the Institute. “For this reason, it is critical that people know to call 9-1-1 and get to the hospital to receive appropriate medical treatment immediately when a stroke occurs. Prompt treatment can dramatically decrease or even prevent long-term disabilities caused by a stroke.”

A stroke occurs when blood flow to the brain is interrupted. Brain cells die when deprived of oxygen and nutrients provided by blood. Because stroke injures the brain, if you are having a stroke, you may not realize what is happening. But, to a bystander, the signs of a stroke are distinct:

- Sudden numbness or weakness of the face, arm or leg (especially on one side of the body)
- Sudden confusion, trouble speaking or understanding speech
- Sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes
- Sudden dizziness, trouble walking, or loss of balance or coordination
- Sudden severe headache with no known cause

In treating a stroke, every minute counts. Knowing the symptoms of a stroke, making note of the time of the first stroke symptoms, and getting to the hospital quickly — within 60 minutes if possible — can help you save yourself, or someone you know, from serious long-term disability.

Making changes in your lifestyle can help prevent stroke. Risk factors for stroke include high blood pressure, diabetes, smoking, heart disease, family history of stroke, high cholesterol, and being overweight. Talk to your doctor and let him know about the concerns you may have about the risk factors of stroke. Find out your risks and take action.

For more information,



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Women and stroke

More women than men have strokes — the leading cause of disability and third-leading cause of death in the United States — according to a national survey conducted by HealthyWomen, the nation's leading independent health information source for women, but many women may be dramatically underestimating their risk.

Leean Hendrix did. At age 26, the former Miss Arizona was talking to her friend when she suddenly realized her speech had become incomprehensible. Concerned, she looked in the mirror and realized the right side of her face was drooping. She knew immediately something was wrong.

"When I went to the hospital, I learned I had suffered a stroke. I never thought it would happen to me," said Leean. "I was young, healthy and in shape."

According to the survey of 2,000 women, which was conducted in partnership with the National Stroke Association

and the American College of Emergency Physicians by Harris Interactive, 40 percent of women said they were only somewhat — or not at all — concerned about experiencing a stroke in their lifetime. Furthermore, although women are twice as likely to die from stroke as they are from breast cancer, the survey found that women believed breast cancer to be five times more prevalent than stroke.

"The results of the survey underscore what we see too often with women when it comes to dealing with their unique health issues," said Elizabeth Battaglini Cahill, RN, executive director of HealthyWomen. "As they put the health of family members and everyone else first, they often underestimate their own risks and ignore warning signs of serious health problems, like stroke."

An acute ischemic stroke occurs when an obstruction, such as a blood clot, blocks blood flow to the brain. The obstruction deprives the



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brain of blood and oxygen, destroying valuable nerve cells in the affected area within minutes.

"Stroke knows no gender and can happen to anyone at any age," said Marilyn Rymer, MD, director of the Brain and Stroke Institute at Saint Luke's Hospital in Kansas City. "Given the prevalence of stroke in women, it is

especially critical for women to understand the risk factors and symptoms."

Only 27 percent of women surveyed could name more than two of the six primary stroke symptoms.

"If you experience any of the symptoms of a stroke, it is imperative to call 9-1-1 so you receive immediate medical attention, even if the symp-

toms go away," said Angela Gardner, MD, president of the American College of Emergency Physicians. "Time equals brain; for every minute the brain is deprived of oxygen, it may lose up to 1.9 million brain cells. If you are having even one of the symptoms of stroke, come to the emergency department so we can evaluate and treat you."

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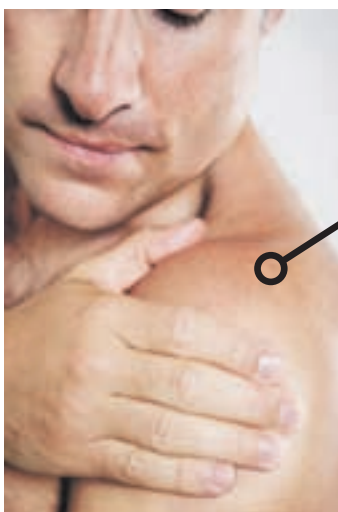
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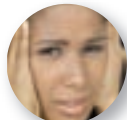
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How women can combat their high cholesterol

High cholesterol can dramatically affect a person's long-term health. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, people with high total cholesterol have approximately twice the risk of developing heart disease as people whose cholesterol levels are ideal. And contrary to what many people may think, women are no less susceptible to high cholesterol than men.

Cholesterol can be a confusing topic. Though cholesterol has a bad reputation, that stature can be somewhat misleading. That's because there are two types of cholesterol, one of which actually reduces a person's risk for heart disease and stroke. High-density lipoprotein, often referred to as "HDL" or "good" cholesterol, absorbs low-density lipoprotein, or "bad" cholesterol, or "LDL," and carries it back to the liver, which then flushes it from the body. High-density cholesterol accounts for a minority of the body's cholesterol. Unfortunately, the majority of cholesterol in the body is low-density, high levels of which can contribute to plaque buildup in the arteries, increasing a person's risk for heart disease and stroke.

A 2015 report from the American Heart Association indicated that more than 73 million American adults have high LDL cholesterol. The 2013 Canadian Health Measures Survey found that, between 2009 and 2011, the number of Canadians with unhealthy levels of LDL increased significantly with age, with 40 percent of men and women between the ages of 40 and 59 suffering from unhealthy levels.

Women may think that the presence of the female sex hormone estrogen can positively impact their cholesterol levels. While estrogen tends to raise HDL levels, its presence alone does not mean women are out of the woods with regard to cardiovascular disease, including heart disease and stroke. In fact, the Centers for Disease Control notes that heart disease remains the leading cause of death among women.

High cholesterol levels do not mean women will automatically develop heart disease, but those who receive such a diagnosis should take the following steps to lower their LDL levels so they can live longer, healthier lives:

Eat right

Avoid foods that are high in fat, especially saturated fats and trans fats. The Heart Association notes that foods that contain saturated fats contribute to high levels of LDL. Fatty beef, lamb, pork, poultry with skin, lard and cream, butter, and cheese are just a few of the foods that contain saturated fats. Those foods all come from animal



Regular exercise can help women prevent and combat high cholesterol.

sources, but many baked goods and fried foods are also high in saturated fat and should be avoided.

Fruits, vegetables and whole grains are heart-healthy foods that can help women lower their LDL levels and reduce their risk for cardiovascular disease.

Exercise regularly

Routine physical activity can help women lower their cholesterol levels, especially when such exercise is combined with a healthy diet. The Office on Women's Health recommends women get two hours and 30 minutes of moderate-intensity aerobic activity each week, or one hour and 15 minutes of vigorous-intensity aerobic activity each week.

Speak with your physician to learn which exercises are most appropriate for someone in your condition. Women who want to do more than aerobic activity can still meet their exercise requirements by combining moderate and vigorous cardiovascular exercise with muscle-strengthening activities two or more days per week.

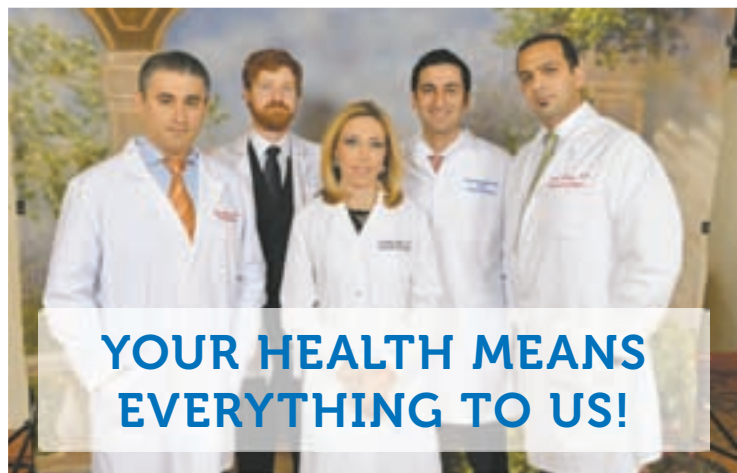
Quit smoking

Smoking can accelerate the damage already being done by high cholesterol. While research does not indicate that smoking directly impacts LDL levels, the toxins produced and inhaled from cigarettes can modify existing cholesterol, making it more likely to cause inflammation.

Cholesterol does not discriminate, and women need to be just as mindful as men when monitoring their total cholesterol levels.



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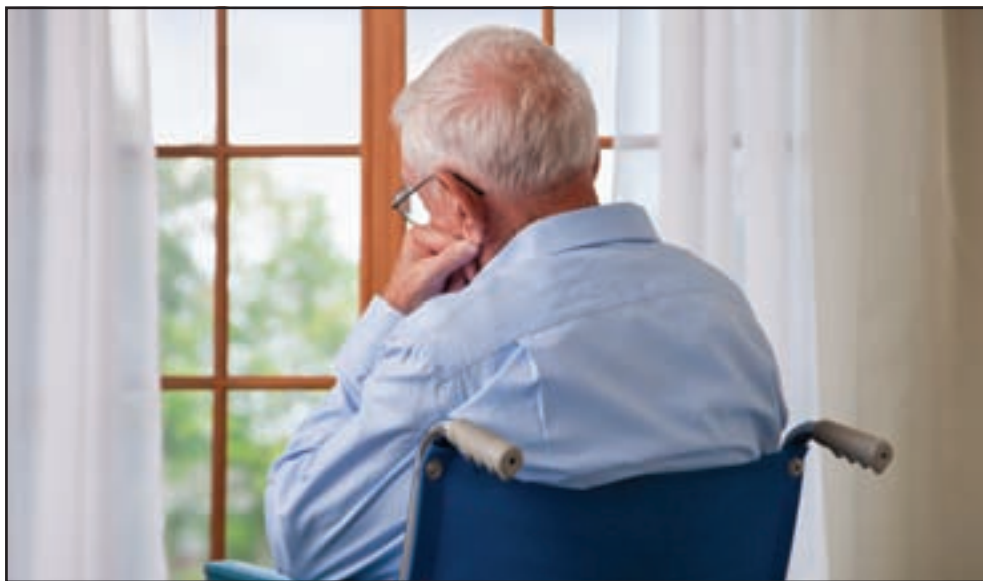
Focus on Health – Stroke

Stroke is the leading cause of serious long-term disability in the United States; it also results in over 130,000 deaths each year.

Roughly 85 percent of strokes are ischemic, which means they are caused by the blockage of a blood vessel supplying oxygen-rich blood to the brain. Symptoms of an ischemic stroke include weakness or numbness on one side of the body, visual changes, dizziness and slurred speech.

Other strokes are hemorrhagic, which means that a weakened blood vessel ruptures and bleeds into the brain. The symptoms are similar to those of ischemic stroke, but they can also include severe headache in a specific area, neck stiffness, nausea and vomiting. Despite the fact that hemorrhagic strokes account for only about 15 percent of strokes, they are responsible for about 40 percent of all stroke deaths.

With stroke, “time is brain,” says Michael J. Ayad, M.D., an interventional neurosurgeon at NewYork-Presbyterian Brooklyn Methodist



Hospital. “If a person experiencing an ischemic stroke is brought to the emergency room within four hours of the stroke’s onset, we may be able to administer tPA (tissue plasminogen activator), which can reverse the stroke by breaking up the clot and allowing blood flow to reach the brain again,” says Dr. Ayad.

Previously, there were not many options for stroke pa-

tients after the four-hour window for tPA had passed. However, “there have recently been many advances in the treatment of stroke that allow us to treat stroke patients beyond the tPA deadline,” said Dr. Ayad. Depending on the individual and the details of the case, there are a number of technological advances that can minimize or even reverse the effects of a stroke. One of

these involves a device that acts as a “tiny vacuum cleaner for the brain,” suctioning out blood clots, via a catheter in the femoral artery.

Other stroke reversal techniques for the treatment of ischemic strokes include inserting a catheter into the femoral artery, and, using a cork-screw-shaped device attached at the catheter’s end, physically spearing and removing

the blood clot; another device surrounds and compresses the clot, trapping it for removal.

Although there is not yet an effective targeted therapy available for hemorrhagic stroke, immediate emergency care can control bleeding in the brain and reduce the pressure caused by the bleeding, thereby minimizing potential damage. Dr. Ayad urges people to respond immediately when symptoms of stroke are present. “Do not delay when you see the signs of stroke. Call 911. Even if you are not sure what your symptoms mean, let us evaluate your condition.”

NewYork-Presbyterian Brooklyn Methodist Hospital is a New York State certified Stroke Center, which has earned the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association (AHA/ASA) Stroke Gold Plus Performance Achievement award. “We have the latest equipment and an experienced staff that can immediately respond to cerebrovascular bleeds and strokes,” says Dr. Ayad.

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City hospitals win the gold for heart and stroke care

NYC Health + Hospitals has received national recognition awards for 10 of its hospitals across the five boroughs for implementing specific quality improvement measures related to the treatment of patients suffering from heart failure, cardiac arrest, and stroke. The awards from the American Heart Association and the American Stroke Association recognize the consistent application of best-practice, research-based standards of care, which reduce recovery time, disability, and mortality rates for stroke patients, and reduce hospital readmissions for heart failure patients.

Eight hospitals received the highest award for excellence in stroke care, and six received high honors for excellence in heart failure care; three received awards for excellence in both. Two hospitals improved their performance from silver status last year to gold status this year, and seven hospitals earned new recognitions this year.

The following Brooklyn hospitals were recognized by the American Stroke Association and the American Heart Association:

NYC Health + Hospitals/ Coney Island: Stroke Gold Plus Award.

NYC Health + Hospitals/ Kings County: Heart Failure Silver Award, Stroke Gold Plus & Target: Stroke Elite Honor Roll Award.

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itals/Woodhull: Heart Failure Gold Plus & Target: Heart Failure Honor Roll Award.

“Across NYC Health + Hospitals, staff continue to push the mark each year to meet the guidelines set by the American Heart Association and the American Stroke Association,” said Dr. Machel Allen, chief medical officer of NYC Health + Hospitals. “Our patients should be reassured to know that, when they come to NYC Health + Hospitals, the care they will receive is nationally recognized for its high quality.”

According to the American Heart Association, about 5.7 million adults in the United States suffer from heart failure, with the number expected to rise to eight million by 2030. Statistics show that each year about 870,000 new cases are diagnosed and about 50 percent of those diagnosed will die within five years. However, many heart failure patients can lead a full, enjoyable life when their condition is managed with proper medications or devices and with healthy lifestyle changes.

The awards recognize success in meeting or exceeding standards established by the American Heart Association and the American Stroke Association through their “Get with the Guidelines” program. To earn recognition in stroke care, the standards include aggressive use of medications such as clot-busting

and anti-clotting drugs, blood thinners, and cholesterol-reducing drugs; preventive action for deep vein thrombosis; and smoking cessation counseling. To earn the award for excellence in heart failure care, standards include the proper use of medications and aggressive risk-reduction therapies; provision of educational materials to patients on managing heart failure and overall health; and scheduling of follow-up visits. To earn recognition for resuscitation, the standards include adopting protocols for patient safety, medical emergency team response, effective and timely resuscitation, and post-resuscitation care.

Most of the awards received by NYC Health + Hospitals also featured add-on “Elite” and/or “Plus” recognition, noting that additional rigorous criteria had also been met — criteria such as, for stroke, “time to intravenous thrombolytic therapy: 60 minutes.”

Nine of the city’s public health system’s hospitals are designated Stroke Centers by the New York State Department of Health. Trained in stroke diagnosis and treatment, dedicated stroke teams are committed to providing patients with rapid diagnosis and effective treatment. To receive more information or get connected to care, please visit nychealthandhospitals.org to find a public hospital in your community.



Silent stroke may not exhibit any symptoms, making it more difficult to detect.

What is a silent stroke?

The brain is a complex organ responsible for controlling many different bodily functions. When working at optimal capacity, the brain is a wonder to behold. When illness or trauma affects the brain, various parts of the body may not work as they should.

One of the more devastating things that can affect the brain is stroke. Stroke describes a sudden stoppage of blood from reaching the brain. Harvard Medical School states that if a large number of brain cells are starved of blood supply, they can die. With their demise, a person’s memory and ability to speak and move can be compromised.

While many strokes come on suddenly, certain factors may indicate a person is at risk. Such factors may include prior heart attacks, genetics, high blood pressure, smoking, or a prior stroke. However, in a particular type of stroke — a “silent stroke” — symptoms are far more subtle and difficult to spot.

Silent cerebral infarction, often referred to as “SCI” or “silent stroke,” is a brain injury likely caused by a blood clot interrupting blood flow to the brain, offers the American Stroke Association. Silent strokes increase risk for other strokes and can be a sign of progressive brain damage. A silent stroke is typically only noticed as a side component of an MRI of the brain. Many times patients do not recall having a stroke and never felt any symptoms. Silent strokes should not be mistaken for mini-strokes. Mini-stroke is a brief but discrete and memorable event, with symptoms

appearing for a few minutes or a few hours.

According to a study on silent stroke titled “Functional and Cognitive Consequences of Silent Stroke Discovered Using Brain Magnetic Resonance Imaging in an Elderly Population” and published in the *Journal of American Geriatrics Society*, silent strokes are quite common and can have serious consequences. Researchers have found that silent stroke is associated with impairments in tests of cognitive function rather than movement-oriented performance tests like rising from a chair. Almost 50 percent of studied silent strokes affected frontal circuit components of the brain, such as the frontal cortex, basal ganglia, and thalamus. Lesions in these brain structures compromised executive functions and were related to vascular dementia. Another study showed associations between silent stroke and visual field deficits, weakness in walking on heels, history of memory loss, migraines, and lower scores in cognitive function tests.

The “silent” part of a silent stroke also refers to the areas of the brain that the stroke affects. Experts at Harvard Medical School explain that, during a silent stroke, an interruption in blood flow destroys areas of cells in a part of the brain that is “silent,” meaning that it doesn’t control any vital functions. Researchers say that, over time, the damage from silent strokes can accumulate, leading to more and more problems with memory. Collectively, silent strokes become silent no longer.

Stroke can have lasting effects

Surviving a stroke can leave lasting impairments that can drastically alter the victim’s life.

Consider the case of Wayne Banks. Some days he cannot remember from one minute to the next what he was doing. The 71-year-old struggles with vascular dementia, a decline in intellectual abilities, as a result of a stroke, or “brain attack.”

Vascular dementia occurs when brain tissue is damaged, most often by a stroke

or series of strokes. The brain cells, in effect, have difficulty working together to help individuals process information. Approximately 39 percent of Americans over the age of 65 experiencing dementia have vascular dementia, making it second only to Alzheimer’s dementia.

“People with VaD lose their ability to process things mentally, that is they lose their ability to remember things, may have some change in their personality, and may have

what looks like depression,” said Dr. Don Smith, stroke program director at Colorado Neurological Institute. “They also may have difficulties with calculations, solving problems or planning.”

It is estimated that nearly a fifth of the people who suffer a stroke will develop problems involving their mental abilities. Symptoms of vascular dementia may include memory loss, language problems, confusion and impaired motor control.

Boomers may need to become caregivers

Training relatives in caregiving can ease their burden and aid stroke survivors. More than 81 million baby boomers live in the United States, and most are at or exceed the age of 55. This is the age when the odds of having a stroke and becoming a stroke caregiver start to increase. It is important to know how to prevent stroke and how to prepare in case you or a family member experiences one.

Each year, 700,000 people have a new or recurrent stroke. In adults over 55, the lifetime risk for stroke is greater than one in six, and women have a higher risk than men.

The first line of defense for all people, not just those over age 55, is to know the stroke warning signs, manage stroke risk factors and visit the doctor regularly. Some risk factors are high blood pressure,

smoking, obesity, having a family history of stroke or having had a transient ischemic attack, or "ministroke."

If you or a family member has one or more of these risk factors, there is a real possibility you could become a stroke caregiver. Making plans now will save an immeasurable amount of time and stress later, and allow you to concentrate on what really matters in a health crisis — your family member.

According to an American Stroke Association survey, two out of three people say they are prepared in the event they become a caregiver, yet only seven percent of those same respondents are planning — or have planned — for the event.

"Families don't realize that even stroke survivors who regain functional independence

will need constant, full-time care for an extended period of time while rehabilitating. They may need care for one month, 10 years, or a

lifetime," explained Robert Adams, MD and American Stroke Association volunteer.

Taking simple actions now can help protect against — and, in some instances, eliminate — the impact that comes with becoming a stroke caregiver:

- First, know and manage your and your family member's stroke risk factors.

- Second, identify materials to educate yourself and your family on what being a caregiver involves.

- Third, ask your at-risk family members about their financial situation.

- Finally, take stock of your own financial health and retirement savings.



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New York Harbor Watch



LEADING THE JUMP!: Army Sgt. Angel Durkee, an intelligence analyst, practices leaning outside of a simulated aircraft door during training in Colorado. Staff Sgt. William Reiner

The couple that jumps together

HARBOR WATCH

When Daniel and Angel Durkee first met, they were in high school chemistry class in Canyon Lake, Calif., and the reaction was immediate. They started dating, but their bond would be tested as Daniel, a year older, graduated, joined the Army, and was stationed at Fort Bragg, N.C.

Angel graduated the next year and also joined the Army. The two were reunited at Fort Bragg and married in 2016.

Now, Sgt. Daniel Durkee is a mechanic assigned to 3rd Battalion, 10th Special Forces Group, while Sgt. Angel Durkee is an intelligence analyst — also assigned to 10th SFG; a solution made possible through the Married Army Couples Program.

Last month, the two were among 53 soldiers assigned to various Special Operations units across Fort Carson to graduate from a static-line jumpmaster course.

For the Durkees, the course provided something more than just the chance to earn the title, “jumpmaster.”

Although they work in the same unit, they rarely interact during the day. But, being in the same jumpmaster course

was a unique treat for them.

“It’s probably been some of the best couple of weeks I’ve had in the Army, because I get to see him every day,” Angel said.

Daniel said that pulling jumpmaster duty together was something they had talked on the morning of the final practical work in the aircraft exam, they found out they’d be doing it sooner than they thought.

For their final exam, students were required to execute jumpmaster actions inside an aircraft while flying 2,000 ft. above Barbara Drop Zone at Fort Carson.

The Durkees found out they would be evaluated together as one of those jumpmaster teams.

“It definitely settled my nerves,” Daniel said. “It was nice to be able to look across and see a familiar face. It gave me a lot more confidence.”

Together, Angel and Daniel called commands to their jumpers, inspected the paratroop door of the C-130, and leaned out of the aircraft to look for any potential dangers in the air or on the ground.

Within seconds of each other, both soldiers became jumpmasters.

The long road home

Colonel takes a circuitous route to Army career

HARBOR WATCH

Just out of high school and unsure of what to do with his life, a young Ohio man went to a bus depot, handed a ticket agent almost all of the money in his pocket, and said with a smile, “I’ll go wherever this takes me.” So begins James “Nick” Koterski’s unconventional journey to becoming an Army colonel.

Landing in New Orleans, he spent the rest of his cash on a good meal. Shucking oysters nights and on weekends to earn money, he worked toward an undergraduate degree from the University of New Orleans, and eventually completed his doctorate of veterinarian medicine in 1989 from Louisiana State University.

Koterski worked in a regular clinical practice for a few years. “It wasn’t for me,” he said, so he found a food inspector position with the U.S. Department of Agriculture. A couple of years later, a colleague in the Army Reserve suggested that his adventurous nature would make him a good fit for the Army.

His first assignment sent him to Fort Monmouth, N.J., where he primarily conducted food inspections for the commissary and exchange. He said what made the assignment really satisfying, though, was providing for the medical needs of all the working dogs for the Port Authority of New York and the Coast Guard.

When he was next stationed at Camp Hiialeah, situated at the southern tip of South Korea, he continued his food inspection role for all Defense Department installations and vendors.

He returned to New Jersey after his stint in Korea and earned a doctorate in microbiology from Rutgers University. Those credentials led him to join an exclusive group of medical research scientists, who account for about six percent of



HE DID IT HIS WAY: Army Col. James Nick Koterski, a veterinarian and microbiologist, took an unconventional route to joining the Army medical research team. US Army

the 400 Army veterinarians.

Koterski joined DoD’s lead lab for medical biological defense research, the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute for Infectious Diseases at Fort Detrick, Md. The institute’s core mission is to protect service members from biological threats, and so it investigates disease outbreaks and threats to public health, especially those that can be used as weapons.

One of his first expeditions with the institute involved working with local public health researchers at various Native American reservations in the “four corners” area — Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, and Utah. He worked on a new test for plague, which naturally occurs in prairie dogs and other rodents in the area.

He had another memorable assignment with Inuit natives in Canada’s Northwest Territory on Great Slave Lake, sampling tissues of wildlife to find bacterium similar to anthrax, but not as highly lethal.

Koterski returned to Fort Detrick in 2005, this time with the U.S. Army Medical Materiel and Development Activity, to develop new drugs for biological defense threats not common enough for drug companies to invest in yet.

Koterski said one of his most challenging assignments, however, was the year he spent in the Democratic Republic of Congo, where he helped collect blood samples from patients and charted the natural course of a rare disease called monkey pox, similar to smallpox.

Safety first for this soldier

HARBOR WATCH

In the early morning light, a silhouette ascends the white cinder block tower's short staircase, briefly pausing at the top to jingle open the structure's single hatch.

Moments later, a voice echoes across the quiet range at Camp Hansen in Okinawa, Japan.

"Good morning, shooters. Face up-range and listen for your range safety brief," said Marine Corps Sgt. Krista Marshik, the voice of the tower for the combat pistol program.

"The tower" is the command center of the range, where range staff members enforce safety procedures, monitor shooters, and issue commands. The tower is a fixture on every Marine Corps rifle and pistol range to ensure safety is the priority. Marshik is the main voice on the microphone, giving commands with confidence and ease.

But it wasn't always that way.

"I've been [the voice] for so long that I know the flow of the range," said Marshik, an ammunition technician with Formal Marksmanship Training Unit, Headquarters and Service Company, III Marine Expeditionary Force Headquarters Group.

"I know how it's supposed to be run."

Marshik said manning the tower as a corporal helped her become the confident Marine sergeant she is today.

"The previous sergeant knew I was shy, and he wanted to break me out of my shell. He was getting ready to leave Okinawa, so he decided to make me the tower [controller] help me gain confidence," she said.

Marshik said she was nervous at first — when she began to learn how to manage shooting ranges. Now, she has been the voice of the tower for almost two years.

She said some days are long and repetitive, but she doesn't mind the work.

"I feel accomplished at the end of the week, knowing that we successfully trained up to 300 officers and staff noncommissioned officers, but I never let it get to my head," she said. "It's just another day on the range."

After the final "pop" of the last shot fades, Marshik delivers a final "CEEEEEEE-AAAAAASE FIRE, CEASE FIRE, unload, show clear," ending another day of fundamental marksmanship training, scented by gunpowder and narrated by the voice of the tower.



ROCKET MAN: Staff Sgt. Travis J. Zurick poses for a photo during his unit's annual training at Dugway Proving Grounds in Utah on June 12. Sgt. Ian Ferro

Aim and shoot

This experienced marksman points the way

HARBOR WATCH

With 13 years of experience as an artillery Marine, Staff Sgt. Travis J. Zurick observes calmly as his Marines shoot 200-pound rockets at targets 40 kilometers away in the windy and desolate terrain.

"The artillery shapes the battlefield," said Zurick, a Marine with a field sunburn and uniform covered in dust.

Regardless of his love for the artillery field and all his Marines within Battery D, 2nd Battalion, 14th Marine Regiment; becoming an artillery Marine was not always Zurick's plan.

Shortly after Sept. 11, he decided to join the Marine Corps as an officer. In the midst of his preparation for Officer Candidate School, however, he had a setback.

"I was training with a friend of mine, when I pushed myself a little too far and injured my elbow," he said. "I ended up tearing the cartilage out of my elbow. I could no longer do pull-ups, push-ups or any other sort of rigorous exercise."

With his elbow injured, Zurick's OCS aspirations were temporarily off the table. But that did not stop him. He had his mind set on earning the title of Marine, and after recovering from his injury, he decided to take a different route into the Corps and enlist under a reserve contract.

Zurick became a basic ar-

tillery cannoner in 2005. Later, he deployed to Afghanistan in 2009, where his battalion shot more than 50 artillery missions.

The Marine Corps values initiative in its Marines, and Zurick is a good example. His attitude has always been to volunteer for everything.

He recalled a time that his sergeant major was left with an open slot for Airborne school after the individual slated for it backed out at the last minute. Zurick saw an opportunity and took advantage of it.

"Within seconds, I put my hand in the air and said 'Sergeant major, if you let me, this Marine will go today!' And a week later I was on my way to the school."

Zurick explained that if Marines have the motivation and dedication, the Marine Corps will always take care of them. They just need the confidence to put their hands in the air and keep their minds open for any opportunity that might show up.

"I am sort of a jack of all trades. I have done all sorts of work, such as roofing, landscaping, construction, plumbing, etc," he said. But the Marine Corps is where he truly feels at home. "To be a Marine and to be around other Marines along with the camaraderie that comes with it is simply fantastic"

Considering his passion

for the Marine Corps, Zurick explained that it was tough to decide whether to sign an active duty or reserve contract, but he has no regrets with choice to go the reserve route.

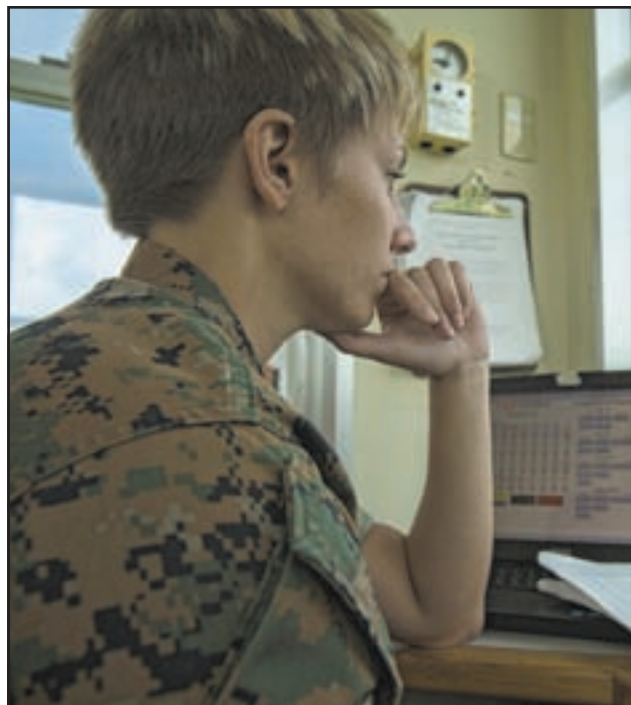
Being a Reserve Marine is like having the best of both worlds, he explained. The Marines Corps teaches discipline, and the core values instilled in all Marines helps set Reserve Marines apart from their peers in the civilian world.

"The great thing about being a Reserve Marine is that our civilian jobs help us bring an extra expertise to the fight," Zurick added.

He also values the ability to stay with the same unit and serve with the same Marines that duty in the Reserve component frequently provides.

"Any typical active-duty Marine has to change duty stations every few years, but I have been with the same battery [for] the last 12 years," he explained. "I know all my Marines. I know them very well, I know what they are capable of and I also know their families."

With a smile on his face, Zurick relayed that his original plan was to enlist for a single contract. Yet, 13 years later, he is still going strong, joking that he doesn't plan on stopping until the Marine Corps gets tired of him and kicks him out.



OVER AND OUT: Sgt. Krista Marshik waits to call the next command at the Combat Pistol Program tower on Camp Hansen, Okinawa, Japan.

Lance Cpl. Charles Plouffe

Guardisman says, 'TAG, you're it!'

Staff Sergeant takes home the top honors in the training rifle match

HARBOR WATCH

For New York Army National Guard Staff Sgt. Michael Kapela, his seventh Adjutant General's Combat Sustainment Training Exercise known as the "TAG Match" — was more meaningful than his first.

Ten years ago, Kapela, who has served in the Guard for 16 years, won a clean sweep of all the events during his first TAG Match, and he has since competed twice at regional National Guard shooting matches and once at the national level.

This year — the 38th time the TAG Match has been held — he took top honors in the individual rifle match and was also part of the rifle team that won first place.

Helping the team from his unit, the 152nd Engineer Support Company, earn first place in the rifle marksmanship event is what made this time around special, Kapela said.

Training for the match was an opportunity to teach marksmanship skills while learning new tips and techniques from other service members, he explained.

Kapela added that he's not in the competition for the trophy or the recognition; he's in it to help the next generation of soldiers.

"There are 101 theories out there on how to be a great shooter, but not everything will work for you," he said. "It's about trying and implementing new tips until you get it right, and that's what the TAG Match gives you an opportunity to do."

Kapela has a significant amblyopia, or lazy eye, and that would deter most people from pursuing both a hobby and profession that relies heavily on ocular accuracy. But he said it only strengthened his resolve to learn and try even harder.

He said he uses the mantra that his father, a 35-year Army veteran combat engineer, gave to him when he was 8 years old: "If you're going to show someone what you can do, first you need to show them how to get it done."

Kapela was one of 68 service members who participated in the 38th Annual "TAG Match" Combat Sustainment Training Exercise from June 1 to 4.

The TAG Match is a three-day event conducted by the New York Army National Guard to promote excellence in marksmanship training and offers soldiers and airmen the opportunity to test their skills and weapon systems in a battle-focused environment.

Members of the New York Naval Militia and the New York Guard, the state's volunteer self-defense forces, are also invited to participate in the competition.

These skills and techniques are forged during four high-tempo and high-pressure marksmanship events, each designed to test the knowledge of



TAG: U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Michael Kapela waits to fire his M4 carbine during the Sgt. Henry Johnson Individual Combat Rifle Match, as part of the 38th Annual The Adjutant General's Combat Sustainment Training Exercise (TAG Match).

Sgt. Harley Jelks

weapon systems and accuracy during battle-like conditions.

The four advanced marksmanship events are the Sgt. Henry Johnson Individual Combat Rifle Match, the Sgt. Reidar Waaler Team Combat Rifle Match, the Sgt. Thomas Baker Individual Combat Pistol Match, and the Lt. Col. William Donovan Team Combat Pistol Match.

Each event is named in honor of a past Medal of Honor recipient from New York Army National Guard units.

The matches are a mix of both team and individual timed events that combine three different firing positions, quick movements to varying locations and short sprints, all of which simulate combat scenarios.

Aside from improved marksmanship techniques, one of the benefits to participating in the TAG Match is that everyone from the supporting staff to the competitors gets a chance to network with peers outside of their military branches.

Sgt. Michael Ryan, a soldier with the New York Army National Guard's 827th Horizontal Engineer Company, has been a part of the TAG Match support staff in the past and was a competitor this year.

"The best asset that staff and participants come away with is the people," said Ryan. "There's soldiers, airmen and militia competing together; we'll end up working together and seeing each other out there when responding to state active duty missions."

The collaboration at the TAG Match helps to build relationships among competitors, while the peer instruction and coaching allows soldiers to hone their craft and bring new knowledge to their units.

"The TAG Match trains soldiers to first gain individual proficiency and

then gauge proficiency in others," said Maj. Christopher Culpepper, the officer-in-charge of the TAG Match and deputy operations officer of the 53rd Troop Command. "This is an important skill that improves every level of the organization from the individual

Soldier to the unit and ultimately the New York National Guard."

The overall match champion, based on a summary of scoring across all categories, was the team from the New York Army National Guard's 1st Battalion, 69th Infantry Regiment.



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Hands-on administration: The odious Angelo, played by Thomas Jay Ryan, makes a shocking assault on the virginal Isabella, played by Cara Rickett, in Theater for a New Audience's production of "Measure for Measure." Gerry Goodstein

Fine acting can't solve problem play

By Crowther Bosley

It doesn't really measure up.

The latest production of "Measure for Measure," which opened this week at the Polonsky Shakespeare Center in Fort Greene, makes a noble stab at Shakespeare's notorious "problem play." But despite an excellent production, it doesn't manage to resolve any of those problems — and introduces a few new ones.

Once upon a time there was a thing called "the fourth wall" — actors trod the stage, and the audience watched them. But now everything must be immersive, and so this show starts before the play, with the audience trooping through hallways meant to represent minor character Mistress Overdone's bordello, walls lined with colorful dildos and smiling young women — and men — giving familiar greetings. But there is no chance to dally, with a scrum of ticketed patrons close behind, so we push through to find our seats.

Twelve of those seats crowd up to the thrust stage, as though the audience were sitting at an enormous dinner table — which indeed is how the stage is decorated for the first five minutes of the play, only for that decor to be cleared away and never referred to again.

It also starts with a wordless party scene, because it is blasphemy to add words to the immortal Bard's play, but directors still want to add extra context. So we get a silent glimpse of Duke Vincentio — played charmingly by Jonathan Cake — shooting up heroin. This is also never referred to again, and he exhibits no withdrawal, cravings, or other ill effects. The scene does, however, turn all the Duke's later objections to rumors that he is a drunk into pure hypocrisy — which would be a fine choice, if the play did anything with it. Instead, those moments are played for laughs, with characters acting as though their demonstrably true comments were

exaggerated lies.

As for the plot: the play follows said Duke as he prepares to leave town, handing his power to Angelo (Thomas Jay Ryan), a notoriously strict and cold-blooded judge, who promptly starts enforcing all the laws the Duke had let slide. A law against fornication imprisons Claudio (Leland Fowler), who had pre-marital sex with his fiancée, and his sister Isabella, a novice nun (stunningly played by Cara Ricketts) goes to Angelo to plead for mercy. He agrees to let her brother go, if she will have sex with him — if not, her brother will be executed. Meanwhile, the Duke runs around in disguise, orchestrating a complicated series of schemes, and a series of wacky hijinks happen in the prison. So yeah, there's a tone problem.

The funny bits are truly funny — a dim-witted constable named Elbow, played with deadpan seriousness by Zachary Fine, has a series of great interactions with the bawd

Pompey (Christopher Michael McFarland), and I'm not above laughing at a sight gag involving an inflatable sex toy. And the serious moments are deadly serious. The prissy, outwardly proper Angelo is effectively conveyed through gestures big and small — insisting on using a coaster, reaching for hand sanitizer after every interaction — and his threats to Isabella are truly chilling. When the older white politician seizes her, hissing that no one will believe her if she tells of his extortion, the audience gasped.

But despite a top-notch cast and many fine moments, it all adds up to less than the sum of its parts. Nothing seems to carry from one scene to the next, the extra flourishes never pay off, and the problem play remains unsolved.

"Measure for Measure" at the Polonsky Shakespeare Center [262 Ashland Pl. between Fulton Street and Lafayette Avenue in Fort Greene, (212) 229-2819, www.tfana.org]. \$85-\$120 (\$30 students).

ZINE QUEEN!

Cartoonist preps for a small press festival

By Caroline Spivack

You ain't zine nothing yet! The borough's longest-running zine festival is breaking out some heavy hitters for the sixth annual Pete's Mini Zine Fest on July 8. The self-publishing showcase will add a smattering of bookstores and college clubs to its usual indie artists, which will just help everyone to shine, said a fest organizer.

"This year we're going to have some slightly bigger organizations, which I think is great because — more zines and comics to share with people!" said Ditmas Park comics creator Marguerite Dabai, who coordinates the show with zinester Andria Alefhi.

For the fest, about 30 exhibitors will pack into the front room and back yard of Williamsburg bar Pete's Candy Store. Tablers will include the volunteer-run feminist bookstore Bluestockings, Quimby's Bookstore, and the Barnard Zine Club, alongside solo zine and comic artists like Dabai, who will show off their latest creations and hobnob with fellow scribblers, she said.

"I think what people like most about our zine fest is that it's very communal, it's great for people to sit around, chill out with a beer, and just talk about each other's work," said Dabai. "We try and have an equal variety of zines and comics — and that line is starting to blur lately, I think. I see them as part of the same vessel — just different formats."



Fan of zines: Comic and zine artist Marguerite Dabai, in her Gowanus studio, shows off some of the creations she will have on display at the annual Pete's Mini Zine Festival in Williamsburg on July 8.

Photo by Caleb Caldwell

Zines tend to be more literary-centric passion projects, while comics are fueled by the art. But both forms offer creators a chance to explore personal projects, and give readers a chance to find work outside the mainstream, according to Dabai.

"The market is fickle and sometimes things are important to talk about, even if a gigantic company doesn't think it's important to talk about," she said.

For example, Dabai's comic "A Voyage To Panjikan," is a work of his-

torical fiction set in seventh century Sogdia — an ancient Iranian civilization that once included swaths of Tajikistan and Uzbekistan — and tracks the life of a headstrong 16-year-old girl named Upach. The spunky teen wishes to travel the Silk Road as a merchant, like her father, but a strict cultural code keeps her from the adventure she craves. The risks the character takes to defy patriarchal rules ring true today, said Dabai.

"I kind of made it as a way to talk

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Cheers! Ashlei Schwartz and Ryann Crofoot toast the new outdoor bar Parklife, which opened on Degraw Street in Gowanus on June 23.

Photo by Jason Speakman

Little park!

Littlefield owners open al fresco bar in Gowanus

By Colin Mixson

Met Littlefield's not-so-little sister!

The owners of Gowanus event space Littlefield opened a massive new outdoor bar and taqueria last week. The new spot, called Parklife, will give folks a place to appreciate Gowanus's own special brand of fresh air after the curtain falls and the doors close at the venue around the corner, according to owner Julie Kim.

"Since Littlefield is only open for events, we though it would be great to have a neighborhood bar where people can go after the show and hang out outdoors," Kim said.

The new spot, located on Degraw Street between Third and Fourth avenues, directly behind Littlefield's location on Sackett Street, offers eight beers on tap, 10 specialty cocktails, and Mexican fare courtesy of acclaimed Prospect Heights eatery El Atoradero. Drinkers can grab their brews from the windows of a modified shipping container in the yard, or step into the small indoor area with a kitchen and full bar.

But the main draw is Parklife's 4,000 square feet of tastefully landscaped, outdoor party space, which is dotted with picnic tables for al fresco drinking. The courtyard has been designed to alter its vibe with the season, with a variety of different flora blossoming in the

fall and spring, according to Kim.

"It's intended to change seasonally, or, at least, in theory it should," she said. "We'll see how they do."

Kim and her business partner Scott Koshnoodi purchased the old print shop where both Littlefield and Parklife are located after their old landlord declined to renew the lease on their previous Degraw Street property a few doors away, where the old Littlefield was located.

Their original plan was to use the entire property for one massive event space, but zoning laws prevented them from having all their fun under one roof, said Kim.

"We envisioned a larger version of Littlefield, but zoning laws forbid it, so we split it up," she said.

The owners set up a Kickstarter page to help cover moving expenses and to establish Parklife. Supporters raised more than \$31,000 to support the venue, some sending money from as far away as Europe.

And in case the question comes up at one of Littlefield's many trivia events: Parklife was named after Kim and Koshnoodi's favorite Blur album.

Parklife (636 Degraw St. between Third and Fourth avenues in Gowanus, www.parklifebk.com). Open Mon–Wed, 5 pm–midnight, Thu–Fri, 5 pm–2 am, Sat, Noon–2 am, Sun, noon–midnight.

No puppet! You're the puppet!

By Alexandra Simon

Earthquakes! Asteroids! Donald Trump!

An Armageddon-obsessed puppeteer will present an evening of satirical shows about life after the Trump administration, inspired by disaster movies like "World War Z" and "Deep Impact." But "America's Greatest Disaster Movie Ever! A Puppet Cabaret," opening at the Brick Theater on July 1, is actually an upbeat show, said the show's director — after all, humanity always survives at the end of the movie!

"I had this idea since the election because I was really fascinated with America's obsession with disaster and disaster movies in general, and I was thinking 'Well, if Trump is a disaster movie in-the-making, then that means that as humankind we should emerge together at end of this,'" said puppeteer Jeanette Yew. "This show is kind of an optimistic view through this idea of disaster movies."

She and three other puppeteers will each present shows of about 20 minutes



Puppet regime: Jeanette Yew takes on the Trump administration in the parodic puppet show "America's Greatest Disaster Movie Ever! A Puppet Cabaret," playing at the Brick Theater starting on July 1.

Jeanette Yew

during the cabaret, using a wide variety of puppetry formats.

The acts include Drew Weinstein's "The Single Greatest History Museum in the World," starring the preserved brain of Donald Trump looking back on his accomplishments; "Three Little Men In A Boat," a parody of "Jaws" by Scott Weber and the Drama of Works company; and "Apocalypse Address," a presidential speech about the end of the world by Andrew Murdock.

Yew herself will present the shadow-puppet disaster film "America's Greatest Disaster Movie," which will conclude the show. The story and format are a perfect fit, she said.

"The puppet medium is great for disaster stories because you can destroy anything easily," said Yew.

But despite the destruction and death that happens on the screen, Yew hopes her parody film will inspire people to work together during the Trump years, just like a band of scientists and deep sea drillers teaming up to stop an asteroid.

"A lot of parody is a lens into what our political system is right now and our current condition," she said. "But I want people to feel positive about it and I want people to feel that there is something we can do about this situation."

"America's Greatest Disaster Movie Ever! A Puppet Cabaret" at Brick Theater [579 Metropolitan Ave. between Lorimer Street and Union Avenue in Williamsburg, (718) 907-6189, www.bricktheater.com]. July 1 at 3:30 pm, July 2 at 8 pm, and July 6 at 7 pm. \$20.

FRI, JUNE 30

MUSIC, GINUWINE: Free. 7 pm. Betsy Head Park (Dumont Avenue and Strauss Street in Brownsville), www.cityparksfoundation.org.

TOUR, TWILIGHT TOUR OF GREEN-WOOD: Take a walking tour of the cemetery at dusk. Bring a flashlight. \$25. 7:30 pm. Greenwood Cemetery [Fifth Avenue and 25th Street in Greenwood Heights, (718) 210-3080], www.greenwood.com.

TALK, "HOW TO BUILD A FIRE": The season finale of the storytelling series. Free. 8 pm. Open Source Gallery [306 17th St. at Sixth Avenue in Park Slope, (646) 279-3969], www.open-source-gallery.org.

DANCE, GARTH FAGAN DANCE: The group performs an innovative blend of modern dance, ballet and Afro-Caribbean dance. Part of the annual Celebrate Brooklyn! festival. Free. 8 pm. Prospect Park Band Shell [Prospect Park West and Ninth Street in Park Slope, (718) 965-8900], www.bricartsmedia.org/cb.

MUSIC, BILL FRISELL AND THOMAS MORGAN: A program of duets between the bassist and guitarist. \$15-\$25. 8 pm. Roulette [509 Atlantic Ave. at Third Avenue in Boerum Hill, (917) 267-0363], www.roulette.org.

CONY ISLAND FIREWORKS: Watch the fireworks illuminate the sky at Coney Island every Friday night. Free. 9:30 pm. Coney Island Boardwalk [between W. 10th Street and W. 15th Street in Coney Island], www.nycgovparks.org.

SAT, JULY 1

THEATER, BURLESQUE-A-ME STREET: This burlesque twist on Sesame Street takes a stand against evil orange puppet Doofus Grump and his plans to demolish a neighborhood to build a new tower. \$15. 10 pm. Coney Island USA [1208 Surf Ave. at W. 12th Street in Coney Island], coneyisland.com.

TALK, "ZOMBIE APOCALYPSE IN DITMAS PARK": Join Ditmas Park's Kristine Scheiner in celebrating the publication of her new coloring book, "Zombie Apocalypse in Ditmas Park." Free. 3 pm. Sycamore [1118 Cortelyou Rd. between Stratford and Westminster roads in Ditmas Park, (347) 240-5850], sycamorebrooklyn.com.

ART, TARGET FIRST SATURDAY AT THE BROOKLYN MUSEUM: Celebrate Independence Day Weekend with free admission and programming inspired by the exhibition "We Wanted a Revolution: Black Radical Women, 1965-85." Free. 5-10 pm. Brooklyn Museum [200 Eastern Pkwy. at Washington Avenue in Prospect Heights, (718) 638-5000], www.brooklynmuseum.org.

SPORTS, BROOKLYN CYCLONES V. CONNECTI-

WHAT TO DO SEVEN 24 EVENTS



Another brick in the wall: Garth Fagan Dance, led by the choreographer of Broadway's "The Lion King," will bring its blend of ballet and Afro-Caribbean dance to the Bric Celebrate Brooklyn! Festival in Prospect Park on June 30.

Erich Camping

CUT TIGERS: The first 2,000 fans get a free Rockford Peaches cap, in honor of the 25th anniversary of "A League of Their Own." Starting at \$12. 6 pm. MCU Park [1904 Surf Ave. at W. 17th St. in Coney Island, (718) 449-8497], www.brooklyncyclones.com.

SUN, JULY 2

FREE YOGA IN PROSPECT PARK: A free class for students of all skill levels, followed by a picnic. Bring a mat. Free. 10 am. Prospect Park main loop [Enter at Prospect Park West and 15th Street in Park Slope, (718) 541-1382], www.yogasole.com.

THEATER, MAGIC AT CONEY!: A magical variety show highlighting a vast array of magicians, illusionists, escape artists, and more. \$10 for adults, \$5 for kids. Noon. Coney Island USA [1208 Surf Ave. at W. 12th Street in Coney Island], coneyisland.com.

MUSIC, ANOTHER COUNTRY FESTIVAL: A festival of queer country musicians. With dancing, food trucks, special drinks, and a bake sale to benefit the Trans Justice Funding Project. \$20 (\$10 in advance). 2:30 pm. Littlefield [635 Sackett St. between Third and Fourth avenues in Gowanus], www.littlefieldnyc.com.

SPORTS, BROOKLYN CYCLONES V. CONNECTI-CUT TIGERS: It's Marvel Superhero Day at MCU Park! Kids can run the bases and go home with a free Captain America bobble-head. Starting at \$12. 1 pm. MCU Park [1904 Surf Ave. at W. 17th St. in Coney Island, (718) 449-8497], www.brooklyncyclones.com.

MON, JULY 3

SPORTS, BROOKLYN CYCLONES V. CONNECTI-CUT TIGERS: Starting at \$12. 7 pm. MCU Park [1904 Surf Ave. at W. 17th St. in Coney Island, (718) 449-8497], www.brooklyncyclones.com.

TUES, JULY 4

SPORTS, FAMOUS NATHAN'S HOT DOG CONTEST: Celebrate our nation's independence with a super-exciting hot dog contest! Free. Noon. The Boardwalk at Coney Island (West 12th Street and Surf Avenue in Coney Island).

MUSIC, INTERNATIONAL AFRICAN ARTS FESTIVAL: Celebrate Independence Day with fun-filled lineup of performances by Sidiki Conde, Haitian traditional music group Fanmi Osoto, and more. Donation suggested. 2-6 pm. Commodore Barry Park (Flushing Avenue at Navy Street in Fort Greene), www.iaafestival.org.

WED, JULY 5

MUSIC, VERED AND THE BABES: Part of the Music in the Grove Kids' Concert series. Free. 10 am. Fort Greene Park Visitor Center [Enter park at Myrtle Avenue and Washington Park in Fort Greene, (718) 722-3218].

COMEDY, PUNDERDOME 3000: The wildest, craziest, and punniest competition returns to Brooklyn! \$10 (\$8 in advance). 8 pm. Littlefield [635 Sackett St. between Third and Fourth avenues in Gowanus], www.littlefieldnyc.com.

THURS, JULY 6

MUSIC, SINKANE: Part of the 2017 BAM R&B Festival at MetroTech, a free,

outdoor concert series featuring jazz, soul, and R&B legends alongside groundbreaking emerging artists. Free. Noon. MetroTech Commons [Flatbush Ave and Myrtle Ave in Downtown, (718) 636-4100], www.BAM.org.

ART, "SMALL WORKS" OPENING RECEPTION: An exhibit of work that is all 12 inches high or smaller. Free. 7 pm. Trestle Gallery (850 Third Ave., Suite 411, at 30th Street in Sunset Park), trestlegallery.org.

THEATER, "PRISCILLA QUEEN OF THE DESERT": Piper Theatre Company presents a fabulous, gender-bending musical based on the hit movie. Free. 8 pm. The Old Stone House [336 Third St. between Fourth and Fifth avenues in Park Slope, (718) 768-3195], theoldstonehouse.org.

DANCE, PILOBOLUS: Part of the annual outdoor Celebrate Brooklyn! festival. Free. 8 pm. Prospect Park Band Shell [Prospect Park West and Ninth Street in Park Slope, (718) 965-8900], www.bricartsmedia.org/cb.

FRI, JULY 7

ART INSTALLATION: A field of thousands of pinwheels that creates an undulating wave of color that blankets the two-and-half acre Rose Garden. Free. 10 am to 7 pm. Rose Garden in Prospect Park (Flatbush Ave. at Empire Blvd. in Prospect Lefferts Garden), www.prospectpark.org.

SPORTS, BROOKLYN CYCLONES V. STATEN ISLAND YANKEES: Starting at \$12. 6:40 pm. MCU Park [1904 Surf Ave. at W. 17th St. in Coney Island, (718) 449-8497], www.brooklyncyclones.com.

MUSIC, JAZZY JAZZ FESTIVAL 2017: A weekly jazz tribute to the music of Lena Horne. Free. 7pm-10pm. Medgar Evers College [1638 Bedford Ave. at Crown Street in Crown Heights, (718) 270-5140].

MUSIC, ENCHANTMENT UNDER THE SEA DANCE: A recreation of the beloved dance from "Back to the Future!" 1950's prom attire requested. \$25. 8 pm. Littlefield [635 Sackett St. between Third and Fourth avenues in Gowanus], littlefieldnyc.com.

SAT, JULY 8

MUSIC, CHRONIXX, CHOP & QUENCH, LAOLU NYC: Part of the annual outdoor Celebrate Brooklyn! festival. Free. 7 pm. Prospect Park Band Shell [Prospect Park West and Ninth Street in Park Slope, (718) 965-8900], www.bricartsmedia.org/cb.

THEATER, A BURLESQUE TRIBUTE TO SALVADOR DALI: Experience a burlesque excavation of surrealist Salvador Dali's work on stage. \$15. 10 pm. Coney Island USA [1208 Surf Ave. at W. 12th Street in Coney Island], www.coneyisland.com.



Ant farming: In Cirque du Soleil's show "Ovo," playing at Barclays Center July 5-9, insects balance slices of fruit.

Benoit Fontaine

COMING SOON TO BARCLAYS CENTER

WED, JULY 5

DANCE, CIRQUE DU SOLEIL — OVO: \$25-\$170. 7:30 pm.

THU, JULY 6

DANCE, CIRQUE DU SOLEIL — OVO: \$25-\$170. 7:30 pm.

FRI, JULY 7

DANCE, CIRQUE DU SOLEIL — OVO: \$25-\$170. 7:30 pm.

SAT, JULY 8

DANCE, CIRQUE DU SOLEIL — OVO: \$25-\$170. 4 pm and 7:30 pm.

SUN, JULY 9

DANCE, CIRQUE DU SOLEIL — OVO: \$25-\$170. 1:30 pm and 5 pm.

THU, JULY 20

MUSIC, KENDRICK LAMAR: \$103-\$652. 7:30 pm.

FRI, JULY 21

MUSIC, IRON MAIDEN: \$69-\$190. 7:30 pm.

SAT, JULY 22

MUSIC, IRON MAIDEN: \$69-\$190. 7:30 pm.

SUN, JULY 23

MUSIC, KENDRICK LAMAR: \$103-\$652. 7:30 pm.

THU, JULY 27

MUSIC, G-DRAGON: \$100-\$637. 9 pm.

FRI, JULY 28

MUSIC, QUEEN AND ADAM LAMBERT: \$49-\$505. 8 pm.

SAT, JULY 29

SPORTS, ADRIAN BRONER VS. MIKEY GARCIA: \$82-\$505. Time tba.

TUE, AUG 1

MUSIC, J. COLE: \$64-\$500. 8 pm.

WED, AUG 2

MUSIC, J. COLE: \$64-\$500. 8 pm.

SAT, AUG 8

MUSIC, LOGIC: \$39-\$186. 8 pm.

FRI, AUG 11

MUSIC, UNITED PRAISE NYC: With Jeremy Camp, Fred Hammond, Jaci Velasquez, and more. \$36-\$220. 7:30 pm.

WED, AUG 14

MUSIC, SHAWN MENDES: \$29-\$550. 7:30 pm.

SAT, AUG 19

SPORTS, WWE NXT TAKEOVER: \$tba. Time tba.

SUN, AUG 20

SPORTS, WWE SUMMERSLAM: \$tba. 6:30 pm.

MON, AUG 21

SPORTS, WWE MONDAY NIGHT RAW: \$tba. 7:30 pm.

TUE, AUG 22

SPORTS, WWE SMACKDOWN LIVE: \$tba. 7:45 pm.

620 Atlantic Ave. at Pacific Street in Prospect Heights (917) 618-6100, www.barclayscenter.com.

THE SUNSET TRIP

Taking the ferry to explore Sunset Park

By Carlo Bosticco

Find your place in the Sunset Park!

The second stop on the South Brooklyn line of the New York Ferry brings you to Sunset Park — the least touristy of our pit stops along the waterfront. Still, the industrial landscape of Sunset Park offers hidden gems to those willing to carve a path through its streets.

Dominating the skyline when you step off the pier is the imposing and spooky **Brooklyn Army Terminal** (140 58th St. at First Avenue), a mammoth four million square-foot palace originally built as a supply base for — as you can guess from the name — the American military. The Terminal is now populated by more than 100 different businesses, including the Jacque Torres chocolate factory, biotech researchers, and a host of artist's studios — but if you stop here on the weekend, walking amongst the terminal's bizarre Brutalist architecture can feel entering a post-apocalyptic film. For a more in-depth exploration, you can join Turnstile Tours on July 1 (and on the first and third Saturday of each month) at 11 am for a two-hour walking tour of the complex, which comes with plenty of World War II-era trivia and majestic views of the harbour.

After your tour, it is time to seek some refreshment. Follow 58th Street up the hill and away from the river, and you will emerge back into civilization amidst the bustle of Fourth



Terminated: The brutalist architecture of the Brooklyn Army Terminal, just steps from the Sunset Park ferry stop, makes an interesting but eerie diversion. *JelloMistress*

Avenue. Here you will find the **Irish Haven Bar** (5721 Fourth Ave. at 58th Street), an iconic watering hole with all of the unpolished, roguish Irish charm you might desire, along with '90s wood paneling and the cheapest pint of Guinness in Brooklyn. The dive bar's interior is so atmospheric that it has been filmed for the Martin Scorsese film "The Departed" and the Batman prequel television show "Gotham" — both times as a criminal hangout. Before you order a drink, be warned: the Haven is cash only.

When it is time to soak up the booze, keep going down 58th Street

and until you hit Eighth Avenue, then hang a left, where **Pacificana** (813 55th St. at Eighth Avenue) awaits. This dim sum palace is a standout of kitschy Asian glamor and, more importantly, of good food. The dumplings are kings here, with the highlights being the shrimp and pork dumplings and the Jiu Cai Bau, a Cantonese chive dumpling with a crispy fried exterior. Pacificana, unlike many other Chinese restaurants, does not slack with its desserts — don't miss the deep-fried Mantou.

Sunset Park ferry stop (58th Street at First Avenue in Sunset Park, www.ferry.nyc). \$2.75 per trip.



As you drink it: At last month's production of "As Your Like It," at the Way Station, actors sat at the same tables as the customers.

Community News Group / Bill Roundy

Bard in bars

Company offers a new 'Shakes-beer-ience'

By Alexandra Simon

All the bar's a stage! A boozy theater series is bringing the Bard into the bar! The Seven Stages Shakespeare Company has launched a monthly series of staged Shakespeare readings at the Way Station bar in Prospect Heights, with the next "Shakes-Beer-ience" of the comedy "Twelfth Night" coming on July 10. Performing inside a saloon gives the show a life and energy that cannot be replicated in more sober environments, said the theater's co-founder.

"There's an element of improv and it's based on who is in the room and what is happening, and it leans heavily into the vernacular of the bar in terms of storytelling," said Dan Beaulieu, who lives in Prospect Heights. "It's really fun and people have a blast with these because there's a certain level of chaos we really like."

The audience inside the bar is often raucous — just like it was in Shakespeare's day, said Beaulieu, and performing against a back-drop of drinkers challenges the actors to compete for attention and really command the crowd.

"It's awesome because as a performer, actors and artists, I think in recent history we've been sort of spoiled with audiences," he said. "This keeps the actors on their toes and heightens the stakes for making big bold choices. This is every-

thing you talk about in acting school — you've got to bring your A-game because it's Shakespeare and his audience was a ruckus."

The 15 to 20 actors in each show perform with a script in one hand — and often a beer in the other. Each show only gets one read-through rehearsal, so each performance is a test of the actors' ability to improvise and work together.

"It's all improv and exploring together, and the audience will be seeing it for the first time," said Beaulieu. "We rely on the actors to do their homework and know their part and figure out how to do it together."

That audience can simply sit back with the bar's Monday Night \$4 draft special, but willing members may find a script pressed into their hands as they are recruited to complete a few lines for minor characters, according to Beaulieu.

The chaos of navigating the bar, the booze, and audience members may not lead to a slick experience, but the goal is not to have a perfect show, said Beaulieu.

"We imagine that process would look less polished but it's beautiful poetry mixed with comedic bits," he said.

"Twelfth Night" *Shakes-beer-ience at the Way Station [683 Washington Ave. between St. Marks Avenue and Prospect Place in Prospect Heights, (347) 627-4949, www.thewaystationbk.com]. July 10 at 8 pm. Free.*

Bay Ridge goes back to the '70s

By Caroline Spivack

The Ridge is gonna party like it's 1974!

Locals are doing the time warp back to the 1970s, with plenty of songs about social rebellion and an impeachment-themed party that likens our tumultuous political times to the Watergate scandal that booted Richard Nixon from the White House in 1974.

Bust out the bell bottoms for an early Fourth of July celebration on Friday night, with the "Impeachment Party" at the **Longbow Pub and Pantry** (7316 Third Ave. between 73rd and 74th streets) starting at 6 pm. Put on by Fight Back Bay Ridge, lefty party people can boogie down and celebrate the spirit of the '70s with era-appropriate beats, out-dated fashions, black-and-white photography, and toasts to the possibility of a presidential impeachment. There is no cover charge other than a stylish outfit — we suggest big hair and platform shoes.

Then take a short stroll over to the **Greenhouse Cafe** (7717 Third Ave.



between 77th and 78th streets), where you can keep the political message rolling with psychedelic, rebellious beats from Grateful Dead cover band the Dead Ridge Boys, which gets going at 9 pm. The local trio will perform songs by the iconic rock-jazz-folk group that spurred a generation of Deadheads, with a set list of songs that highlight

the band's heyday and a few of their lesser-known jams.

On Saturday, classic rock 'n' rollers Full Disclosure will keep you groovin' in those '70s vibes at **Three Jolly Pigeons** (6802 Third Ave. between 68th Street and Bay Ridge Avenue) with hits from the likes of Led Zeppelin, the Beatles, and Janis Joplin. They will even venture out of the era with Motown riffs and modern party hits. The music gets going at 10 pm and will last as long as you do.

Finally, flash back to the finest '70s in our nation's history — the 1770s! On Tuesday, July 4, celebrate the signing of the Declaration of Independence 241 years ago by raising a glass to the founding fathers at **Fort Hamilton Army Base** (enter at 101st Street and Fort Hamilton Parkway). There will be rock bands and oldie acts, food, and fireworks. The gate opens at 5 pm, and tickets are \$15 — be sure to register at www.hamilton.armymwr.com, and bring your identification to get onto the base.

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about modern day social issues under the guise of history," she said. "I feel people tend to handle social criticism better when it's in sci-fi or history, so I wanted to give a little buffer and have fun while doing it — I love history."

At the festival, Dabai will hawk her zine "Crash Course on the Sogdians," which focuses on how the merchant culture incorporated different cultures into their own, as well as her comic "Can These Cookies Stop Islamophobia?"

The night before the festival, Dabai will read from her work at Quimby's Bookstore, along with fellow Brooklyn cartoonists and Zine Fest exhibitors Jeremy Nguyen, who

draws "Stranger Than Bushwick," and Bill Roundy, cartoonist behind the "Bar Scrawl" comic strip, among others.

Pete's Mini Zine Fest reading at Quimby's [536 Metropolitan Ave. between Union Avenue and Lorimer Street, (718) 384-1215, www.facebook.com/quimbysnyc]. July 7 at 7 pm. Free.

Pete's Mini Zine Fest at Pete's Candy Store [709 Lorimer St. between Richardson and Frost streets in Williamsburg, (718) 302-3770, www.petescandystore.com]. July 8, 2-7 pm. Free.



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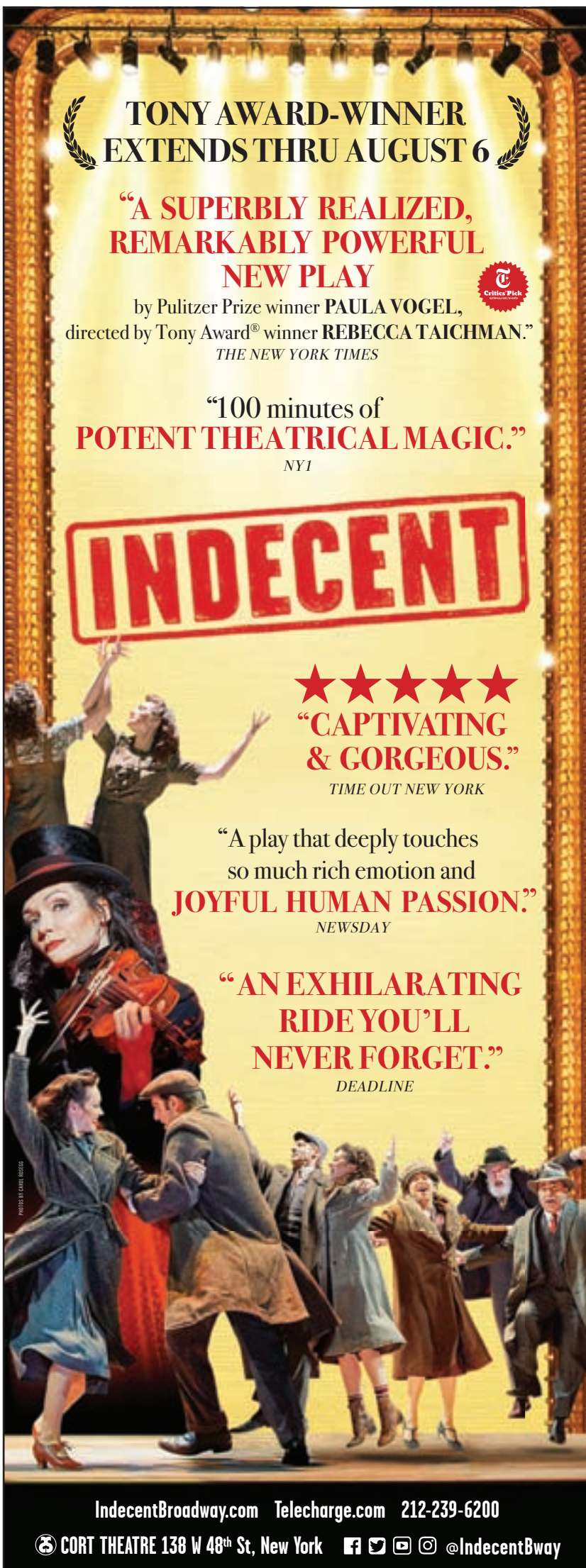
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— Railsplitters defensive star Romello Martin on his time playing for the school.

● 'I'm confident they'll make the bleeding stop.'

— Nets fan John Morgan on faith in Kenny Atkinson and Sean Marks.

2017 All-Brooklyn Baseball Honors

BY LAURA AMATO

Brooklyn didn't crown any city champions this season, but that doesn't mean the borough wasn't brimming with high school baseball talent.

The squad from the High School of Telecommunication Arts and Technology surprised just about everyone, making a Cinderella-run as the No. 14 seed in the AAA postseason and reaching the semifinals before falling to eventual city champ James Monroe. Midwood clinched a divisional championship during the regular season and Grand Street Campus also recorded a strong showing.

Xaverian led the charge in the Catholic league, bouncing back from an early-season skid to win the Brooklyn-Queens



FORCE ON THE MOUND: Poly's Nick Storz was the center of a young Blue Devils offense this spring, and pitched Poly to another state championship, striking out nine in six innings. File photo by Steven Schnibbe

AA regular-season title. Nazareth once again dominated in the A-division, but came up short of defending its city title, falling to LaSalle in a two game series.

Of course, none of that success would be possible without the players. Here are the best of the best:

Player of the Year:

Oliver McCarthy, Poly Prep

The 6-foot-4 lefthander posted a 6-2 record this spring, striking out 59 batters in 47 innings pitched. His fastball — which hit the low 90 miles-per-hour range early this season — kept opposing batters from getting into a rhythm at the plate and enabled McCarthy to wrap up his junior year with a 1.04 earned run average.

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HARD KNOCKS: Lincoln defensive star Romello Martin brought the pressure in his final high-school football game, notching a handful of tackles in the 22nd Annual Empire Challenge on June 21. Photo by Chris Bergmann

Lincoln star hopes to highlight city talent on the gridiron

BY TROY MAURIELLO

He had something to prove.

Lincoln High star defensive tackle Romello Martin was always told New York City football programs didn't stack up to those in other gridiron hotbeds across the country. The talent, they said, simply wasn't there.

But Martin never believed that talk, and at the 22nd Annual Empire Challenge on June 21 at Hofstra University,

the 6-2, 290-pound lineman helped prove it.

Martin and his fellow city standouts clinched a dramatic final-second victory over the Long Island all-stars, but the game was about much more than just bragging rights or even national exposure. It gave Martin and some of his Lincoln teammates one last chance to celebrate a victory under their head coach, Shawn O'Connor, who had been winless in three

previous tries against Long Island in the annual all-star game.

"It was fantastic to play one last game with coach," Martin said. "He was 0-for-3 in this game, (so) we sent him out the right way."

For Martin, the game was one final chapter in a long list of positive high school memories. On the field after the game, his elation and pride could be

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Shippin' up to Boston

Nets still feeling effects of Celtics trade

BY MATTHEW JOHN

It was a National Basketball Association draft-acular — even for a home team that's seen better days.

Fans from all over the East Coast arrived at Barclays Center for the wildly anticipated National Basketball Association draft on June 22. The draft was populated mostly with fans of the Brooklyn Nets, Boston Celtics, New York Knicks, Philadelphia 76ers, and, most surprisingly of all, the Los Angeles Lakers.

Because of the disastrous trade the Nets made with the Celtics in 2013 — which sent Kevin Garnett and Paul Pierce to Brooklyn for three first-round picks, as well as the right to swap first-round selections this year — Celtics fans who were in attendance had nothing but glowing things to say about their team's general manager, Danny Ainge.

"I'm surprised that Danny Ainge doesn't own this building yet," said Adam Moore, who came down from Rhode Island with his friends Jake Elmslie and Jackson Reaper.

As part of their trade, the Celtics and the Nets swapped picks, which — after another Boston trade with the 76ers — left the Celtics with the third overall pick. Because of that — and the fact that the Nets also have to give the Celtics its pick next year — Reaper was far from grim when he discussed then-Nets general manager Billy King.



BOSTON BRAGGARTS: Celtics fans Jackson Reaper, Adam Moore, and Jake Elmslie are still thankful for the 2013 trade with the Nets, quick to point out it has helped spark success in Boston. CNG / Matthew John

"If everything goes our way for the next couple years, I think there should be a nice big statue of Billy King in Boston."

But the Nets' bleak outlook didn't stop fans from showing up at the draft to support their team. The Nets had the 22nd pick in the draft — thanks to a trading deadline deal with the Washington Wizards. And just before the draft, Brooklyn traded long-time star Brook Lopez, along with the 27th pick, to the Lakers for guard D'Angelo Russell and center Timofey Mozgov.

It was a move, many Barclays faithful believe, was a step in the right direction for the struggling squad.

"Russell's better than anybody we were going to get with the 27th pick and with the rebuilding that we're doing, we can afford to eat Timofey Mozgov's

contract," said Nets fan John Morgan. "I'm really confident in (Nets head coach) Kenny Atkinson and (general manager) Sean Marks. They've done a good job this year so I'm confident that they'll make the bleeding stop."

"I trust Sean Marks. I want him to surprise me. I want him to take someone I didn't think of because I think he's got good judgment," said Ryan Mowbray, another Nets fan.

Some of those in attendance at Barclays were drawn by more than just a rooting interest.

"I'm here because my cousin is going into the NBA draft, but it is awesome to be here in Brooklyn and I feel blessed to have family in professional sports," said Leslie Dorton, whose cousin, Jarrett Allen, was selected by the Nets with the aforementioned 22nd pick.

Martin also joked that he was excited to ditch the blustery New York winters in favor of the sunny temperatures of Boca Raton. But while he is eager to depart, he won't be so easily forgotten after a successful three years at Lincoln.

A consensus three-star recruit — who also fielded offers from top programs like Florida, Florida State, Penn State and Miami — Martin is a prime example of the exciting new football talent that is exploding out of New York City. It's a trend he's certain will continue, and most importantly, will be shown nationwide when the Empire Challenge airs on CBS Sports on July 1.

"All I could say is that July 1, you'll see what New York City could bring to you," Martin said.

Boca Raton.

Martin, who had a handful of Division I offers, said that once he found out he would have an opportunity to play for new Florida Atlantic head coach Lane Kiffin, his decision was sealed.

"When I found out Coach Kiffin was my coach I was, like, 'I'm coming,'" he said. "We'll see what Coach Kiffin can bring me," he said.

Kiffin, whose coaching resume includes stops at Tennessee, Southern California, Alabama and the NFL's Oakland Raiders, brings a certain aura to the Florida Atlantic football program, one that Martin says he's looking forward to experiencing.

"It was mainly the coaching staff that I was comfortable with," he said.



BEST IN THE BACKCOURT: South Shore standout Tshai Corbie wrapped up a dominant senior season with a Wingate Award on June 16 and, now, she's taking her talents to the Division I level.

Photo by Robert Cole

Lady Vikings star ready to conquer college game

BY LAURA AMATO

She's ready to hit the books — and the court.

South Shore basketball standout Tshai Corbie didn't have much time to catch her breath last week. She graduated high school, said goodbye to family and friends and, on June 28, packed her bags for college. Corbie, who will play Division I hoops at Coppin State University next season, had mixed emotions heading into the move, but mostly, she was just excited for the next step in her career — both in the classroom and on the court — to begin.

"I'm really excited," Corbie said. "I'm really amped to play against some great competition and earn my spot."

Corbie has good reason to feel confident heading into college. She helped lead South Shore to yet another city championship last season and was an instrumental part of the Lady Vikings' first-ever Federation championship. She was named the Most Valuable Player at the Mayor's Cup and, on June 16, was awarded the Public Schools Athletic League Wingate Award for the top senior performance in girls hoops across the city.

It was a season Corbie hopes will give her a strong foundation to build on once she gets to Coppin, but she's still willing to work for every single minute she gets next season.

"I'm definitely confident, but I don't want to have the wrong mindset going into college," said Corbie, who averaged 8.6 points during the postseason last year. "I really want to earn

everything for myself and I want to prove to everyone I deserve what I got."

Corbie isn't one to shy away from extra time in the gym or, even, extra work at practice. The shooting guard overcome an injury in her junior year, returning to the Lady Vikings lineup last winter and surprising just about everyone — except herself.

"I came off my injury late in my junior year and I feel like people kind of doubted me before that," Corbie said. "So I feel like that all of the accomplishments I've gotten, the awards, it's shown people not to overlook me."

South Shore's girls basketball program has set a standard for success across the city during the last three years; now, Corbie is ready to test her talents against stiffer competition.

"The competition is just really going to be something I've never dealt with before and everybody keeps telling me that, but the amount of work that I'm putting in, just shows how ready I am for that," she said.

Corbie isn't putting too much stock in numbers — unless they're her grades — but she does have a few on-court goals she's looking to accomplish this season. She's already gunning for Freshman of the Year honors and a regular spot in the lineup and she's ready to hit the ground running as soon as she gets to Coppin.

"I've really been focused on the idea that statements say less, you've got to just actually do more," she said. "And I'm ready to prove that."

MARTIN

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sensed from a mile away as he struggled to single out just one memory from his remarkable career.

"I'd say my best memories were all my memories at Lincoln, all of them, all three seasons that I had over there," Martin said. He added that the Railsplitters' city championship during his sophomore season stood out and while Lincoln came up short this season, falling in the city semifinals, he insists he wouldn't trade a moment of the experience.

Now, Martin will have an opportunity to compile new memories, at a new level; this fall, he'll play college football at Florida Atlantic University in



CYCLONES CONFIDENTIAL

Start of Clones season a wild ride

BY MATTHEW JOHN

Week One of the Cyclones 2017 season was literally one with ups and downs, starting with a pair of road wins against the Vermont Lake Monsters, but ending on a down note with three frustrating losses — in the suddenly un-friendly confines of MCU Park, no less. Here is a recap of what went right — and wrong — for our Coney Island heroes:

Cyclones 6 Vermont 1

June 21 in Vermont

The Lake Monsters felt the “Wraith” of Brooklyn!

Thomas McIlwraith threw five innings of two-hit ball, helping the Cyclones rebound from a horrible Opening Night loss against the hated Staten Island Yankees, and giving the team its first win of the season.

Cyclones 5 Vermont 3

June 22 in Vermont

Jeremy Wolf was the difference for the Clones, doubling in a run, stealing a base, and scoring a run — all in one inning — in a second road win over the Lake Monsters.

The Wolf show began in the sixth, when the left-fielder’s one-out double



LOSS AT MCU: Pitcher Jake Simon and the rest of the Boys of Summer couldn’t hold Hudson Valley at MCU Park on June 25, falling to the Renegades.

Photo by Sean Murphy

to center scored Sanchez, who had walked, putting the Clones up 3-1. Wolf promptly stole third and came home on catcher Jordan Devencenzi’s throwing error to give the visitors a 4-1 lead.

Vermont 5 Cyclones 4

June 23 in Vermont

Cyclones starting pitcher Darwin

“Chuck” Ramos coughed up five runs in four-and-a-third innings and Brooklyn’s bats were silent until it was too late as the squad went down to defeat against the Lake Monsters.

Hudson Valley 10 Cyclones 4

June 24 at MCU Park

Cyclones hurler Gunnar Kines im-

ploded, giving up 11 hits and six runs in six innings as the Cyclones were routed at home by the Renegades.

Hudson Valley 5 Cyclones 3

June 25 at MCU Park

Reliever Gregorix Estevez’s throwing error in the ninth inning led to two Renegade runs, and a Cyclone rally in the bottom of the frame fell short as Brooklyn lost for the second time in two nights.

Hudson Valley 8 Cyclones 3

June 26 at MCU Park

Keaton got quite a beatin’!

Brooklyn reliever Keaton Aldridge recorded just one out and coughed up four runs in the top of the eighth inning and the Cyclones committed five errors on the night, handing the Renegades a sweep of a three-game set.

The game was close until the eighth when, with the Renegades up 3-1 and one out, Aldridge allowed a single and hit a batter before giving up a triple to Matt Dacey, which scored both Angel Perez and Jean Ramirez.

“It was a really tough one today. We tried everything we could to get it done,” said Alfonzo, stating the obvious.

ALL STARS

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Coach of the Year:

Matt Roventini, Poly Prep

The long-time Blue Devils coach, once again, led his team to a state title as Poly notched a second-straight New York State Association of Independent Schools title. Roventini and Poly, once again, hit their stride early, competing in Florida and finding a rhythm despite some serious youth on this year’s roster.

FIRST TEAM

PITCHERS:

Alan Sorokin, Midwood

The right-hander was the ace of the Hornets staff this spring, posting a 6-1 record on the mound. He led Midwood to a AAA Southeastern title.

Frank Campanelli, Telecommunications

The southpaw a multi-year starter at Telecom, finished his final year with a 6-3 record, a 1.47 earned run average and re-

cording 65 strikeouts in 54 innings of work.

Nick DeSalvo, Xaverian

He finished the year with an 8-2 record and an 1.65 earned run average. He frequently left opposing batters frozen at the plate, racking up 72 strikeouts in 59.1 innings.

INFIELD:

Xavier Vargas, Xaverian

A versatile player who could excel anywhere on the field, Vargas was the foundation of a Clippers squad that clinched the Brooklyn/Queens AA division this season.

Randy Flores, Grand Street Campus

Flores boasted incredible speed around the base paths and, most importantly, on the defensive side of the ball, anchoring the Wolves’ infield this spring.

Julian Jaume, Telecommunications

The junior posted a .581 on-base percentage during the regular season and .500 during the postseason, connecting on 28 hits this year

and working 15 total walks. He struck out just twice all season.

John Sutera, Brooklyn Tech

The multi-year standout was a force at the plate this year, hitting .537 during the regular season and .444 during the playoffs. He connected on 26 hits, including seven extra-base hits, and drove in 14 runs, while only striking out three times. Sutera also notched eight stolen bases.

UTILITY:

Nick Storz, Poly Prep

Storz hit .320 with a .520 slugging percentage, three home runs, and 21 runs batted in. The Louisiana State-bound standout also worked 20 walks as opposing teams did their best to throw around him at the plate.

OUTFIELD

Domenick Castiglione, Fort Hamilton

The multi-year standout did his best work at the plate this spring, batting a division-leading .563 during the regular

season. He also posted a .632 on-base percentage and a blistering .792 slugging percentage, notching nine extra-base hits. Castiglione struck out just once in 54 at bats, driving in 11 runs and connecting on 29 hits.

Shamariah McCullough, Nazareth

A consistent presence on the Kingsmen roster, McCullough was once again the emotional leader of the squad this spring. The senior connected on a team-best 25 hits and scored 20 runs, leading Nazareth back to yet another city championship appearance.

Jonathan Pena, Grand Street Campus

A multi-year standout with an exceptional arm, Pena was a force for the Wolves on both sides of the ball this spring. He hit .447 during the regular season, second best in the division, with a .553 slugging percentage and drove in 14 runs. Pena also notched seven stolen bases and struck out just three times in 38 at-bats.

Nick Cardieri, Midwood

A wall behind the plate, the

Hornets senior was a defensive force who also excelled with a bat in his hand and served as the leader of his team for four years. Cardieri hit a team-best .439 this season, leading Midwood to the Class AAA quarterfinals. He also drove in 22 runs, worked 21 walks and struck out just five times in 48 at-bats. Cardieri, who is committed to Stetson University, also recorded four home runs and chipped in 20 stolen bases.

HONORABLE MENTION

Pitchers: Alexander Reyes, Grand Street Campus; Ethan Ehrenerg, Poly Prep

Infield: Matthew Eng, Midwood; Christophe Catoire, Fort Hamilton; Edison Acevedo, EBC/Bushwick Leaders; Angel Quezada Rodriguez, Prospect Heights; Anibal Baez Miguel, Cobble Hill

Outfield: Lavernson Elliott, Harry Van Arsdale

Catcher: Angelo D’Acunto, Poly Prep

Utility: Raldy Gomez, Sunset Park; Anthony Olivia, James Madison

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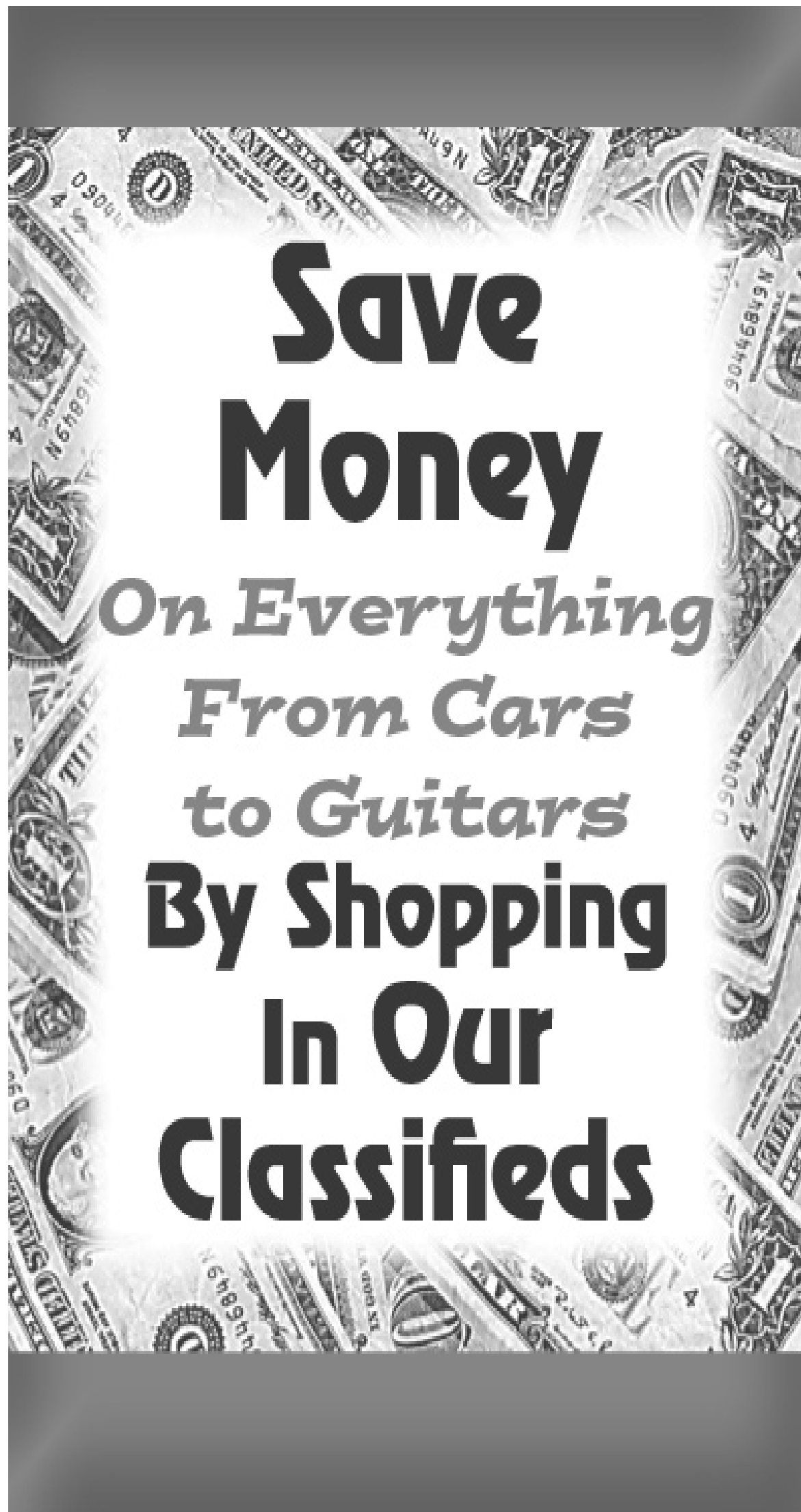
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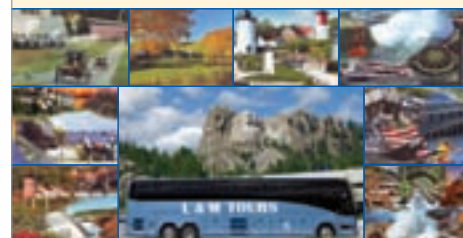
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