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Eric "Badlands" Booker (left) consumes his 16th frankfurter during Nathan's annual hot dog-eating contest in Coney Island July 4. Takeru "The Tsunami" Kobayashi (inset), downed 50-and-a-half dogs to win the contest, and break his own record.

## Dog day afternoon

### Japanese dynamo downs 50+ franks in Coney Island contest

By Patrick Gallaheue  
The Brooklyn Papers

He beat his competitors by nearly 2-to-1, but when it came to his own world hot dog-eating record Takeru Kobayashi made it, quite literally, by a nose.

For the second straight year, American competitors helplessly chewed as the reigning champion, Kobayashi of Japan, swiftly sucked down a record-setting 50-and-a-half hot dogs and buns in 12 minutes. A fitting display for a man nicknamed "Tsunami."

In so doing, he defeated a battle-

hardened array of challengers including "Hungry" Charles Hardy, the 2000 matzo ball eating champion; Thomas Mainka, the sausage-eating champion of Germany; and "Crazy Legs" Conti, the World Oyster Eating Champion, who holds the record for eating 14 dozen raw oysters in 10 minutes.

In the end, though, whether Kobayashi broke or merely tied his record-setting pace of last year hung in the balance of half a hot dog but that nearly escaped through his nostrils. (More on that later.)

For some, the July 4 Nathan's Fa-

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# ENOUGH!

## Victims' families rally for DWI justice

By Heather J. Wilson  
The Brooklyn Papers

"She carries his picture around with her everywhere," Anthony Kostandi, 25, said of his best friend's mother on Tuesday. "And the father just tries to stay strong for her. It hurts him, but he stays so strong."

Three weeks after Kostandi buried his best friend and the Kiladitis family their son, Stefanos Kiladitis, a 21-year-old Bay Ridge man struck and killed June 19 by an off-duty police officer who prosecutors have charged with driving while under the influence of alcohol, a fight for justice is taking shape.

With the picture of her son in hand, Kallio Kiladitis and her husband, Elthierios, demanded at a press conference in front of the Brooklyn Supreme Court on Cudman Plaza West, Downtown, last week an end to special treatment for law enforcement officials who commit a crime, espe-

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Angela and Kallio Kiladitis, sister and mother of Bay Ridge man struck and killed by an allegedly off-duty police officer, look at his photo at rally last week.

## Old school dig

### Brooklyn College students unearth New Utrecht school George Washington visited

By Heather J. Wilson  
The Brooklyn Papers

It's a dirty job, but a group of Brooklyn College students took history into their own hands when they dug up remains of an 18th-century school once visited by George Washington in New Utrecht.

Digging on an inkling that the school might be located behind the historic Second New Utrecht Reformed Church on 18th Avenue and 84th Street, archaeologists and students discovered in the second week of a three-week excavation studies class in June, that indeed vague historical references to the site were legitimate.

On June 12, the first day of excavating three 2-meter squares, students unearthed a series of stacked, large stones. Gentle shoveling and dirt removal revealed about 6 feet of piled stones.

Arthur Bankoff, chairman of Anthropology and Archeology at Brooklyn College and the leader of the 15-student field class, said the discovery is believed to be the foundation of the Revolutionary War-era school. Several artifacts dating from the 18th century to the early 19th century were also found, including a bone comb, pottery, a silver Mexican coin minted in 1780 and pieces of old wine bottles.

"I have muscles popping up from all of this digging," said student Kate Krivogorskaya, 20. "Since we have found the wall, we are digging to find out where it proceeds. This is my first time doing anything like this. It is really interesting to have physical evidence of history in your hands."

The findings, said Robert Buono, president of Friends of Historic New Utrecht, prove that George Washington did indeed visit the area and the school in 1790, as mentioned in his journal.

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# DA: Prostitute school for johns caught in act

By Patrick Gallaheue  
The Brooklyn Papers

District Attorney Charles Hynes wants to send naughty men caught patronizing the services of prostitutes back to school — "Johns School."

While the name may conjure images of a roomful of petty sex offenders honing their pick-up skills, the program is, in fact, designed to educate men who pay for sex on the health risks, the effects on the community, as well as the impact on the lives of prostitutes themselves.

"The participation of a former prostitute at the school is a key ingredient to the success of the program because it puts a face on the victim," Hynes said during a July 9 press conference announcing the program's establishment.

According to Hynes, prostitutes as young as 11 years old have been discovered working the streets of Brooklyn.

Formally called "Project Respect," the Johns School was born out of earlier programs initiated by Hynes' office to provide services to underage girls employed as sex workers in Brooklyn.

While efforts have been undertaken to constrict the supply side of the sex trade, the latest initiative is now focused on shrinking demand.

"The announcement this morning goes to the very heart of the problem presented by the so-called 'oldest profession,'" said Hynes.

"It deals with demand reduction." Traditionally those arrested for soliciting the services of a prostitute have been given a slap on the wrist with community service or an ad-

jourment in Contemplation of Dismissal (ACD) meaning that if the defendants avoid being arrested for a stated period the charges are sealed.

Under the latest initiative, deals will no longer be offered to defendants, who will be given the option of attending the program or facing trial.

"You roll the dice or you go into the school," Hynes said.

As a class-B misdemeanor, defendants could face as much as 90 days in jail if found guilty of patronizing the services of a prostitute.

Defendants with violent felony convictions on their records would

not have the option of enrolling.

Since the program became official on July 1, 16 people have been arraigned on charges of patronizing prostitutes, 14 of whom have opted into the program, according to assistant district attorney Deborah Cohen.

Cohen added that about 1,000 people are arrested each year for soliciting prostitutes.

John School students will be forced to pay a fee of \$250 for the class, most of which will be used to cover costs.

The five-hour class will be operated out of the DA's office in Downtown Brooklyn, and will include sem-

inars from former prostitutes, employees from the city Department of Health Sexually Transmitted Disease office, police officers, assistant district attorneys and social workers.

Between the fee from the defendants and the volunteer status of the educators, the program is expected to be of no cost to taxpayers, according to Hynes.

While Brooklyn is the first borough in New York City to experiment with such a program, others across America have enjoyed considerable success with the school.

The seminal program in San Fran-

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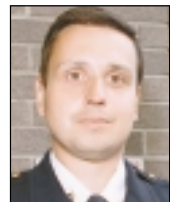
## New chief for 68 Pct

By Heather J. Wilson  
The Brooklyn Papers

With just a few more boxes yet to be unpacked, Deputy Inspector Matthew Pontillo, who took over as commanding officer of Bay Ridge's 68th Precinct on June 1 — bringing 16 years of experience back to the precinct that hosted his first day of patrol when he was just 20 years old.

Former commanding officer Capt. Steven Zeigler is moving on to the NYPD's Organized Crime Control Bureau in Manhattan.

According to Pontillo, born and raised in Borough Park, his first week on the job has involved getting to



Deputy Inspector Matthew Pontillo

know the 131 police officers and officials of his new command.

Pontillo recently worked as a commander of the NYPD Operations Unit, where he oversaw 80 officers. The unit, he told The Brooklyn Papers, works as the communication link between the cop on the street and the executive command. It is the main hub of incoming information about police activity and major events citywide. The unit reports directly to the chief of department as well as to the first deputy commissioner and the police commissioner.

"In essence, some of the issues of both jobs are the same," he said. "But a precinct is much more community involved. Before I was dealing with a

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(Left to right) Chris Garcia, Michael Hernandez, Danny DeSouza. Brooklyn Papers / Greg Mango

## Five Clippers drafted by pros

By Heather J. Wilson  
The Brooklyn Papers

Five Xavierian seniors faced the biggest decision of their young lives this summer when the baseball players found out that they had been selected in major league baseball's amateur draft.

Now the five Clippers must decide not just between colleges but between college and the pros.

The chosen were pitcher Danny Christensen, a fourth-round pick of the Kansas City

Royals; pitcher Chris Garcia, a 21st-round pick of the Tampa Bay Devil Rays; outfielder Michael Hernandez, a 27th-round pick of the Royals; outfielder-first baseman Danny DeSouza, a 39th-round pick of the Chicago Cubs; and outfielder John DeFendis, a 41st-round pick of the Colorado Rockies.

Xavierian baseball coach Dennis Canale said at a June 18 award ceremony to recognize the draftees that having simply one player taken in the draft was a jaw dropper. Five, he said, is unheard of. In fact, hosting more than a couple of

draftees at one high school in one year is a feat that Xavierian shares with only one other school.

"We are only the second high school in the nation to have this many drafted. Seminole High School in Florida had six," Canale said. "It's pretty huge."

Xavierian baseball brings a lot of quality baseball players to its fields, with one of the top baseball programs in the state.

"In the last six years we have come out as one of the top 50 of the country," Canale said. "We have an excellent coaching

staff. I have to give more credit to the kids, though. We seem to have an influx of talented people that come into Xavierian."

In any given major-league draft, Canale said, about 1,500 students are usually drafted out of all the high schools in the nation. This year's draft, the proud coach said, made the blow of the season's end — Xavierian was beat by Moore Catholic in the CHSAA quarterfinals — a little easier to swallow.

The games always drew a number of scouts throughout the season, he added, bringing a

normal ballgame to a more serious level for the players looking to make it to the big leagues or get athletic scholarships.

Now, the Xavierian five have to make the big decision to jump into the lowest levels of the pros or go ahead with their plans for college and possible college draft success years down the line.

Canale said Christensen will most likely hit the books before he hits the field as a major league pitcher.

"All indications point out that

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# Free shuttles to Sunset Park ferry service

By Heather J. Wilson  
The Brooklyn Papers

A free shuttle bus from Bay Ridge to the ferry at 58th Street's Pier 4 in Sunset Park, which came to a halt last month, is up and running once again after residents and city officials pushed for its resumption—a push that also triggered the establishment of a Sunset Park shuttle.

Upon signing a six-month, \$1.5 million subsidy contract with the city Economic Development Corporation to take control of the ferry service from July 24 through the end of the year, private ferry operator New York Waterway also agreed to take over the opera-

tion of two free shuttle buses to the ferry from both Bay Ridge and Sunset Park.

For 10 months, the city's Department of Transportation had operated the free ferry service with Staten Island ferries from Pier 4 to the Whitehall Ferry Terminal in Lower Manhattan. The route was initiated on Sept. 17 after the attacks on the World Trade Center disabled the N and R subway lines. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) funded that service and promised to continue its operation through December by subsidizing a private operator to take over the service.

New York Waterway is operating two 300-passenger ferries from Pier 4 to Pier 11 at

the foot of Wall Street, a slight change in route so that passengers can transfer to other NY Waterway ferries from Pier 11 to the Upper East Side and to Hoboken and Jersey City across the Hudson.

In May, the shuttle service that had been operating along Shore Road in Bay Ridge to the ferry—funded by FEMA—was nixed and altogether stopped running on May 31. Monies for its continued operation could not be secured because FEMA could only afford to fund the ferry itself, according to DOT spokesman Tom Cocola.

"It's a cost situation," Cocola said in May. "It's tough during this fiscal crisis. We were lucky we could sustain [the ferry] till June. During the FEMA negotiations we were hoping we would get something for [the shuttle]. We just thank God they came through for reimbursement for ferry."

Transportation officials said the shuttle service cost somewhere around \$10,000 a month. New York Waterway will now offer the shuttle via their own buses, which they offer to users of the New Jersey to Manhattan ferries, and which are distinct by their red, white and blue colors.

New York Waterway began offering the Bay Ridge shuttle on June 24, the same day they began operating the ferry. The Sunset Park ferry began running on July 1 in response to consumer demand, officials said.

But Jeremy Laufer, the district manager of Community Board 7, believes the shuttle is not being used much in Sunset Park for the simple fact that people do not know it exists. "I am not pleased that they have not been advertising it here. I am concerned the information is not out in the public just yet," Laufer said.

New York Waterway spokeswoman Nadine Woldstein said the company was working on a marketing plan to inform the public regarding the ferry and shuttle.

The Sunset Park shuttle comes after nine months of rallying by the community board for its service. Laufer said, Bay Ridge was serviced by a free shuttle bus since the ferry began operating in September.

According to Laufer, CB7 achieved by writing letters to public officials beginning in

September, after residents found it ironic that Bay Ridge was secured bus transportation to the ferry while Sunset Park—the neighborhood hosting the ferry—was offered nothing.

"That is something we have been complaining about since probably less than a week after the ferry started running in Sep-

tember," Laufer said. "It is something we felt was extremely unfair. We were asked to host the service, but a more affluent community was allowed a shuttle. How is that fair?"

The shuttle bus begins its route 20 minutes before the first ferry leaves each morning. At 5:40 am, the first shuttle be-

gins operating and continues to run every 30 minutes until 9:40 am. The bus leaves the pier every half-hour from 3:45 pm to 7:45 pm during the evening rush hours.

Riders can catch the bus at the following stops: Fourth Avenue at 39th Street; Fifth Avenue at 39th Street; Fourth Avenue at 45th Street; Fourth Avenue between 53rd and 54th Streets; Fourth Avenue at 60th Street; and Second Avenue at 60th Street.

The ferry terminal at First Avenue and 58th Street is also served by the MTA B11 bus. In Bay Ridge, Express Shuttle buses depart from Shore

Road and Fourth Avenue along the following routes: Shore Road North to 69th Street; east along 69th Street to Second Avenue; north onto Second Avenue to 58th Street; west onto 58th Street, one block to the ferry entrance. The buses return to Shore Road and Fourth Avenue via Shore Parkway.

## Ridgite gets anti-poop sign

By Heather J. Wilson  
The Brooklyn Papers

A longtime Bay Ridge resident who began rallying a couple of months ago for the city to get tougher on dog poop piling up on her block is walking with a bit more ease these days now that the Department of Sanitation has posted signs warning of fines for not cleaning up after your dog.

Annette Cordina, who lives on Bay Ridge Place between Bay Ridge and Ovington avenues, said in mid-May that area sidewalks were being tainted on an everyday basis by dogs with careless caretakers. The waste has been such a problem that Cordina posted her own homemade signs around her property asking those who pass by to pick up whatever their pets leave behind.

Cordina noted back in May that the area in which she lives and other areas in Bay Ridge did not have Sanitation Department signs noting that all dog owners must clean up their pets' waste in accordance with the city's Pooper Scooper Law.

Established more than 20 years ago, the law requires dog owners to clean up any waste dropped by their dog throughout the city. Owners in violation of the law are subject to fines that can total as much as \$2,000 depending on the nature of the violation.

Cordina contacted Councilman Marty Golden's office in May to note that the area needed signs. According to a Golden spokesman, his office works with Sanitation to get such



A number of "Clean up after your dog" signs, like this one on Bay Ridge Place, have been installed after residents complained that dog feces was piling up.

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signs up in a timely manner.

Two weeks after Cordina's request was made, and following The Brooklyn Papers coverage of her complaint, Sanitation posted a "Clean Up After Your Dog" sign on her block. The Sanitation Department also said that local sanitation officers and enforcement personnel would be monitoring the area more closely and issuing violation tickets when infractions are observed. More signs will be posted in the next couple of months, as well.

Cordina and some of her neighbors had expressed concern in May that residents

were not complying with the law because monitoring by Sanitation Department enforcement agents was weak, since only nine staff members are assigned to make sure the law is enforced throughout the entire city.

Kathy Dawkins, a Sanitation Department spokeswoman, said that regardless of the number of people monitoring, compliance with the law really comes down to the civic-mindedness of dog owners. The fact that the ordinances stipulate that an officer of the law must actually witness the offense to impose a

fine, means that few violators are caught, she added.

"We remind people they do have to pick up behind their dogs. But we cannot be everywhere at once," Dawkins said. "It is really their responsibility."

It is also the responsibility of citizens to tell the DOS to post signs, Dawkins said. At a citizen's request, if a metal pole is available, Sanitation will post a sign once it is requested through the Sanitation Department's Action Center hotline. If a citizen or community would like a sign on a fence, a call and request to the

Action Center will also initiate the posting of a sign. However, if a pole does not exist where a sign is needed, a pole request has to be made through the local community board or the Department of Transportation before the sign can be posted.

Although it is obviously in good taste to clean up after your dog, serious health and environmental issues also come into play, Sanitation officials warn.

According to the city Department of Health, dog waste often contains a variety of organisms—including bacteria and internal parasites—that may be both communicable and harmful to humans, especially children. Fecal coliform bacteria, for example, can cause extreme stomach illness and rashes.

Furthermore, various diseases and parasitic infestations also can be spread from dog to dog through uncollected feces. Animal waste may also pose an environmental hazard in some locations, especially in dog parks and other canine byways, where uncollected waste may contaminate streams and other sources of water.

Sanitation noted that enforcement can be strengthened if residents note and report specific incidents when dog owners fail to remove canine waste. If residents observe violators who follow a set routine and are able to make a note of information on their recurring actions—such as the time of day, day of the week and street name—the Sanitation Action Center should be informed by calling them at (212) 210-8090, Monday through Friday.

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# A historic Senator St is sought



Zuleyka Farro and her daughter, Ivka, in front of their home at 330 Senator St.

By Heather J. Wilson  
The Brooklyn Papers

When Zuleyka Farro moved into her Bay Ridge brownstone three years ago, her approach to interior design was literally in the woodwork — which dated back to 1907 and had remained untouched.

Farro's residence, along with the other properties on Senator Street between Third and Fourth avenues, hold the remains of the past in their porches, street lights, front doors, staircases, floors, molding, doors and doorknobs, fading wallpaper and other interior assets.

Now, the residents of the block have proposed to make Senator Street a state and federal historic district in order to recognize the building's heritage regarding their exterior architecture and to preserve it. According to Ron Gross, the block's residents decided to pursue listing in the national and state registers of historic places in April. Through historical and architectural research, Gross and neighbor Eric Rouda took the process of applying for listing into their own hands.

To begin with, an application for listing a property must be submitted to the state Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation for evaluation. If the property is determined eligible, the nominating sponsor — Gross and Rouda in the case of Senator Street — is responsible for providing documentation that describes the property's setting and physical characteristics, and that documents its history.

"That did not take all that long to do," Gross said.

Once complete, the nomination is reviewed by the state Board for Historic Preservation. If the board recommends the nomination, the property is listed on the State Register of Historic Places and the state forwards it to the National Parks Service for review and listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

"So the state board votes on it and then it goes to the commissioners of parks and then if it is signed it goes to Washington," Gross said. "That is where it would be approved for the National Register."

Gross, Rouda, Zuleyka and her neighbors are waiting to hear from the state Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, who are expected to make a decision by July 10.

"My guess is it's a shoe-in," said Gross. "We would be the first landmark district in this end of Brooklyn."

In a glance, the block stands out for its 40 brownstone row houses of distinction — all with high stoops, unique molding and other historical ornaments. Since the area in Bay Ridge in which the block is located mostly consists of brick, limestone and frame houses and apartment buildings, its out-of-the-ordinary design brings people by for a look, Farro said.

"It's a beautiful block and people have grown to take good care of their properties," she said. "It has history and character — it will be hard to leave."

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## Woman scammed

By Heather J. Wilson  
The Brooklyn Papers

Around 10:30 a.m. on June 26, a woman cashing a Social Security check at a bank on Fifth Avenue at Bay Ridge Parkway, noticed another woman was on her tail.

Upon leaving the bank and boarding a bus, the woman — with \$465 in hand from her just-cashed check — was followed by the woman that had been watching her in the bank. At her stop, Bay Ridge Parkway at Fort Hamilton Parkway, the two women exited together.

It was then that the suspicious woman let down her guard to help the woman she believed was following her pick up the fruit she dropped from her bag. Upon getting up to leave, she then found her envelope of money missing.

The stranger denied taking the money and then fled on the same bus from which she exited. Police have no suspects.

**Nabbed anyway**  
A 68th Precinct police officer was injured June 27 while trying to arrest five disorderly males.

The five men, ages 16, 17, 18 and 21, were found to be acting out-of-line on Livingston Avenue at 13th Avenue when police were called to make the arrests.

The incident occurred around 10 p.m. and ended with the officer sustaining minor injuries and the disorderly men apprehended.

**Wrestle mania**

A "play fight" turned into a rumble on June 26 when two boys began wrestling inside a home on Ridge Boulevard at 67th Street, according to police.

Police said a 17-year-old male sustained injuries to his head and arms after the other male, whose age was not reported, hit him with a glass candle holder around 9 p.m. Police made no arrests.

**Can-do crook**

Someone broke into a business on 86th Street at Third Avenue around 3:30 a.m. on June 27, police said, by breaking the property's glass front door with a metal garbage can.

Once inside, the perpetrators robbed the business of \$50.

Police have no suspects.

**Re-run robbers**

Two burglars returned to the scene of a previous crime June 30 coming back to rob a house on 95th Street at Third Avenue that they had hit just four days earlier.

At 11:15 p.m., two men forced their way into the residence through a rear window, according to police.

While one man acted as a lookout, the other entered the property.

But unlike their prior break-in of the same property on June 26, the men fled the home without taking anything, police said.

The 46-year-old homeowner was only able to identify one suspect, age 16.

**Nothing inside**

A burglar thought he had hit the jackpot when he robbed a safe from a home on Third Avenue at 83rd Street the night of June 25.

However, after breaking two

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rear windows around 10:45 p.m. to obtain entry to the home, the robber made off with a safe that was empty.

**Shoes all over**

A shoe store on 86th Street at Fourth Avenue was found in disarray on June 26 by a store employee, police said.

Upon opening the store that morning, the employee found merchandise scattered all over the floor and ceiling damage throughout the property.

However, no shoes or other merchandise were found stolen and no sign of forced entry was discovered.

**Knife and gum**

A man with a knife threatened a store clerk on Third Avenue at 67th Street after taking a box of gum and an ice tea and refusing to pay.

At 10:30 p.m. on June 27, an unknown man waved a knife at the man behind the counter of the store threatening to hurt him if he did not let him take the merchandise.

Police reported the man stole a grand total of \$13, the box of gum, valued at \$12 and the \$1 ice tea.

**'No' to gunman**

A clerk working in a store on Fourth Avenue at 91st Street did not give up money in her drawer easily when a man threatened her life with a gun around 12:50 p.m. on June 27.

Police said the female clerk was approached by the gunman, who said, "Give me all the money in your drawer."

The woman told the robber she did not have any, and only offered \$10 when the man called her a liar.

After grabbing the bill from her hand and placing the gun back in his pants, the bandit left.

**Held & beaten**

Three young men, ages 20, 22 and 26, attacked an elderly old man on June 30 with a bottle, police reported.

Around 8 a.m., the three men approached the victim on Bay 22 Street at 86th Street and held him down, while one perpetrator hit him with the bottle causing injuries to his face and arm.

Police arrested all three men.

**Bag attack**

Around 4 a.m. on June 30, two men — ages 18 and 19 — attacked two others — ages 15 and 23 — with a bat, police said.

The men caused serious injuries to their heads, including bleeding to their head. Police arrested the two men.

**N train mug**

Around 4 a.m. on Sunday, a 34-year-old male riding on the N train that had stopped at West Seventh Street and Bay Parkway, was attacked by two men. One grabbed the victim by the throat while the other went through his pockets and retrieved his wallet.

The two thugs then fled the train, taking \$300 and three credit cards with them. Police have no suspects.

**Bottle to head**

A 41-year-old man was hit on the head with a glass bottle while walking home on 67th Street at 18th Avenue on June 28.

Police reported the man sustained injuries to his left eye after an unknown man hit him and then fled. Police have no suspects.

**Door downed**

A home on 86th Street at Avenue N was broken into between 8 a.m. and 9 p.m. on July 1. Police reported unknown persons obtained entry to the property by breaking the front door down.

They reportedly stole \$6,000.

**SCHOOL**

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cisec, which started in 1995, has experienced a 3.56 percent recidivist rate among the school's graduates, while Johns Schools in West Palm Beach, Fla., Pittsburgh and Buffalo have all seen recidivist rates drop to under 1 percent.

While figures on the current recidivist rates are difficult to ascertain because defendants' records are often sealed after successfully completing their ACD period, Hynes was prepared to call the numbers from other jurisdictions "a stunning success rate."

The school is a one-time-only option and should a John be caught a second time soliciting the services of a prostitute, he would not be able to escape trial by going to class, and Hynes vowed his office would seek the maximum penalty.

The program will be managed by Rhonnie Jaus, chief of the sex crimes and special victims bureau, and assistant district attorney Deborah Cohen.

The first day of class is scheduled for July 31, from 4:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

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lot of governmental agencies and some of them had conflicting goals. It was a challenge to get everyone together and get them moving in the same direction."

Pontillo said his new job includes the handling of administrative tasks, such as payroll and scheduling. Recently, two squads of police department rookies finished their training, sending the names of 15 men to Pontillo's desk for squad assignments. But Pontillo said that as the precinct's commanding officer, the most important aspect of his job is to have a tight handle on the community his precinct is policing and on his police officers.

"I read every police report that comes through here, from simple harassment to bank

robberies," Pontillo said. "I hold meetings with the squads and crime analysis personnel and get the lowdown on what is going on within each department every day."

Within the 68th Precinct, Pontillo said crime is at a manageable and safe minimum. According to the nine-year trend report undertaken by the police department to analyze each precinct, the 68th Precinct is operating under less crime than in the past, Pontillo said.

"This neighborhood is very stable," he said. "Grand larcenies and burglaries are two categories of concern, but those are the constant challenge and that is what we are focusing on."

Pontillo points to the community as the reason why crime has hit a low. Because

communication between the general public and the police has been made more open, Pontillo said both police officials and residents are beginning to fight crime together.

"We speak to the local community on a daily basis," he said. "Sometimes just to say

hello and sometimes to address a concern. This is a very concerned and attentive community. The 68th Precinct Council points to that."

Precinct Community Council President Frank Grassi said the council's recent efforts to meet outside of the precinct have al-

ready garnered the public response both the precinct and board were looking to achieve.

The "Roadshow" — the name given to the council's effort to hold the precinct council meetings throughout the community, on an every-other-month basis, allows residents,

business owners and local elected officials to meet with the commanding officer and members of the 68th precinct.

Precinct officials, including Pontillo — who will attend his first meeting in September — address residents' questions.

Pontillo said his NYPD

come suddenly when he was 19 and found out a police exam was being offered to high school seniors.

Pontillo, an only child, said his father worked for the Transit Authority while his mother tended to the house and raising him.

"It kind of came out of nowhere and it just happened. When I was a kid, I always admired and respected the police," Pontillo said. "I just like the idea of general service and that police in general perform a critical role in society. We can really make a difference."

## OLD SCHOOL...

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nal, Buonvino's group and the New Utrecht Reformed Church invited Brooklyn College to excavate the site.

Since the property is private, city or state funding could not be obtained to cover the cost of excavating the site. So Buonvino offered an educational experience to Brooklyn College in exchange for uncovering the buried artifacts.

"On April 16, 1790, Washington wrote that he took a trip and stopped here," Buonvino said. "The teacher of the academy here sent the kids home to clean up and he [Washington] went to have dinner. Then he came back to the academy to shake the hands of the children."

Researchers also found a reference to the school and its general location in a speech made at the church's bicentennial celebration in 1877. The New Utrecht Reformed Church will turn 225 in October, Buonvino added.

Bankoff said the all-boys academy unearthed in the dig consisted of a single large room. Census reports show that 27 16-year-old boys attended the academy. Beyond that, nobody knows exactly when the school was built.

The lab director of the Brooklyn College Research Center, Alyssa Loomy, said the school could have been built anytime between New

Utrecht's founding in the mid 17th century and Washington's visit in 1790.

"[The school] was probably torn down before the [New Utrecht Reformed] Church was rebuilt here in 1828," Bankoff said. "The first church was located a few blocks away and was built in 1700. It's hard to say, but we knew there was a historical academy here."

Just where it was and if there were any remains, however, was not known, Bankoff said. "It didn't take too long to hit stone," he said. "It has been re-

ally exciting for these kids. Archeology gets your hands on the past instead of just reading about it."

Bankoff said the students prepared for the dig with two days of lectures and training, and then hit the site on June 12 with shovels, brushes, sifters, magnifying glasses and other archeological tools. After leaving the site on June 27, the students were to document their work and what they had discovered.

All that has been found belongs to the church and will be put on display after Brooklyn

College has finished its studies of the site. The school may become a stop on an in-the-works American Revolution Heritage Trail being talked about by borough historical officials.

Sergey Babayev, 19, said he was taking the class as a prerequisite to a one-month Viking archeology class in Iceland, for which he and Krivogorsky left this week.

"This has been exciting," he said. "When we found the wall, we all started digging a little faster. And it's better than being in a lecture hall."

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# Judge to plead guilty to extortion charge

By Patrick Gallagher  
The Brooklyn Papers

The corruption case against Brooklyn Supreme Court Justice Victor Barron could come to a close before it even gets under way.

Barron has already submitted resignation papers to the Office of Court Administration that will take effect on July 31, Barron's attorney, Barry Kamins, told the New York Law Journal this week. And in court papers filed by his attorneys, Barron said he intends to plead guilty on Aug. 5, his next court date.

According to a petition filed by Kamins on July 1, the indicted judge plans to plead guilty to charges that he demanded a \$115,000 bribe. The documents seek to prohibit cameras from the courtroom on Aug. 5, because "plea negotiations have taken place and it is anticipated that that defendant will enter a guilty plea."

Kamins did not return calls for comment.

State Supreme Court Justice Nicholas Cobella, brought in from Westchester to ensure impartiality, ruled that cameras would be allowed in the court prior to the arraignment. Barron's trial was to be the first televised case in New York City since 1997.

On Jan. 22, Barron was arrested outside his Marine Park home by investigators from the Brooklyn district attorney's office for allegedly demanding the six-figure bribe from attorney Gary Berenholz. The bribe, prosecutors charge, was solicited to settle a \$4.9 million personal-injury lawsuit over which Barron presided based on an accident that left a 3-month-old girl blind and severely brain-damaged.

Berenholz, who had bargained Barron down from a demand of \$250,000, according to prosecutors, tipped off the district attorney's office and wore a wire when making the first payment of \$18,000 in marked bills on Jan. 18.

District Attorney Charles Hynes, who opted to personally prosecute the case, his first prosecution since taking office in 1989, entered as evidence a transcript of Barron's recorded conversation with Berenholz and the marked \$18,000, at Barron's arraignment in February.

During a sit-down with local reporters on June 26, Hynes said, "I'm not anticipating any resolution. I'm preparing for trial."

Should Barron enter a guilty plea, it would not be due to any plea deal made with Hynes, according to the district attorney's spokesman, Jerry Schmetterer.

A guilty plea would circumvent a trial, though it would put Barron at the mercy of the judge. Hynes could still push for the maximum sentence of

five to 15 years in prison, but Barron could also plead for leniency in admitting his offense to the judge.

Under state law, according to Office of Court Administration spokesman David Bookstaver, Barron will receive his pension which has been estimated at \$97,000 a year — even if he retired after being convicted.

The Barron case has stood as a symbol of allegedly rampant corruption and cronyism in the Brooklyn judicial system.

News that Barron would likely plead guilty came a little over a week after the state Commission on Judicial Conduct recommended the removal of one of his colleagues, Brooklyn Supreme Court Justice Reynold Mason.

On June 21, the commission recommended Mason be removed from office for illegally

subletting his apartment for more than 10 years to his brother-in-law, depositing the money paid to him into an escrow account and, according to the commission, refusing to give the landlord more than \$15,000 in rent that was instead paid into the escrow account when the landlord refused to take checks from the sub-tenant.

According to the commission,

when Mason became a judge, he closed the escrow account — a non-interest-bearing account that lawyers generally use as a trust for clients or in disputes between landlords and tenants — and transferred the money into his personal checking account.

Mason's attorney, Paul Gentile, charges that it is unusual for the commission to get involved in a landlord-tenant dispute and that his client is being caught up in the fury surrounding the Brooklyn judiciary.

"It's likely that people involved in this process were caught up in this frenzy involving Brooklyn judges," Gentile said.

Gerald Stern, the administrator of the court commission, noted that the hearings began in September, months before Barron was indicted, and that the funds were moved between his escrow and personal checking account, which indicated a serious breach in ethics.

"You're dealing with escrow funds in the first instance that are co-mingled with his own personal funds," Stern said. "These are matters pertaining to ethics, not a landlord-tenant dispute."

The commission's report further stated that Mason was uncooperative during the investigation and "that he failed to respond to

six letters seeking his response to the allegation of misconduct."

Gentile, however, said Mason began to feel harassed by the commission and ceased to even open mail sent to him by the agency, leading to a "personal rift between Stern and the judge."

"It's a serious charge," Stern said of the allegations against Mason. "And I think if you ask any judge, lawyer or layperson that a judge does not respond, as required by law, he or she will tell you that there will be a price to pay."

Gentile said his client would appeal the commission's recommendation leaving it in the hands of the court of appeals to decide whether or not he should be removed from the bench.

The court will also decide if Mason should be suspended as the matter is adjudicated. Gentile said this week that it was still too early to determine when a decision would be reached.

Barron was appointed to the civil court in 1987 by then-Mayor Ed Koch and was elected for a term beginning Jan. 1, 1988.

Nine years later, in November 1997, Barron was appointed to the state Supreme Court by Chief Administrative Judge Jonathan Lippman, in consultation with the presiding justice of the appropri-

ate appellate division, Barron was elected for a term beginning in January 1998.

Following Barron's arrest there were several more shake-ups to the embattled Brooklyn judiciary including the replacement of the borough's former chief administrative judge, Michael Preece, with Judge Ann Plau.

That decision came on the heels of the reassignments of Justices Richard Huttner and Edward Rappaport.

Last year, Huttner was censured for participating in litigation involving his Manhattan housing co-ownership and widely published reports stated that Rappaport is being investigated by the New York State Commission on Judicial Conduct for failing to report knowledge of Barron's alleged bribe solicitation.

Last December, the state Commission on Fiduciary Appointment released its findings that a widespread system of "cronyism" and "nepotism" existed between the Kings County Democratic Party and the state court system with respect to the distribution and oversight of receiverships and guardianships in the state. More than a dozen Supreme Court judges and attorneys were recommended for disciplinary action.



Judge Victor Barron eyes his lawyer during his arraignment last February on charges of extorting a bribe.

The Brooklyn Papers / File photo

## 41 tons lost thanks to 'Lighten'

By Patrick Gallagher  
The Brooklyn Papers

Nearly 6,000 Brooklynites lost a combined 41 tons over the course of eight weeks in Borough President Marty Markowitz's "Lighten Up Brooklyn" weight-loss campaign.

On June 28, the Borough President celebrated the individual and collective winners of the program on the steps of Borough Hall.

Foraking some of the borough's signature culinary excesses such as Junior's cheesecake, Nathan's hot dogs and an international array of foods, participants lost an average of 14 pounds each.

The task of losing weight in the Vallhalla of victuals was no easy task, especially for the chubbier Markowitz, who made himself the campaign's poster boy and seemed to begrudge his own efforts every time he saw the scale.

"Not a lot of politicians are going to step up to the plate, recognize a problem in the community and say, 'I want to do something about it,'" Dr. Howard Stern, who advised Markowitz on food selection during the campaign, told the press.

Markowitz was featured on the poster, stood on this stage, he took his shirt off, let his stomach hang out and he said, 'I am the poster boy, watch me



Borough President Marty Markowitz and lighter Brooklynites.

Borough Hall / Kathy Kirk

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Bay, is part of his route.

To lose weight, Drayton stopped eating heavy foods after 10 p.m. and quit drinking beer.

"That was the tough one," he said, of his beer-less eight weeks.

There was a tie in the women's category between Ana, Aline, 55, of Crown Heights, and Lorraine Salas, 44, of East New York, who each lost 25 pounds.

A drawing awarded Salas the trip to the Bahamas, though she said she would still go to her diet doctor being challenged by the tempting Caribbean cuisine.

"No, I'm going to be good," she said, before stating her ongoing weight-loss goal. "Forty more pounds."

Markowitz, who lost 11 pounds, resigned victorious in his best against Mitchell Modell, owner of Modell's Sporting Goods, who lost 14 pounds. Participants getting a 15-percent discount on all non-sale items at Modell's throughout July.

How much weight, if any, Modell lost will remain a secret.

"I'm too much of a gentleman to tell you how much he failed," Markowitz joked.

To receive the discount, participants must present their Lighten Up health cards, which they received during their weigh-in.

## WEINERS...

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most hot dog-eating contest in Coney Island held the significance of the Super Bowl, the World Series and the World Cup combined. Where orthodox sports events test only the efficacy of a finely honed group of athletes, the gastronomic spectacle of a 24-year-old, 113-pound Japanese man out-eating a slew of rivals primarily ranging from pot-bellied to obese, challenges the laws of digestive science and perhaps, even the order of the universe.

Then again, Kobayashi did win FOX-TV's "Glutton Bowl" in February, downing 17.7 pounds of pan-seared cow brains.

"This man is a master; he is a magician, he is an alchemist who has transformed athletics into mathematics, mathematics into poetry," George Sheata, chairman of the International Federation of Competitive Eating (IFCE), which organizes the annual event, said of Kobayashi.

"He is here today as a demonstration of just what can be done in sport and with the human will."

Gagged by the swelling bloat of a 100-plus-degree day, the competitors began to chew down under a scorching noon sun. Within four minutes of the opening bell, Kobayashi had devoured 23 hotdogs, breaking the will of several other challengers who seemed to lose all their hunger for the coveted mustard belt, and dropped their chewing pace to a slow, slouching, defeated rumination.

At no point was Kobayashi competing against the other men at the table, and it was clear that his appetite was focused solely on breaking the record he set last year.

Midway through the contest, Kobayashi had consumed 35 hot dogs and buns using his patented method of breaking the sticks in half and stuffing them into his mouth independent of their doughy counterpart, which would later be dipped in water and swallowed separately.

However, the latter half of the contest proved slower for the reigning champion, and with three minutes to go Kobayashi had only eaten 43 dogs and appeared slightly sluggish in his gorging.

The final sprint, however, proved thunderous, with Kobayashi tying his own record with 10 seconds left. His mouth, however, was still full and it seemed doubtful that Kobayashi could fit in another frank.

The crowd screamed for history to be made, and in what can only be described as a fast gasp, he parted his lips and stuffed half a hot dog and bun into the seemingly bottomless cavity to barely inch past his previous record.

But then a choke, followed by a snort cast the entire outcome in doubt.

The announcement of a winner was briefly halted as the judges were consulted as to whether or not "a Roman Method" — an IFCE euphemism for vomiting — had occurred.

Some commented that a portion of the last dog exited Kobayashi's mouth and should have resulted in his disqualification.

The judges, however, assessed that Kobayashi's victory was kosher and his new record stood to the vocal displeasure of some of his rivals.

"When he started to regurgitate he shouldn't have won," said the 360-pound Hardy, who came in sixth place with 20 dogs.

"In Glutton Bowl," Hardy said, "I was doing the same exact thing. I was eating a 15-foot-long sushi roll. I got about 4 feet into the sushi roll and I started to bring it up. I pushed it back in but at the same time it started dripping out my hands. A couple of rice grains and I got out. And I wasn't mad. I was a time waster."

In the end, a judge ruled that, by book or by crook, Kobayashi had indeed ingested the final bit of frank.

"He was desperately trying to get past the record," said Gersh Kuntzman, a Brooklyn Papers and New York Post columnist who served as the judge presiding over Kobayashi. "He stuffed that last half a hot dog in the go, go, go sound ... and he took one cough and a lot of the dog itself actually came up through the nose. Part of the bun — that was not mucous, that was bun — came out through his nose."

"But, a lot of people couldn't see that he actually inhaled it back in, thereby qualifying that half-a-dog," Kuntzman continued.

Throngs of Japanese fans in attendance cheered the decision.

"All Japan knows him," said Miho Akiyoshi, a native of Osaka now living in Queens.

"We lose at World Cup in soccer," said Akiyoshi's friend, Miki Masuda, also of Osaka. "But today is our World Cup."

The 410-pound Eric "Badlands" Booker, of Long Island, came in a distant second, devouring 26 hot dogs. Although out-dogged by nearly 2-to-1, Booker maintained that Kobayashi was not unbeatable.

"There's always somebody out there that's good," Booker said. "There's always somebody out there that's determined to beat him. Right now, I'm just going to focus my efforts on next year."

There could be a long time however, before the title returns to the United States. According to some competitive eating enthusiasts, a storm is brewing from the east and next year could feature Japanese cannibals with an even greater capacity than Kobayashi.

According to Yuki Kawate, a Japanese fan, Kobayashi came in third place in an eating contest televised in Japan a year ago.

"I hope the other guys come next year," Kawate said. "In a post-fest interview, Kobayashi acknowledged that there are competitors in Japan who have out-eaten him but that he feared competition from both sides of the Pacific equally."

Shea said he had heard of past defeats but that Kobayashi is unbeaten in the Nathan's Famous contest, which he called the "Masters of World Cup of competitive eating."

"All I know is that no one has eaten 50 and one half hot dogs in 12 minutes," said Shea. "And he is by far the greatest eater in the world."

## ENOUGH...

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cally when that crime involves drunk driving and an innocent person's death.

Kiladitis was taken off life support by his parents at Lutheran Medical Center on June 22, three days after Officer Victor Wilson, 43, of Staten Island's 120th Precinct, allegedly ran a red light and struck Kiladitis' Kawasaki ZXR motorcycle around 10:30 p.m. Kiladitis had been heading west on Fort Hamilton Parkway when Wilson slammed into him with the driver's side of his 1995 Chrysler Cirrus, as he was making a left turn from 88th Street onto Fort Hamilton Parkway.

"Alcohol is a legal gun," Ethierios Kiladitis said while staring at his son as he lay in a coffin at his wake on June 25.

The next day the Kiladitis family buried their son at Green-Wood Cemetery. On June 27, they appeared, exhausted and emotional, on the steps of the courthouse in

Downtown Brooklyn.

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he is going to be going to college," Canale said. "That is where you can prove your skills even more, and then you might be drafted higher. You are taking a risk. Sometimes you get worst, but I always look at the fact that at least you have college. I would rather advocate school than taking a shot at a dream."

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## DWI COPS...

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cially when that crime involves drunk driving and an innocent person's death.

Kiladitis was taken off life support by his parents at Lutheran Medical Center on June 22, three days after Officer Victor Wilson, 43, of Staten Island's 120th Precinct, allegedly ran a red light and struck Kiladitis' Kawasaki ZX9 motorcycle around 10:30 p.m. Kiladitis had been heading west on Fort Hamilton Parkway when Wilson slammed into him with the driver's side of his 1995 Chrysler Cirrus, as he was making a left turn from 88th Street onto Fort Hamilton Parkway.

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Three other families who had experienced a loss due to a drunk-driving police officer, also attended the June 27 press conference, according to Sunset Park activist David Galazra.

First, and foremost, the families publicly demanded that no special treatment and no double standards be applied to uniformed officers and firemen. If they refuse a Breathalyzer, like Wilson did, they should be arrested like any civilian, Galazra said. The families are also seeking an end to alleged cover-ups, in whatever form they take, including waiting hours before administering sobriety tests to police.

According to police, Wilson failed a field sobriety test after hitting Kiladitis. He then refused to take any other Breathalyzer test. A blood-alcohol content test between .05 and .10 indicates a person is "under the influence," while a level of .10 or higher is considered "intoxicated," DA officials said.

"[Friends] told me they were giving [Wilson] water," said one police officer who was on duty at the scene on June 26, at Kiladitis' wake.

Galazra said the similarities between the family tragedies were eerie.

During the trial, Gray testified that he drank as many as 13 beers during a 12-hour drinking binge that went from the precinct parking lot to a topos bar at 39th Street and Second Avenue, called Wild West, which was off-limits to the officers of his 72nd Precinct.

A toxicologist testified that Gray's blood-alcohol level would have been .23 at the time of the accident, more than twice the legal limit. Galazra said witnesses at the scene said Gray was also given water.

"I heard anything from water to lemonade was given to Wilson at the scene," Galazra said. "We have seen the great blue wall of cover-up with all of these cases."

Wilson remains under police investigation. He pleaded not guilty to vehicular assault, reckless endangerment and operating a car while under the influence of alcohol. He was released on \$100,000 following his arraignment on June 20.

Prosecutors may seek an upgrade of the charge to include vehicular manslaughter.

The more serious crime is punishable by up to 15 years in prison, according to the Brooklyn District Attorney's office.

Police officials denied any comment regarding their own investigation of Wilson or his suspension.

Wilson has been suspended for 30 days without pay. He could be the first officer to be dismissed from the force under a new policy that mandates officers convicted of causing serious injury while driving under the influence be fired, which was enacted after the

Gray incident.

Galazra said the families will continue to rally for change. "Yesterday I buried my son and today I want justice," Elthierios said from the press conference podium as members of the four other families stood behind him.

Miguel Rivera was killed on Dec. 10, 1998, when a drunk off-duty firefighter ran a stop sign and crashed into him. Firefighter Edward Jackson's stop sign was destroyed for a year and eventually thrown out.

Aif Hazim was killed in the early morning of Oct. 20, 1999 while he was working as part of a repaving crew on the Throgs Neck Bridge. Captain James O'Connor, the driver of an unmarked NYPD car, struck and killed him.

Alfonso Garcia was both killed on May 27, 2001 after off-duty NYPD Sgt. William Milley smashed into their car. Although Milley was charged and indicted on multiple counts, he is still working on "modified duty."

Elthierios Kiladitis said his son was wearing a helmet at the time of the accident and rode his bike cautiously with his friends on a normal basis.

He had just turned 21 on Father's Day, three days before the accident.

More than 30 of Kiladitis' friends boarded their bikes and rode for one final time in the funeral procession to Green-Wood cemetery on June 27.

## Residents to get say on park development plan

By Patrick Gallahue

The Brooklyn Papers

As required by the document that created the Brooklyn Bridge Park Development Corporation, a citizen advisory board is being formed.

The document, a memorandum of understanding (MOU) is an official agreement between the city and state on guidelines for the creation of the commercial and recreational development and its subsequent operation. The MOU was signed by Mayor Michael Bloomberg and Gov. George Pataki in the spring.

"It will be an official arm of the Brooklyn Bridge Park Development Corporation," James Moogan, the executive director of the Brooklyn Bridge Park Development Corporation (BBPDC) said of the citizen's advisory council. "They will represent a broad spectrum of citizens and we anticipate they will convene larger public meetings to facilitate larger public input."

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While no names have been attached to the council yet, Moogan said he anticipates appointments will be made on Aug. 1.

As figures appear on the board, the matter of representation will clearly be one that is watched closely by neighborhoods around or near the park.

The issue of representation and influence on the guidance of the park has been an issue of some sort along the border of Atlantic Avenue, which divides community boards 2 and 6.

Last February, a few months after Rep. Nydia Velazquez secured \$1 million in funding for a transportation study on the park, CB6 Chairwoman Irene Lo Re sent a letter to Velazquez urging for the funding to "produce a fair and open study."

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# Brooklynites shed 41 tons

By Patrick Gallahue  
The Brooklyn Papers

Nearly 6,000 Brooklynites lost a combined 41 tons over the course of eight weeks in Borough President Marty Markowitz's "Lighten Up Brooklyn" weight-loss campaign.

On June 28, the Borough President celebrated the individual and collective winners of the program on the steps of Borough Hall.

Forsaking some of the borough's signature culinary excesses such as Junior's cheesecake, Nathan's hot dogs and an international array of foods, participants lost an average of 14 pounds each.

The task of losing weight in the Valhalla of victuals was no easy task, especially for the cherubic Markowitz, who made himself the campaign's poster boy and seemed to begrudge his own efforts every step of the way mourning the absence of his beloved cheesecake and sandwiches.

"Not a lot of politicians are going to step up to the plate, recognize a problem in the community and say, 'I want to do something about it,'" said Dr. Howard Shapiro, who advised Markowitz on food se-

lection during the campaign. "He also became the poster boy, stood on this stage, he took his shirt off, let his stomach hang out and he said, 'I am the poster boy, watch me over the next eight weeks!'"

And the world did watch, attracting stories in print and broadcast media from around the country and even the world.

Markowitz listed Germany, Japan, England, Spain and Finland as countries that "all followed the campaign."

To announce the winners, Markowitz was featured on the "Today" show on June 28, which plugged to fewer than five of Brooklyn's commercial institutions and eateries during anchorman Ann Curry's narrative, from Keyspan Park in Coney Island to Damascus Bakery on Atlantic Avenue between Court and Clinton streets.

Broadcast from Sheephead Bay/Kings Highway, the borough's biggest loser — of weight that is, at a whopping 26.385 pounds — Markowitz stood alongside Lighten Up participants to encourage better health and to do his obligatory cheerleading for Brooklyn.



Borough President Marty Markowitz (center foreground) announces the results of his "Lighten Up Brooklyn" weight-loss campaign at Borough Hall. Brooklyn lost 82,655 pounds or more than 41 tons during the eight-week program.

Kathryn Kirk

"We do it different here in Brooklyn," Markowitz said. "Bigger and better."

The male and female weight-loss champs were also announced on June 28.

Anthony Drayton, 39, of Canarsie took the men's title by dropping 24 pounds. For that he won a four-day trip to the Bahamas courtesy of the Bahamas Ministry of Tourism.

Drayton, a UPS employee, was introduced to the campaign because state Sen. Carl Krueger's district office, at 2201 Avenue U in Sheephead Bay, is part of his route.

To lose the weight, Drayton stopped eating heavy foods after 10 pm and quit drinking beer.

"That was the tough one," he said, of his beer-less eight

weeks. There was a tie in the women's category between Una Alcine, 55, of Crown Heights, and Loraine Salas, 44, of East New York, who each lost 25 pounds.

A drawing awarded Salas the trip to the Bahamas, though she said she would stick to her diet despite being challenged by the tempting Caribbean cuisine.

"No, I'm going to be good," she said, before stating her ongoing weight-loss goal. "Fifty more pounds."

Markowitz, who lost 11 pounds, reigned victorious in his bet against Mitchell Modell, owner of Modell's Sporting Goods, resulting in Lighten Up participants getting a 15-percent discount on all non-sale items at Modell's throughout July.

How much weight, if any, Modell lost will remain a secret.

"I'm too much of a gentleman to tell you how much he failed," Markowitz joked.

To receive the discount, participants must present their Lighten Up health cards, which they received during their weigh-in.



## Cyclone turns 75

The Brooklyn Papers / Greg Margio

Police Officer Angelique Olaechea of the 60th Precinct in Coney Island meets Captain America after riding the Cyclone on its 75th birthday on June 26.

## LIBRARY...

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system is installed, the branch is scheduled to reopen on Monday, July 15, Valerie Geiss, a BPL spokeswoman told The Brooklyn Papers.

"The branch will reopen when the new air conditioning is in place so that the library can ensure a comfortable temperature for staff and patrons," she said.

According to Geiss, the new air conditioning will be a modular, chilled water system. The previous system used absorption equipment.

Although new air conditioning was installed when the library was renovated 10 years ago, and the system has been repaired several times since then, breakdowns have continued to plague the branch.

In July 2000, the library installed a new solution pump engine. Although the air conditioning was still under warranty, that part was not.

The closing of the library follows a period of intermittent shutdowns this year and is just one more inconvenience for those who use it on a regular basis.

Gwen Fischman goes to the Brooklyn Heights branch about every two weeks "to get books and return books, and sometimes to use the computer for genealogical research." But on several days in late May and June she found the doors closed.

"There was a sign saying they were sorry for the inconvenience, but the library was closed due to the heat," she said.

Fischman eventually called Brooklyn Heights Councilman David Yassky's office and found out that the library's air condition-

ing was again inoperative. The branch had been closed because the union contract specified that employees not work in intense heat.

Evian Thies, a Yassky spokesman, told The Papers that when the indoor temperature-humidity index hits 165, the library is closed and employees are sent to work at other branches.

Fischman was less upset by the closing than by the perplexing nature of the sign, which didn't mention the faulty air conditioning.

"It left you scratching your head wondering if the library would be closed for the rest of the summer," she said. "Some of the people who couldn't get into the library were angry."

John Repaci, also a Brooklyn Heights resident, was one of those who were upset by the closing.

"I thought, firemen go into burning buildings and it's hot, people who clean furnaces work in the heat, my wife is a teacher and she works in schools when it's hot," he said.

Since that time, a new sign has been posted explaining that the library will reopen on July 15 after the new air conditioning system is installed.

Until the library reopens, Geiss advises patrons to visit neighboring branches like the Carroll Gardens Branch, Clinton Street at Union Street, (718) 596-6572; the Walt Whitman Branch, St. Edwards Street and Auburn Place in Fort Greene, (718) 955-0244; Pacific Branch, Fourth Avenue and Pacific Street in Park Slope, (718) 638-1531; Clinton Hill Branch, Washington Avenue at Lafayette Avenue, (718) 398-8713 and the Central Library at Grand Army Plaza, (718) 230-2100.

But people like John Repaci have found their own solutions.

"It's like everything else in New York: you learn to adjust," he said. "I went out and bought the book."

# Fulton Ferry water taxis start soon

Service to Manhattan delayed two weeks so boat can be upgraded

By Patrick Gallahue  
The Brooklyn Papers

With seats arriving from Australia and rugs from England, the launch of New York Water Taxi, originally scheduled for July 4, has been pushed back two weeks.

According to Tom Fox, the founder and president of New York Water Taxi, upgrades to the boat and shipping delays have briefly set the inaugural launch back to July 15.

"It's like buying a car only it hasn't been built yet," Fox said, joking about the brief delay.

Once vessels are in the water, the rest of July will be used for familiarization tours with tourist companies, hotels and

city agencies to introduce groups to the new service.

On Aug. 15, the public will be able to enjoy the midday tours on two boats, running from Fulton Ferry Landing to Manhattan, with stops at South Street Seaport, West 23rd Street and West 42nd Street.

By mid-September, the third boat is expected to arrive and service will begin to commuter stops at Pier 11 on Wall Street, Pier 6 in Battery Park and North Cove in Battery Park City, with an official launch planned for Sept. 17.

The ferry will have 54 seats with a capacity for 20 more standing passengers, at a cost of \$24 for a book of 10 tickets or \$4 per individual ticket.

Additional services from Greenpoint, running to East

23rd Street in Manhattan and Wall Street, are hoped to operate in 2003.

The first vessel will be named after the late local waterfront activist and long-time Brooklyn Heights resident Mary "Mickey" Murphy.

Murphy, 84, a friend of Fox's, died in January of pneumonia after spending more than 60 years in the Heights dedicating herself to the activities of Community Board 2, the Brooklyn Heights Association, the Historic Districts Council and the neighborhood advisory committee of the Brooklyn Bridge Park Coalition.

"Every waterfront has a lot of unsung heroes," Fox said. "And what we're going to do is try to give some of them

recognition to the public and hopefully inspire other people to get involved."

Fittingly, the vessel in her name, will collect passengers only feet from where Murphy's friend of 25 years, Olga Bloom, operates her own waterborne enterprise, Bargehouse.

The other two boats will be named after other late, great, waterfront activists: Michael Mann, former chairman of the Hudson River Sloop Clearwater Club; and Kurt Berger, who served with Fox on the board of the West Side Waterfront Panel.

Mann, of Flatbush, died two years ago. In addition to his work with the Hudson River Sloop club, he was head of the Brooklyn Sloop chapter and scout leader for Boy Scout

Troop 8, leading environmental excursions for young people to Floyd Bennett Field and introducing them to Jamaica Bay and other urban oases.

Berger, who died several years ago, had been a real estate law professor at Columbia University that parlayed his legal expertise into crafting a plan to extending Manhattan's Hudson River Park past the site's initial boundary of 35th Street all the way up to 59th Street.

"These are three individuals who I am particularly fond of, who I think have made a contribution to the city," Fox said.

"Rather than name it after birds or something I wanted to name [the water taxis] after someone who made a difference."

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# Bargain bites

*Delectable gifts under \$25 that are guaranteed to impress your beach house host or hostess this summer*

By Tina Barry  
for The Brooklyn Papers

**T**ake friends with a house in the Hamptons, add a long weekend invitation, mix with an elegantly packaged treat you can eat, (remove the price tag; no one needs to know that you paid under \$25) and you have the recipe for a successful visit to the beach house.

For those without a Hamptons connection, bestowing edible gifts works effectively on friends with cottages on the Jersey shore, lakefront property in Maine or hosts with nothing more than an entertaining spirit and a picnic blanket in Prospect Park.

## Just desserts

Luscious would best describe Cranberry Fool (\$10.95), a compote made of cranberries, cherries, currants and golden raisins. No thickeners or sugar are added so the mixture tastes light and not too sweet. A touch of vanilla intensifies the pure flavors of the fruit. As delicious on an English muffin as it is teamed with meat (think turkey sandwiches on the beach), Cranberry Fool is a gift that almost guarantees a second invitation. (Blame the wet towel you left on the bed if there's no sequel to your weekend.)

After a long day of frying on the beach no one wants to think about shopping for dinner, never mind dessert. Your gift bag of Chakur Cherries (\$6.95) to the rescue. Drop a few of these plump, bittersweet chocolate covered dried cherries over a bowl of vanilla ice cream and you have a simply delicious dessert in two minutes flat.

Minczarelli's lemon flavored amaretto cookies (\$14.95) are the Tiffany of gourmet gifts. A stout yellow-lidded cardboard box, sporting a sunny lemon on its label, gets tied up with a big fluffy yellow bow. Inside, the cookies are moist and tart and each is twisted like taffy in yellow tissue paper. So chic!

All of the above are available at Garden of Eden (180 Montague St., between Court and Clinton streets) (718) 222-1515.

## Giving nature

Your city friends may subsist on a diet of takeout Chinese and pizza on weeknights, but for weekends away it's only natural to want organic. Kris & Pete's organic strawberry jam (\$7.99), comes in a pretty glass jar with a hand-written label. Twist off the top and breathe in the aroma of sunshine and wild strawberries. The jam is slightly sweetened and chunky with whole strawberries. Bring a jar or



Fancy feast: (Clockwise from top left) Minczarelli's lemon-flavored amaretto cookies, Cheshire Garden's wine vinegar, Sweet Melissa's biscotti and granola and Cranberry Fool compote all make great hostess gifts.

The Brooklyn Papers • Greg Marigo

two with some freshly baked scones (no, they don't have to come from your oven) and you'll have a memorable light breakfast, snack or late night treat.

Pre-cooked, just add hot water, organic grains are a Mary Jane's Farm specialty (\$4.15). Each pouch serves one for lunch or two as a side dish. Try the spicy couscous and lentil curry combination. The 1940s looking housewives, who appear aproned and smiling on the bags' labels, have a Norman Rockwell charm.

Brooklynites who crave a taste of the neighborhood will love Steve's Authentic Key Lime Pie (\$3.99, \$12.99 and \$16.99), which comes in individual and two multi-serving sizes. The pie looks deceptively humble, but don't be fooled. Inside that crisp, crumbly, graham cracker crust is a filling so understated, so delicately lime-infused that it makes other lurid green, after-shavish, key lime pies seem, well, a little tart.

Fresh greens from a farmer's market call for a light, herby salad dressing. Patti and Ralph of Cheshire Garden's grow herbs for their 'gardens in a bottle' wine vinegars (small \$5.29, large \$8.99). Fla-

vors like chili pepper, sweet basil, savory, oregano and garlic, or my favorite, herbs de Provence with rosemary, basil, savory, lavender and thyme, will lend a deep, herbal note to the simplest of salads. The slender bottles, adorned with a black and white Cheshire cat illustration, look charming in country kitchens.

Leave no dog un-fed. Puppy Patch Bakery makes organic dog treats in cute white bags with red bows (\$4.25). Flavors include carrot cake crisps, oatmeal crunchies and carob chip cookies. Feed your host's pooch a couple of these natural "cookies," and he'll beg to wear a bandana and walk along the beach.

All of the above are available at Pumpkins Organic Market (1302 Eighth Ave. between 13th and 14th streets in Park Slope, (718) 499-8539). Steve's Authentic Key Lime Pie is also available at Key Food on Montague Street between Hicks and Henry streets in Brooklyn Heights.

## How sweet

Need a little pick-me-up after a long drive on the L.I.E.? Sweet Melissa Patisserie makes it's own granola (\$7.95). Sold

in little cellophane bags tied with a bright ribbon, the mix of toasted oats, almonds, currants, pumpkin seeds and dried cherries, drizzled with honey and spiced with cinnamon, will boost your energy. Not a granola fan? This heavenly scented concoction could double as potpourri.

Ocean breezes and tea on the porch make for an idyllic weekend afternoon. Bring a box of Sweet Melissa's petit four: a dense chocolate fudge square gets a dusting of gold leaf or try the delicate nut cake covered with fragile pale pink icing. Each pink cake is crowned with a tiny violet. What could be sweeter? (Petit fours are three for \$6.75 or five for \$11.25.)

Martha would approve of Sweet Melissa's biscotti. The cranberry almond biscotti are moist and chewier than most. Offer six of these crisp treats in a simple white box tied with a red ribbon (\$4.50), and your reputation as a gift-giver with taste will be ensured.

Available at Sweet Melissa Patisserie (276 Court St. between Butler and Douglas streets in Cobble Hill, (718) 855-3410).

## CINEMA



## Outdoor films

That precocious Erasmus Hall High School graduate Barbara Streisand (pictured with Robert Redford), will return to Brooklyn — on the silver screen — on July 25 as part of the Brooklyn Bridge Park Summer Film Series.

"The Way We Were" (1973), starring Streisand and Redford, will be screened at Empire-Fulton Ferry State Park (center on Water Street between Main and Dock streets). Other films in the series include "Double Indemnity" (1944), starring Barbara Stanwyck, on July 11, "My Cousin Vinny" (1992), starring Marisa Tomei, on July 18 and "My American Girl," a 2000 documentary about a Dominican couple in Brooklyn raising three daughters, on Aug. 1.

Rain dates for the films, which begin at 8:45 p.m. will be the following Fridays (July 12, July 19, July 26 and Aug. 2). For more information go to [www.bkpc.net](http://www.bkpc.net) or call (718) 802-0603.

— Lisa J. Curtis

## MUSIC

## Marty rocks

Boro Prez Markowitz presents classic rock all summer long

By Patrick Galloway  
The Brooklyn Papers

**I**t's an old event thrown from a new office. Although Marty "Party" Markowitz has abdicated his state Senate seat to assume the borough presidency, his two signature summer concert series will take place without pause.

The 20th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. concert series at Wingate Field in Prospect Lefferts Gardens presents shows every Monday beginning at 7:30 p.m. until Aug. 18, at the field located between Winthrop Street and Kingsmen Avenue, opposite Kings County Hospital.

On Monday, July 15, the Martin Luther King Jr. series will present an evening of gospel with Shirley Caesar, Keith "Wonderboy" Johnson and the Spiritual Voices in addition to Dottie Peoples. The following week the Isley Brothers, famous for such songs as "Shout," "Love is a Wonderful Thing" and "Fight the Power," will join jazz virtuoso Roy Ayers.

Teddy Pendergrass and Ashford & Simpson will headline the July 29 program to be followed on Aug. 5 by "WLS Mystery Night of Today's R&B." On Aug. 12, Teena Marie and Kool & the Gang's J.T. Taylor will take the stage for the second to last show.

Topping the series will be a flashback to last summer's race for Borough Hall, with Markowitz's Caribbean campaign chairman, the Mighty Sparrow, hosting the winning performers of the 2002 Trinidad and Tobago Carnival band contest.

Meanwhile in Coney Island, the Seaside Summer Concert Series at Asner Levy Park on West Fifth Street at Surf Avenue, will open at 7:30 p.m. this Thursday, July 11 with Sinatra — Frank Sinatra Jr., that is — performing with the Brooklyn Philharmonic Orchestra.

"Brooklyn is Brooklyn," Sinatra Jr. said in a Borough Hall press release. "Brooklyn has become a place of American folklore. The people have always been very good to us. They have always been wonderful. The New York crowd is very fond of Frank Sinatra [senior] and always have been very good to him."

The band will feature a homecoming of sorts for longtime Sinatra pianist, Bill Miller, who grew up in Bensonhurst and spent 40 years playing with "Ol' Blue Eyes." He will join junior for the seaside set — Sinatra's first since the '70s.

The following week, Coney Island will erupt with the Classic Rock Explosion, featuring Alan Parsons, Christopher Cross, Jack Bruce of Cream, Mark Farmer of Grand Funk Railroad and Eric Carmen.

A slightly mellower set will envelope the beachfront on July 25, with a tribute to Motown with the Four Tops, and Dennis Edwards' Temptations followed on Aug. 1 with the Beach Boys.

The Swedish sensation ABBA, featuring some of the original band members, will perform on Aug. 8, to be succeeded by a slightly more patriotic evening of oldies on Aug. 15 with Jay Black & The Americans, Ben E. King, Johnny Maestro & The Brooklyn Bridge. The series will be capped on Aug. 22 with the annual "Salsa by the Sea," a best of Latin music celebration.

But that's not all Party Marty has up his musical sleeve as he will host performances at Borough Hall plaza, in front of the Borough Hall steps at noon every Wednesday.

On July 17, folk-pop threesome K.J. Denhart Trio will perform, followed by experimental jazz group Jazz Kematics.

Gordon, Bennett and Barabado will perform country blues on July 24, and July 31 will bring the Latin sax sounds of RedRube to Downtown Brooklyn.

Shows for all three concert series are free. Seating is limited, so bring a chair. Performance lineups are subject to change. For updates, call the concert hotline at (718) 469-1912 or (718) 802-3700.

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# Less for words

## New play, 'Introspective,' needs more thought

By Paulanne Simmons  
for The Brooklyn Papers

Sometime in his life playwright Johnathan Cerio found out that we all die. Apparently, he never got over this profound discovery.

His new play, "Introspective," now at Ryan Repertory Company's Harry Warren Theatre, tells the story of eight people who have one thing in common — they have all lost someone dear to them. It is directed by Nick Lago, who does his best with a small space, lots of characters and a rambling plot that never quite finds its center.

Anthony Tolve plays an aged opera singer who has lost his wife to sickness and old age. David Risley portrays a young man whose wife has died in childbirth. Diane Breton acts the part of a young lady who has a brief relationship with a man named Dean (Dean Grillo), who meets her in a bar, changes her life, then promptly gets killed in a car accident. The advice that transforms her is simply, "If you want to write, just write." Wow!

Patricia Kane appears briefly as a bereaved widow whose bed is no longer warmed by her spouse. And Ed Basil plays a young man in love with a girl named Tiffany. Tiffany doesn't die but goes one better. She marries another man.



Death trap: (Above) Diane Breton and Dean Grillo in a scene from the new play "Introspective" by Johnathan Cerio (top right). The Brooklyn Papers / Greg Marney

harbors some strange ideas about the disease, for instance the belief that one can contract HIV by drinking infected blood.

Making the narrator into the central character deprived of his lover by AIDS may give some the impression that the play is really about how the AIDS epidemic has ravaged the gay community, and all the other stories are merely window dressing.

Another play about AIDS may be disappointing or exhilarating, depending on your point of view. But if this is where the playwright's heart really lies, the play might have been much better if he had been more forthcoming from

the very beginning and more centered on his real concern throughout.

The play does have some high points. Craig Kwasnicki, dressed in a red jacket and red striped vest, dazzles as the charismatic and cynical clown. More evil than amusing, he impresses magic, jugs and teases the audience.

Lago and Ryan Repertory Executive Director Barbara Parisi have created some excellent lighting effects — especially when the opera singer appears in a tiny dressing room on the other side of a stage door.

Kwasnicki uses the small space rather well — sauntering down the aisle and jumping onto the stage. But

the smallness of the theater has resulted in some weird blocking, with the action on two levels, often for no apparent reason, and actors crowded onto the stage or facing the audience rather than each other. It may be that Cerio's play is just too ambitious for the space provided.

"Introspective" is Cerio's first play. It definitely shows ability. His dialogue moves nicely and is occasionally funny. But it relies too much on cliché and audience-specific jokes. Most important, Cerio needs to choose less sophisticated themes and treat them in a more mature manner.

We all know we're going to live lives of successive loss. The ultimate loss of life itself. The challenge is not to figure out why we die but rather what to do with the time we are given. This is the stuff of great literature and great plays. If Cerio were to follow this route, who knows what might happen?

## WHERE TO GO

compiled by Susan Rosenthal

### THURS. JULY 11

**BRIDGE WALK:** Big Onion Tours takes a walk across the Brooklyn Bridge and around Brooklyn Heights at twilight. Stops include Plymouth Church, A.A. Low Mansion, and sites associated with Arthur Miller, Robert Moses and Norman Mailer. \$12. \$10 to students and seniors. 5 pm. Meet at southeast corner of Broadway and Chambers street, lower Manhattan. (212) 479-1090.

**REASON FOR HOPE:** Park Slope Food Co-op talk on Malawi, a voice of reason. 7 pm. 785 5th St. (718) 622-0560. Free.

**BARNES AND NOBLE:** Colleen Brooks reads from "In The City: Random Acts of Awareness." 7:30 pm. 267 Seventh Ave. (718) 832-9066. Free.

**BARGE MUSIC:** Chamber music of Beethoven, Schubert and Mozart. 8:35-7:30 pm. Fulton Ferry Landing. (718) 624-2083.

**SEASIDE SERIES:** Seaside Summer Concert Series presents Frank Sinatra Jr. 7:30 pm. Brooklyn Philharmonic, 730 pm. Seaside Park, West Fifth Street and Surf Avenue. (718) 692-1912. Free.

**FILM SERIES:** Brooklyn Bridge Park Summer Film series. Tonight: "Double Indemnity," with Barbara Stanwyck. 8:45 pm. Empire Fulton Ferry State Park, New Dock Street at West Street. Rain date July 12. (718) 802-0603. Free.

### FRI. JULY 12

**CAROUSEL RIDE:** Free rides every Friday. 11 am to 3 pm. Prospect Park at the Children's Center. (718) 282-7789.

**ARTS IN THE PARK:** Brooklyn Children's Museum hosts a program of music, dance and poetry. 11 am. Brower Park, adjacent to 145 Brooklyn Ave. (718) 735-4400. Free.

**GARDEN CONCERT:** Brooklyn Conservatory of Music hosts its third annual series of outdoor concerts. Today: Greg Eichen's "In-Born-Air" brass quartet performs. 5 to 7 pm. Conservatory's garden, Greenwich Avenue at Lincoln Place. (718) 622-3300. Free.

**RECEPTION:** Community Gallery at Independence Community Day presents an exhibit of photography by William King. Exhibit closes Thursday. Waterfront Museum and Showboat Barge performance series. 5 to 7 pm. Loraine and Columbia streets. (718) 998-8351. Free.

**FAMILY FUN:** Brooklyn Children's Museum multicultural dance and music program. Tonight: jazz vocalist Miles Griffith performs. 6:30 pm. 145 Brooklyn Ave. (718) 735-4400. Free.

**BROOKLYN AUTHORS:** Montauk Club presents Roberto Peres reading from his new book, "The Lining of Our Souls: Excursions into Selected Paintings of Edward Hopper." 7 pm. Light refreshments. 25 Eighth Ave. (718) 638-0800. Free.

**CELEBRATE BROOKLYN:** 24th season of outdoor performing arts. Tonight: Yo La Tengo performs rock. Also, poet Everton Sylvester reads his rambling verses. 5:30-7:30 pm. Prospect Park Bandshell, Ninth Street and Prospect Park West. (718) 965-8999.

**BARGE MUSIC:** Chamber music of Beethoven, Schubert and Mozart. 8:35-7:30 pm. Fulton Ferry Landing. (718) 624-2083.

**AQUARIUM:** NY Aquarium launches Aquapace concert series. Tonight: Next Legacy Orchestra. As an added bonus, guests have front seat viewing from inside the Aquarium of the Conny Island Fireworks. 8:20-7 pm to 10:10 pm. West Eighth Street and Surf Avenue. (718) 265-5958.

### SAT. JULY 13

**OUTDOORS AND TOURS**

**AUDUBON CENTER:** Weekend program features nature tours. Also, electric boat tours. \$3 per ride. Prospect Park. Call for information. (718) 287-3400.

**GRAVESIDE CONCERT:** Brooklyn Center for the Urban Environment presents Frank Sinatra Jr. 7:30 pm. Brooklyn Philharmonic, 730 pm. Seaside Park, West Fifth Street and Surf Avenue. (718) 692-1912. Free.

**PEDAL BOATING:** On the lake in Prospect Park. \$10 per hour. 11 am to 4 pm. Call for reservations and meet/dance. (718) 993-7537.

**WALKING TOUR:** NY Like a Native takes a walk around Park Slope, Prospect Park and Brooklyn Heights. \$15. 1:30 to 4 pm. Call for reservations and meet/dance. (718) 993-7537.

### PERFORMANCES

**CELEBRATE BROOKLYN:** presents an all-star musical variety of music. Also, African marketplace. 5:30 to 7 pm. Prospect Park Bandshell, 9th Street and Prospect Park West. (718) 965-8999.

**OUTDOOR THEATER:** Live Concert presents production of Carlo Gozzi's "The King Stag." A tale of magic, intrigue and romance. 3 pm. Music Pagoda, near the Boathouse, Prospect Park. (212) 814-7773. Free.

**BARGE MUSIC:** Chamber music program of works by Brahms. 8:35-7:30 pm. Fulton Ferry Landing. (718) 624-2083.

**MOONLIGHT RIDE:** Moving for a Better Environment invites cyclists to ride the park at night. Meet at 9 pm at

### Grand Army Plaza. (212) 802-8222. Free.

**GALAPAGOS:** presents soul funk singer Martha Redbone. \$7. 9 pm. 70 North Sixth St. (718) 702-2882. Free.

**HALCYON CAFE:** Debut of UK-based Grand Central Records artist AJM. \$5 cover. 7 pm to 2 am. 227 Smith St. (718) 260-WAXY.

### CHILDREN

**FISHING CONTEST:** Annual week-long contest for kids. 14 and under. All equipment provided. 10 am to 2 pm. Prospect Park, near Wollman Park. (718) 965-8975. Free.

**AQUARIUM:** Celebrate America and the animals found along our shores with the theme event "From Sea to Shining Sea: A Marine Mammal Celebration." NY Aquarium offers workshops, live music, antique cars and more. \$9.75. 11 am to 4 pm. West 8th Street and Surf Avenue. (718) 260-5958.

**PROSPECT PARK ZOO:** Visitors are invited to walk with and find out about zookeepers' work. Today "Land Lubbers" invites participants to create and identify animal footprints. 1 to 3 pm. \$6.16 Clarendon Road. (718) 625-5401. Free.

**PUPPETWORKS:** presents "Tremulous" for children. 12:30 pm. 338 Sixth Ave. Reservations suggested. (718) 965-3391.

**BROOKLYN CHILDREN'S MUSEUM:** presents "Family Science Workshop: Science Fair with Flair." \$4. 2 to 3:30 pm. 145 Brooklyn Ave. (718) 735-4400. Free.

**BARGE MUSIC:** Children's concert series of music by Brahms and Beethoven for kids 4 and older. \$10 children, \$15 adults. 3 pm. Fulton Ferry Landing. (718) 624-2083.

**PLAYGROUND PROGRAM:** Imagination Playground weekly program for kids. Today: Urban Renaissance Theater presents a play. 3 to 4 pm. Hester Avenue Playground, enter at

### Prospect Park West and 9th Street. (718) 965-6973. Free.

**FAMILY THEATER:** "Alice in Wonderland" \$12 for all ages. 4 pm. Church of Gethsemane, 1012 Eighth Ave. (718) 670-7205.

### OTHER

**RECEPTION:** Brooklyn Center for the Urban Environment presents the exhibit "Fish Out of Water: Architecture Against Blue Skies." 2 to 5 pm. Tennis House, Prospect Park. (718) 788-8500. Free.

**BA CINEMATEK:** "New French Connection" series. Today: "Rushy" (2000). 2 pm. Also, "Michele" (2000). 4:30 pm. Also, "Roberto Succo" (2000). 6:50 pm. Also, "Wild Innocence" (2001). 9:20 pm. 39 Lafayette Ave. (718) 634-4100.

### SUN. JULY 14

**Bastille Day**

**OUTDOORS AND TOURS**

**CRUISING THE GOVANAL:** Brooklyn Center for the Urban Environment hosts a cruise aboard the Chelsea Screamer. Learn about the Goetz Canal and its resonance. \$45. \$35 members, seniors and students. 9 am to noon. Meet at Chelsea Pier, Pier 62, Hudson River at 22nd Street. (718) 788-8500.

**CONCERT:** St. Jacob's Evangelical Lutheran Church presents the NOSTALGIA TRAIN: NY Transit Museum takes a trip back in

## Yo Brooklyn

Indie rockers Yo La Tengo (pictured) will perform on July 12 at 7:30 pm as part of the Celebrate Brooklyn performing arts series at the Prospect Park Bandshell (Prospect Park West and Ninth Street in Prospect Park). Opening the show is Everton Sylvester, the lead poet of the Brooklyn Funk Essentials. Admission is \$3. For more information, call (718) 855-7882 ext. 45.

### time on its 1920s D-Type

Triplex train. Board at 59th Street. \$12. \$10 seniors and students. 1 pm. Meet at Greenwood Cemetery main entrance, Fifth Avenue and 25th Street. (212) 639-1090. Call for reservations and meeting place. (718) 993-7537.

**GREENWOOD TOUR:** Big Onion Tours visits this Victorian "City of the Dead." \$12. \$10 seniors and students. 1 pm. Meet at Greenwood Cemetery main entrance, Fifth Avenue and 25th Street. (212) 639-1090. Call for reservations and meeting place. (718) 993-7537.

**BROOKLYN BRIDGE WALK:** Dr. Michael J. Wells and Wells takes a tour of the Brooklyn Bridge. \$12. 1 pm. Meet at Brooklyn Museum, 96th Street and Avenue C. (718) 638-0800. Free.

### PERFORMANCES

**HALCYON:** Soul-influenced performance. 3 to 7 pm. Also, AJM. Prophet. 7 pm to midnight. No cover. 227 Smith St. (718) 260-WAXY.

**BARGE MUSIC:** Chamber music program of All Brahms. \$35. 4 pm. Fulton Ferry Landing. (718) 624-2083.

**CONCERT:** St. Jacob's Evangelical Lutheran Church presents the NOSTALGIA TRAIN: NY Transit Museum takes a trip back in

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# Surve says...

## Zagat reveals boro's fave eateries & shops

By Lisa J. Curtis  
The Brooklyn Papers

It may not rank with Columbus hitting upon America, but dining guide guru Tim Zagat has discovered Brooklyn.

This week he unveils his "Zagat Survey: Brooklyn," acknowledging for the first time that restaurants in this borough deserve his undivided attention. He'll celebrate with a launch party July 11 at The Greasy restaurant on Smith Street.

In his annual "New York City Restaurants" survey, a sprinkling of Brooklyn's most famous restaurants, like Peter Luger's steakhouse in Williamsburg have made the cut since the 1970s. Zagat told GO Brooklyn on Wednesday, Nov. 16, for the first time, Zagat has published a guide solely dedicated to the restaurants, attractions, nightlife and shopping in Brooklyn.

"Eight years ago, there was the fear factor," said Zagat. "People were scared to go to New York, and they were scared to go anywhere in the outer boroughs. Now with improved safety, cleanliness and shopping amenities in Brooklyn, it's almost revolutionary."

Zagat said that like the "New York City Restaurants" survey, he's committed to updating the Brooklyn version annually.

"When we first started we had six Brooklyn restaurants; now we have 140," said Zagat. "It's really gotten so it's really serious. It's almost the size of a restaurant guide in any other city — except for New York."

"People in Brooklyn tended to be voting for Brooklyn restaurants. Now ... people from Manhattan are going to Brooklyn. It used to be one-way — Brooklyn to New York. Starting two or three years ago it became a two-

way trip."

Brooklyn gourmands will likely rush to buy the guide to see if their favorite eateries or gourmet shops made the cut — and see if they're the best restaurants. This Zagat Survey is a must-have for professional and amateur chefs alike.

Zagat senior editor Benjamin Schermer, a Carroll Gardens resident, said he predicts readers — even those from Brooklyn — will be impressed with the late dining scene here.

"You would be surprised. There are tons of places," said Schermer, who's been with the Zagat company for five years and is a self-described "big boos" for the borough.

"There are also a lot of outdoor dining places here, too, relative to the number of restaurants," he added.

Schermer said that even he made some discoveries in compiling the survey results for the shopping chapter — like the 40-year-old, family-owned Jo-Matt Chocolates at 2917 Ave. R between East 29th Street and Nostrand Avenue.

Unlike the New York City guide, with one book dedicated to restaurants and another dedicated to the marketplace, the Brooklyn guide contains both.

"The shopping section is the largest," said Schermer. "There are wonderful stores here. You can see [in the guide] where the action is here: Cobble Hill and Carroll Gardens and Smith Street obviously. Williamsburg for more. This is a pretty large, substantive book."

Schermer pointed out that the Zagat Survey is not all-inclusive. "It's not a



King for a day: Queen restaurant chef and co-owner Vincent Vitello received a high rating for his Italian cuisine from the new "Zagat Survey: Brooklyn."

The Brooklyn Papers / Greg Margolis

listing of all the restaurants — and it's not exclusively the best restaurants. This

is what the public [who fill out the surveys] feels. Peter Luger and Grimaldi's are famous. There are others that are not as well known, too."

The Brooklyn Zagat guide follows — a bit late — the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce's 1999 restaurant guide, "Brooklyn Eats," as well as GO Brooklyn's online dining listings (at [www.brooklynpapers.com](http://www.brooklynpapers.com)) and Time Out New York's annual "Eating & Drinking" guide which is exhaustive — but too large to be carried in a purse — never mind slipped into a pocket like the Zagat guide.

Among the 10 restaurants in the borough — and rated best in Brooklyn Heights and DUMBO along with Grimaldi's and River Cafe — is the Italian restaurant Queen at 84 Court St.

Newcomers to Brooklyn may pass by this eatery with its unassuming exterior and interior and never look back. Yet they've been open since 1958. The pricey Queen (average price of dinner, with a drink and tip is \$39 according to the guide) is run by brothers Pat and Vincent Vitello who took over the biz from their father, chef Anthony Vitello.

"Queen is a very popular place, it's been in the 'New York City Restaurants' 'book for years," said Schermer.

## What do you think?

These are the favorite restaurants in each neighborhood, listed in order of food rating, according to the new "Zagat Survey: Brooklyn," edited by Benjamin Schermer (Zagat Survey LLC, 2002).

### Bay Ridge

Areo (8424 Third Ave. at 85th Street)  
Tuscany Grill (8620 Third Ave. at 86th Street)  
St. Michel (7518 Third Ave. at Bay Ridge Parkway)

### Brooklyn Heights/DUMBO

Grimaldi's (19 Old Fulton St. at Front Street)  
River Cafe (1 Water St. at Furman Street)  
Queen (84 Court St. at Livingston Street)

### Fort Greene

Cambodian Cuisine (87 South Elliot Place at Lafayette Avenue)  
Chez Oskar (211 Dekalb Ave. at Adelphi Street)  
A Table (171 Lafayette Ave. at Adelphi Street)

### Park Slope

Blue Ribbon (280 Fifth Ave. at 1st Street)  
Cucina (256 Fifth Ave. at Carroll Street)  
Rosa Water (787 Union St. at Sixth Avenue)

### Smith Street

Grocery (288 Smith St. at Sackett Street)  
Saul (140 Smith St. at Bergen Street)  
Smith St. Kitchen (174 Smith St. at Warren Street)

### Williamsburg

Peter Luger (178 Broadway at Driggs Avenue)  
Planet Thailand (133 North Seventh St. at Berry Street)  
Bamonte's (52 Withers St. at Lorimer Street)

**CONCERT SERIES:** Kingsborough Community College continues its summer series with "Curtains Up," a tribute to Broadway's music. 7 pm. Rainbow Barbeque, 2001 Oriental Boulevard. (718) 368-5000. Free.

**OUTDOOR THEATER:** Lina Company presents production of Carlo Gozzi's "The King Stag." 2 and 5 pm. See Sat., July 13.

### CHILDREN

**BROOKLYN CHILDREN'S MUSEUM:** UMC presents "Make Your Own Kaleidoscopes." \$4. 1 to 4 pm. 145 Brooklyn Ave. (718) 735-4400. Free.

**PUPPETWORKS:** presents "Pinochio." 12:30 pm. See Sat., July 13.

**BARBEMUSIC:** Children's concert series of music by Brahms and Beethoven. 1 pm. See Sat., July 13.

**PROSPECT PARK ZOO:** Visitors are invited to chat with and find out about zookeepers' work. See Sat., July 13.

**FAMILY THEATER:** "Alice in Wonderland." 7 pm. See Sat., July 13.

### OTHER

**BASTILLE DAY STREET FAIR:** Day-long festival featuring French food and drink, music, costumes, dancing in the street and entertainment for all ages. Noon to 8 pm. Along Street, from Pacific to Bergen streets. (718) 852-0028.

**ENCHANTED PLANTS:** Brooklyn Botanic Garden presents a class "Shakespeare's Enchanted Plants and Medicinal Herbs."

533, 529 members. 10:30 am to 1:30 pm. 1000 Washington Avenue. (718) 623-7220.

**READING:** Spiral Thought magazine hosts a reading. 4 to 8 pm. The Fall Cafe, 307 Smith St. (718) 632-2311. Free.

**MICRO MUSEUM:** Museum reopens. Tours offered, music, poetry readings, dancers, movement theater and more. 10 am to 4 pm. 123 Smith St. Call for ticket and program information. (718) 797-3116.

**SALT MARSH NATURE CENTER:** offers a team-to-row class. All ages welcome. 3 pm. 3302 Ave. U. (718) 421-2021. Free.

### Mon, July 15

**MARINE EXPLORERS:** NY Aquarium invites kids ages 6 to 9 to a four-day program. \$160. \$140 members. 9 am to 1 pm. West 8th Street and Surf Avenue. (718) 265-FISH.

**READING REHEARSAL:** Brooklyn Symphony Orchestra hosts its fifth season and invites area teen, student, retired and semi-professional musicians to join in. Tonight, Concerto Night with works by Camarosa, Spohr, Saint-Saëns and others. 7:30 to 9:30 pm. Zion German Lutheran Church, 125 Henry St. (718) 852-0677. Free.

**MATERNITY ORIENTATION:** Manassides Medical Center offers a 90-minute program for expectant mothers, geared toward Greek Jewish women. 7:30 pm. 4802 Tenney Ave. Pre-registration required.

(718) 283-2032. Free.

**BROOKLYN CYCLOPS:** Plays NJ Cardinals. Noon. Call for ticket information. Surf Avenue between 17th and 19th streets. (718) 449-8497.

**MIX CONCERTS:** Martin Luther King Jr. Concerts presents annual gospel night with Shirley Caesar, Keith "Wonderboy" Johnson & The Spiritual Voices and Dottie Peoples. 7:30 pm. Wingate Field, between Winthrop Street and Kingston Avenue. (718) 469-1912. Free.

**CONVERSION CLASS:** Congregation B'nai Anshin offers weekly classes in converting to Judaism. 8 pm. 117 Remsen St. (718) 602-1827. Free.

**RECORD PARTY:** Halcyon Cafe hosts an evening of open turntables. 9 pm to 1 am. No cover. 227 Smith St. (718) 260-WAAY.

**GALEANOS:** Rub-a-Dub hosts an evening of music, dancing and more. \$15. 7 pm. 70 North Sixth St. (718) 782-8188.

### TUES, JULY 16

**DANCE:** Young Dancers in Repertory perform at Dyer Beach Park. 10:30 am to noon. 56th Street and 14th Avenue. (718) 567-9620. Free.

**FILM SERIES:** St. Francis College presents the film "A Beautiful Mind." Noon and 5 pm. 180 Remsen St. (718) 469-5272. Free.

**BROOKLYN CHILDREN'S MUSEUM:** UMC presents "Meet the Author: Kathy Price." \$4. 2:30

pm. 145 Brooklyn Ave. (718) 735-4400. Free.

**ASTHMA SCREENING:** at Downtown Hospital. 3 to 5 pm. 445 Lenox Road. (718) 270-2020. Free.

**HALCYON:** Go Jay performs. No cover. 6 to 9 pm. 227 Smith St. (718) 260-WAAY.

**SETTING LIMITS:** Park Slope Food Co-op offers a talk on how to take back control of your time and your life. 7:30 pm. 782 Union St. (718) 622-0560. Free.

**BARNES AND NOBLE:** Author Tour reads from "The Portable Prometheus." 7:30 pm. 267 Seventh Ave. (718) 632-9066. Free.

**FISHING CONTEST:** 10 am to 2 pm. See Sat., July 13.

### WEDS, JULY 17

**READINGS IN THE PARK:** kids are invited to hear local authors read. Today, Linda Humes, Urban Groc. reads from "Stories from Africa and the Caribbean." 10:30 am. Fort Greene Park, Myrtle Avenue and St. Edwards Street. 2123 30th Avenue. (718) 636-4100. Free.

**LECTURE:** Downtown Hospital offers a talk on cervical cancer. 4 to 5 pm. 445 Lenox Road. (718) 270-2020. Free.

**MEDITATION WORKSHOP:** Learn sahaja yoga. 7 pm. 52-A Court St. (718) 633-5751. Free.

**CONCERT SERIES:** Brooklyn Children's Museum offers a weekly concert. 7 pm. Brower Park, adjacent to museum at

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### THURS, JULY 18

**JAZZ:** Arlee Leonard Quartet performs. No cover. 7 to 11 pm. Pumpkins, 1448 Nostrand Ave. (718) 284-9066.

**FISHING CONTEST:** 10 am to 2 pm. See Sat., July 13.

**SEASIDE SERIES:** Seaside Summer Concert Series presents Classic Rock Explosion with Alan Parson, Christopher Cross, Jack Bruce, Mark Farrow, Eric Carmen and more. 7:30 pm. Seaside Park, West Fifth Street and Water Avenue. (718) 469-1912. Free.

**FILM SERIES:** Brooklyn Bridge Park Summer Film event. Tonight: "My Cousin Vinny" with Marisa Tomei. 8:45 pm. Empire-Fulton Ferry State Park, New Dock Street at Water Street. (718) 802-0603. Free.

**SHOWDOWN:** presents rock 'n' roll by the Treasures and Cold Memory. \$8. 7 pm. West 12th Street at Surf Avenue. (718) 372-5159.

**FISHING CONTEST:** 10 am to 2 pm. See Sat., July 13.

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# Scene stealer

New DVDs feature Bklyn in a variety of guises

By Kevin Filipksi  
for The Brooklyn Papers

Although the classic car chase in "The French Connection" remains the most indelible Brooklyn moment on film, the astonishing ride through Greenpoint by Gary Oldman and Lena Olin in the stylish and bloody "Romeo Is Bleeding" runs a close second.

In the 1994 gangster saga, Jack Grimaldi (Oldman), a corrupt Queens cop, is having an especially sordid affair with ruthless Russian gangster Mona Demarkov (Olin). After a brutal meeting on a Brooklyn pier, Grimaldi handcuffs Mona and tosses her into the back seat of his car. He thinks she's out cold, but when he starts driving, her legs suddenly appear and take hold of his head.

The resulting "chase" down Kent Street ends spectacularly when they crash into a utility pole, the cop barely able to see with Mona's lethal guns draped around him. With Grimaldi unconscious, Mona kicks out the front windshield and escapes, bloody but unbothered.

Such improbably memorable moments pepper Peter Medak's cold-hearted and dark-humored movie — out on DVD from MGM Home Entertainment — helping make "Romeo Is Bleeding" one of the most entertaining gangster pictures in years.

Also memorable are the vivid performances from an unusually energetic cast. Oldman and Olin are superb, as always, as Annabella Sciorra as Grimaldi's perfect wife and Roy Scheider as a suave Mafia Don. Only Juliette Lewis, mired in a dopey subplot as Grimaldi's trashy mistress, is not up to their level.

But Medak uses his Brooklyn locations to such authentic effect — including a nightmarish burial alive right at the north foot of the Brooklyn Bridge (on the opposite side of the River Cafe, to be sure) — that "Romeo Is Bleeding" ends as a bitter, bleak but immensely entertaining trip through the underworld.

**Miller time**

Authenticity can also be achieved in the movies artificially, as a trio of other recent video releases, at least partly set in Brooklyn, show.

Brooklyn's streets seem slightly off-kilter in the World War II-era "Focus," based on a 1947 Arthur Miller novel and starring William H. Macy as Lawrence Newman, a mild-mannered, ordinary man whose new spectacles make his bigoted neighbors think he and his wife Gertrude (Laura Dern) are Jews.

If Brooklyn looks strange in "Focus," it's not merely because we're back in the 1940s, which director Neil Slavin



Too clean: The streets of Brooklyn seem slightly off-kilter in the World War II-era "Focus," starring William H. Macy.



Cop out: In "Romeo Is Bleeding," Russian gangster Mona (Lena Olin) takes cop Jack Grimaldi (Gary Oldman) on a wild ride through Greenpoint.

of years in the future, it returns to 1883, when the Brooklyn Bridge was first being constructed.

The bridge figures prominently in this sappy romantic comedy, a Meg Ryan vehicle carpentered by Hugh Jackman as the 19th-century gentleman who steals her jailed 21st-century heart. The portal where characters move between the two centuries is on the bridge itself. (Don't ask.)

When we first meet Leopold, he's at the foot of the bridge during its construction. It's a superbly realistic-looking special-effects shot. There's a wonderful scene later on, after his arrival in 2001 New York City, when Leopold sees the finished bridge in all its breathtaking splendor for the first time. "It's a miracle!" he exclaims to a garbage collector nearby, who harrumphs in response. "It's a bridge."

The DVD of "Kate & Leopold" includes an "on the set" featurette, where one of the technicians talks about the large set they built at the foot of the bridge, coincidentally, near where that gruesome historical occurs in "Romeo Is Bleeding." Several of the matte shots that seamlessly blend the partially completed bridge with the surrounding neighborhoods are shown.

On his audio commentary, director James Mangold doesn't hold back his awe of the structure. "We exploited it as much as somebody could," he admits, then, sounding remarkably like Leopold, says, "The bridge is really a glorious and beautiful structure, an icon of New York."

At least our Brooklyn icons emerge unscathed from "Kate & Leopold" and "A.I."

neath the waters covering what used to be New York City is located in what remains of Coney Island.

Although frustrating to watch because no attempt is made to connect the movie's disparate scenes — the beginning domestic drama, the "Mad Max"-style mayhem, the "Waterworld"-like visuals, then the climactic, unfaithful creatures appearing to David 2,000 years in the future, all with no rhyme or reason — "A.I." is filled with wondrous effects, including the vivid re-creation of a waterlogged Coney Island.

As the DVD's extra features show in myriad detail, Spielberg's technicians have fashioned a plausible underwater New York City. Watching behind-the-scenes footage of the FX wizards creating miniatures of several Coney Island attractions is far more entertaining than sloshing through the entire 150-minute behemoth that is "A.I."

**Miracle bridge**

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**AWARD LUNCHEON:** St. Mary's Foundation for Children hosts its third annual series of outdoor concerts. Today: saxophonist Claude Gagnon performs jazz 5 to 7 pm. Conservatory's garden, Seventh Avenue at Lincoln Plaza. (718) 623-3300. Free.  
**FAMILY FUN:** Brooklyn Children's Museum presents McCullough's Sons of Thunder, a 16-piece brass and drum band 6:30 pm. 145 Brooklyn Ave. (718) 735-6400. Free.

**GARDEN CONCERT:** Brooklyn Conservatory of Music hosts its third annual series of outdoor concerts. Today: saxophonist Claude Gagnon performs jazz 5 to 7 pm. Conservatory's garden, Seventh Avenue at Lincoln Plaza. (718) 623-3300. Free.  
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**SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE:** Salt Marsh Nature Center invites the community to sign up to tell stories, sing songs and tell jokes. 7 pm. 3302 Ave. U. (718) 421-2021. Free.  
**CELEBRATE BROOKLYN:** Presents Lullabies and The Mendocino Line. \$3. 7:30 pm. Prospect Park Bandshell, Ninth Street and Prospect Park West. (718) 965-8999.

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# Welcome back, boys

By Gersh Kuntzman  
for The Brooklyn Papers

Two of the greatest Cyclones of all time — Joe Jannetti and John Toner — returned triumphantly to Brooklyn last week.

OK, maybe "triumphantly" is a bit overstated. Jannetti rejoined the team because he injured his shoulder while playing for the Mets' class-A (full-season) team in Columbia, S.C., while Toner, who was tearing up the South Atlantic League for the same team, returned to Brooklyn to get more at-bats.

"I was only playing every other day," Toner said. Despite the mundane circumstances of their return — a rehab assignment and a bid for more playing time — the pair were treated to stronger-than-normal applause during their plate appearances.

"It's nice to be remembered," Jannetti admitted. "but." When his voice trailed off, it was clear that he never thought he'd be back at Keyspan Park, which, despite the sellout crowds and memories of last year's champi-



onship season, is still a half-step back on the inevitable path to the big leagues.

Toner, meanwhile, was more optimistic about his new assignment.

"Last year, I was just a confused, mixed-up kid," he said. "This time, I can take more away from the experience."

None of the current Cyclones were all that impressed to be playing alongside last year's champions.

"I must say I'm honored just to be in the dugout with Cyclone legends like John Toner and Joe Jannetti," joked infielder Chase Lambin.

On the field, it appears that Toner is enjoying the experience even more than his once and present teammate, Jannetti. In six games as a re-Cyclone, Toner is hitting .231. And on

Saturday night, in front of the biggest crowd in Cyclones history (8,552), he made a game-saving catch in right field.

Jannetti had a key hit in the same game, but a costly error almost blew the game for the Clones. He's hitting .174.

Of course, there are worse places to find yourself demoted to. Toner said that games in Columbia sometimes draw less than 100 people.

## Relishing the contest

With the Cyclones on the road on July 4, pitcher Kevin Deaton, a true Frankophile, was forced to watch coverage of the Nathan's hot dog-eating contest on ESPN.

Although astounded that his hero, Japanese eater Takeru Kobayashi surpassed his own record by downing 50 and a half hot dogs and buns in 12 minutes to retain the Mustard Yellow International Belt, Deaton weighed in on the growing controversy surrounding Kobayashi's win.

"It's something comes out of your nose," Deaton said, referring to allegations that Kobayashi vomited just as the

final bell sounded, "that's a hurt."

When reminded that International Federation of Competitive Eating rules clearly state that a contestant can only be disqualified for a "Roman incident" — if the regurgitate hits the table — Deaton was unwavering.

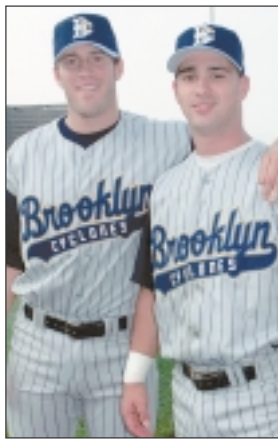
"If you're at a restaurant and the guy next to you starts blowing stuff out of his nose, that's a Roman incident," he said.

Deaton was saddened to not be able to attend the contest in person. Before the game in Williamsport, a local hot dog-eating contest was held. The winner ate a paltry four hot dogs in five minutes.

"It was depressing," Deaton said, dismayed by the quality of the local gustatory athletes.

Noel Devaraz, a Cyclones holdover from last year, has been promoted to Columbia. Devaraz hit .200 with 1 home run and 2 RBIs during eight games with the Clones this season.

Brendan May and Will Hudson have been sent to Kingsport (rookie league) to get more playing time.



Two of last year's Cyclones stars, John Toner (left) and Joe Jannetti are back in Brooklyn.



will return next week

# Clones, Yanks tied for 2nd

By Gersh Kuntzman  
for The Brooklyn Papers

## Cyclones 3 Crosscutters 1

Thu., July 4, at Williamsport

Ahaji Turay did most of the damage offensively, going 3-3 including a double, home run and 2 RBIs.

## Cyclones 4 Crosscutters 1

Friday, July 5, at Williamsport

The Cyclones broke a 1-1

tie with three runs in the ninth, the game-winner knocked in by none other than former Cyclone John Toner, who rejoined the team earlier in the week. (See "Ups & Downs" above).

Ahaji Turay knocked in Toner with a triple.

Earlier in the game, Bobby Malek got the Clones on the board in the fifth with an RBI double.

Starter Miguel Pinango gave up just one run in 5.1 innings.

## Cyclones 4 Yankees 3

Sat., July 6, at Brooklyn (13 in.)

After taking an early 2-0 lead on Joe Jannetti's RBI double in the first, the Cyclones blew the lead on a questionable balk called on starter Kevin Deaton (5 innings, 2 earned runs, 10 strikeouts).

Later, the Clones went ahead 3-2 when Jonathan Slack doubled and eventually scooped home when Jannetti got caught in a rundown be-

tween first and second. But the Yankees came back in the ninth, scoring after a Jannetti error.

Only a spectacular catch by right-fielder John Toner saved the game in the ninth. In the 13th, Ender Chavez's double scored Slack, who had singled.

The Yankees have yet to beat Brooklyn at Keyspan Park.

Copied with Williamsport's loss, the Cyclone victory moved the team into a tie for first.

## Yankees 3 Cyclones 2

Sun., July 7, at S.I. (10 in.)

Staten Island Yankee Matt Mamula drove home Gabe Lopez with a sacrifice fly, leading his team to victory at Richmond County Bank Ballpark at St. George.

The Yankees, who had lost six games in a row, tied the contest up in the ninth thanks to an RBI double by Tommy Rojas.

Clones reliever Timothy McNabb picked up the loss thanks to two innings of slopy relief, which included a wild pitch and a hit batsman.

The Cyclones loss was their first to the cross-Narrows rival Yankees in eight games.

## Yankees 2 Cyclones 1

Mon, July 8, at S.I.

The Staten Island Yankees took the rubber game of a three-game set, knocking the two teams at 11-10, tied for second place in the MacNara Division of the New York-Penn League.

Ryan Bicondoa checked seven innings for the Yankees, giving up just one run in the sixth inning thanks to a two-out single by Bobby Malek followed by a double by Ahaji Turay.

—with Vince DiNicolle

## While we were away

The offices of The Brooklyn Papers were closed the week of July 4 for our annual holiday.

The following is a list of scores of Cyclones games during that period, when the Cyclones lost 5 of 8.

## Cyclones 5 Expos 4

Wed, June 26 at Burlington

## Expos 9 Cyclones 3

Thu, June 27 at Burlington

## Cyclones 5 Expos 1

Fri, June 28 at Burlington

## Scrappers 3 Cyclones 0

Sat, June 29 at Brooklyn

## Cyclones 7 Scrappers 6

Sun, June 30 at Brooklyn

## Scrappers 7 Cyclones 3

Mon, July 1, at Brooklyn

## Iron Birds 4 Cyclones 1

Tue, July 2 at Brooklyn

## Iron Birds 4 Cyclones 3

Wed, July 3, at Brooklyn

# WHO'S A BUM!

The Paper's Pick for Cyclones Player of the Week



We guess he didn't hear that the annual "Welcome Back to Brooklyn" party was canceled.

In his third game back since re-joining the Cyclones last week, outfielder John Toner — who last year patrolled the

grounds of Keyspan Park, made a splash, knocking in the game-winner on Friday in Williamsport against the Crosscutters.

But Toner sealed his hold on this week's award with his game-saving catch in the ninth inning of Saturday's victory over the hated Staten Island Yankees.

John Toner returned to the Cyclones this week, and helped win two games.

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# PREVENT Pet abuse indicates problems

Q: "My 7-year-old grandson is usually kind and gentle, but his mother caught him throwing a ball of water on the family's two dogs and hitting them with a stick. I am concerned about this behavior." — a grandmother

A: Misreatment of animals at any level doesn't fall in the "ignore-it-and-it-will-go-away" category, experts say.

## Parent-to-Parent



By Betsy Flinger

In this case, think of the boy as sending out a distress signal.

"It would be a huge disservice to discount the boy's behavior," says Joanne Wolf, who specializes in evaluating and treating young criminals who have abused animals.

A switch from "usually kind" to hitting dogs with a stick is a solid clue that something else is going on in this 7-year-old's life, Wolf says. Maybe he has been a victim himself recently and is taking his anger out on his dogs?

When a toddler tugs a cat's tail or pokes a puppy, typically he's being curious but not cruel, and loving guidance will set him straight. As a healthy child learns how to treat pets with care, usually by age 4 or 5, he becomes aware that others have feelings, too. If he then begins to harm animals, research shows, are at risk for violence toward people.

As with any behavior, mistreatment of pets doesn't occur in a vacuum and is a matter of motive and degree — from immature teasing to severe torture. It's of greatest concern and toughest to treat when a child doesn't care how others feel, deliberately harms an animal and takes pleasure in inflicting pain, says Wolf, who has worked with kids as young as 7.

"Some parents think, 'Oh well, boys will be boys,'" says Kristen Mahlin, of the American Humane Association. "When families don't recognize the behavior as a problem, or just call it curiosity, it's like turning a blind eye to a child who is crying out for help."

Possible reasons why a boy would look out at his dogs. He has been bullied recently and his pets are the scapegoat for his anger, he has seen other kids and adults abuse animals, or he fears his family is falling apart.

"Kids mimic what's happening in their world," Mahlin says. Talk to the boy to try to find out what's going on, she suggests, and ask him to reflect on such questions as, "How would you feel if somebody hit you with sticks?"

Mahlin, who leads workshops for communities that want to address the growing problem of the link between violence to people and violence to animals, says that if a child is crying out for help, it's a sign that the child is in distress.

Q: "When my 4-year-old daughter takes swimming lessons, I have to sit near the edge of the pool. I can't sit in the bleachers with the rest of the parents."

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The laboratory received a high score of 98, placing the department in the top bracket across the country.

"We continually strive to improve the quality of our services, and meeting the Joint Commission's rigorous national standards is an important recognition of our efforts," said Dr. Maria Reinis, director of pathology and clinical laboratories.

The Joint Commission evaluated the laboratory's performance in complying with nearly 300 standards related to quality control, safety, infection control, leadership, management of information, ongoing performance improvement activities and other issues.

Dr. Reinis said, "Efforts to improve don't stop when the Joint Commission survey is over. Meeting the standards and achieving excellence is a continuous process. No matter how well we did today, we continue to strive for a better tomorrow."

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## Museum experience

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