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## BAN IS CANNED

### Slope Food Co-op votes no on Israeli food ban

By **Natalie O'Neill** and **Eli Rosenberg**  
The Brooklyn Paper

A wildly controversial campaign by members of the Park Slope Food Co-op to adopt a storewide ban on Israeli-made food died at an initial vote on Tuesday. Members of the shopper-run, politically active grocery store voted 1,005–653 against scheduling an official vote on the hummus

boycott, saying it unfairly singles out Israel—and that politics don't belong on the dinner table. "If you don't like something don't buy it—but keep politics out of the Co-op," said member Levi Capland. Hundreds of shop members, from sign-waving demonstrators to breast-feeding moms, joined reporters from Jewish publications and national news outlets in a packed room at Brooklyn

Technical High School as grocery store patrons cast ballots on the proposed boycott. Protesters stormed the high school, waving anti- and pro-Israel signs outside the private meeting, where members gave tense, emotionally charged testimony about whether the store should ban Israeli-made goods including hummus, paprika, and olive spread due to the country's alleged human rights violations

against Palestinians. Some members backed up that idea, saying the store should act socially responsible. "I feel I have a moral responsibility to vote for [the ban] because of a trip I took to Palestine," said Dennis James, who claims he saw bullet-riddled hospitals and bombed-out buildings. The high-profile vote this week prompted neighborhood rifts, political grandstanding, and more news



**FOOD FIGHT:** Sue Herskovitz protests the Park Slope Food Co-op's proposed ban on Israeli products.

coverage than some actual elections. Members first proposed the boycott—which would have cleaned the shelves of about six products such as Osem couscous and Medi-

talia basil pesto—three years ago in the store newsletter. It's not the first time the 1,600-member shop has voted to ban products. It banned South African products during apartheid and, more recently, plastic bags. Some critics have called the plan anti-Semitic, including conservative personality Glenn Beck and Mayor Bloomberg (perhaps the only thing the two can agree on). In the hours before the heated meeting, an angry man stormed the manager's office at the grocery store, demanding a chance to vote—prompting a visit from the cops. But there were no arrests during the meeting, and some members were elated by the outcome. "I'm happy we can have our hummus and eat it, too," Capland said.



Some statues outside of Visitation Academy in Bay Ridge lost heads.

## Church attack

### At Ridge school, Mary had a little lamb, until vandals decapitated it

By **Will Bredderman**  
The Brooklyn Paper

A band of blasphemers desecrated several statues on the monastery grounds of Visitation Academy in Bay Ridge, even going so far as to behead the likeness of

a helpless lamb. The statues, arranged in positions of prayer around a sculpture of the Virgin Mary, were knocked off their pedestals overnight last Wednesday—and two of

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## WHEELS OF JUSTICE

### New road rules Law would force cops to investigate bike crashes

By **Natalie O'Neill**  
The Brooklyn Paper

A Williamsburg lawmaker is pushing a bill that would force police to investigate all serious car-on-bike crashes—not just ones in which cyclists lose their lives. The legislation, put forward by Councilman Steve Levin (D-Williamsburg), requires the NYPD to follow state law, forcing cops to investigate collisions that result in serious physical injury, rather than just ones in which "death is likely." It could also add hundreds of trained traffic experts to



The battle for Brooklyn's byways

the force. Levin said several crashes followed by botched and stalled investigations in Greenpoint, Fort Greene, and East Williamsburg prompted the proposed legislation. "It's vital that police investigate these cases more thoroughly," Levin said. "Reckless drivers should know there are consequences." The bill comes after sev-



**NOT FORGOTTEN:** Ghost bikes stand in memory of those who have died on city streets.

eral high-profile car-on-bike collisions in which cops made serious mistakes, according to Levin, including: • The case of Michelle Matson, a Greenpoint artist who was stuck by a hit-and-run driver and suffered a broken back in October 2011. Public records indicate cops let the case go cold and did not properly investigate because there was no fatality. • The case of Stefanos Tsigrimanis, a musician

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## Lander joins suit

By **Aaron Short**  
The Brooklyn Paper

A Brownstone Brooklyn politician is suing the NYPD, adding his name to a lawsuit that could force cops to disclose their records in serious collisions between cars and bikes. Councilman Brad Lander (D-Park Slope) and the cycling advocacy group Transportation Alternatives joined a case against the police department filed by the family

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## Sweet charity

### Domino developers gave \$100,000 to Williamsburg community groups

By **Aaron Short**  
The Brooklyn Paper

The developer behind a plan to build apartments at the former Domino Sugar factory spent at least \$100,000 court-

ing Williamsburg community groups that later supported controversial plans to allow residential construction at the industrial site, The Brooklyn Paper has learned.

Community Preservation Corporation Resources—which is fighting to avoid foreclosing on the massive waterfront plot where it hopes to build 2,200

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**BED AND BREAK-BEATS:** DJ Bijal is the mastermind behind Hotel BPM in Greenwood Heights, which has 76 rooms with luxury linens and porcelain floors—not to mention a hip hop theme.

## The inn crowd

### 'Hip hop hotel' opens in Brooklyn

By **Kate Briquet**  
The Brooklyn Paper

Hotel, motel, Holiday Innnnnnnn? Nope, it's the Hotel BPM—the borough's, and perhaps the world's, first hip hop hotel. "It's sleek, trendy and sexy, just like

me," said Bijal Panwala, also known as DJ Bijal, the visionary behind the six-story, 76-room getaway on 33rd Street in Greenwood Heights. The 29-year-old mix master, known for his work on Sirius Satellite Radio,

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## Ride gets bumped

### Sitt might kill Coney Island's Eldorado

By **Dan Bush**  
for The Brooklyn Paper

This may be your last summer to bump your a-- off in Coney Island.

Developer Joe Sitt is considering closing Surf Avenue's Eldorado Auto Skooter after buying the property from longtime owner Sheila Fitlin earlier this month, but plans are in motion to make sure that the classic Surf Avenue electric bumper-

car ride—whose famed pink sign told visitors to "bump your a-- off"—will remain open for one more season. Fitlin said she decided to call it quits after running the electric bumper cars near W. 12th Street for 39 years. "It was time," said Fitlin, who wouldn't reveal the property's sale price. "I couldn't do it any more." The venue hadn't changed

much since Fitlin opened it in the 1970s: it still featured disco music, nightclub lighting, and arcade games like skee ball in the back of the building, which has an entrance on Bowery Street in the heart of Coney's historic amusement district.

A Sitt spokesman said the developer is hammering out a deal with the arcade's longtime

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**BUMPED OUT:** Developer Joe Sitt has purchased Eldorado, the iconic arcade and bumper-car ride on Surf Avenue.



## LEGAL DRINKING

### Here's why attorneys keep law books

By **Kate Briquet**  
The Brooklyn Paper

It's the spirits of the law, not the letter of the law. One brave attorney is turning the legal tomes that line many law offices into secret flasks with his Bushwick firm, Bender Bound. Sure, he's defacing important legal texts—but the end result makes it much more soothing to crack open an ar-

chive of federal court cases for the first time since law school. "You just had a long day, and you look over and see this book," said Kevin, a lawyer who asked The Brooklyn Paper to conceal his identity so as not to scare off future clients. "No one else in the world knows that book is full of alcohol—it has a calming effect on people." The legal-beagle began moonlighting as a flask maker last year after searching for

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Brooklyn could lose its hockey team.

## On thin ice

### Aviators may be slashed

By **Colin Mixson**  
The Brooklyn Paper

Wanna buy a hockey team? The owners of the Brooklyn Aviators are desperately seeking outside financiers to help them with their two-year-old minor league hockey squad's operating costs—and if they don't find a new cash supply soon, Brooklyn's

Boys of Winter could hang up their hockey sticks and go the way of the Brooklyn Dodgers, sources close to the team said. "The Aviators are looking for alternative means of finance," team owner Brian O'Donahue admitted this week, but said the A's are hoping to begin their

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## What would you do with \$19.5 million?

By **Aaron Short**  
The Brooklyn Paper

The state has \$19.5 million to spend cleaning up Greenpoint—and that money could turn your far-out environmental idea into an eco-friendly reality. Exxon Mobil settled with the state in November 2010 for letting more than 17 million gallons of oil seep under Greenpoint for over

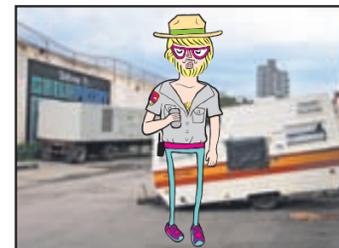
a century. Over the next year, environmental experts will determine how to spend that clean-up cash, but they need your help coming up with possible projects. Some North Brooklynites have already shared their proposals at a public workshop last Wednesday, and we've compiled a few of the most creative suggestions.



One Greenpoint resident wants a pedestrian and bicycle bridge connecting Greenpoint to Manhattan. But what will drivers say?



Another wants a wind turbine on Newtown Creek, which wouldn't just make green energy, but could blow the waterway's foul stench toward Queens.



Or the money could pay for a new park ranger—a job that shouldn't be hard to fill considering that many local fashionistas already dress like woodsmen.

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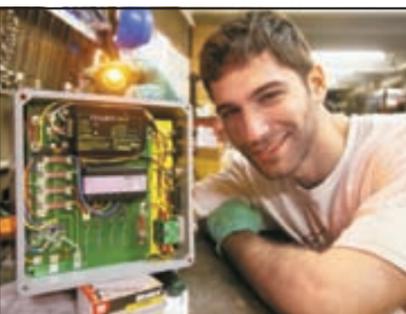
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## CONEY ISLAND



Denos "DJ" Vourderis shows the LED system behind the Wonder Wheel's solar-powered lights.

## Wonder Wheel goes solar!

**By Daniel Bush**  
The Brooklyn Paper

The Wonder Wheel is going solar! Deno's Wonder Wheel — which has spun around in the dark for more than 30 years because of faulty wiring — will be illuminated this summer with a \$50,000 solar-powered system that owners say will have it sparkling like the Nile.

Solar panels and 40-watt light bulbs are being affixed to the ride's metal baskets. When everything is in place and the sun goes down this season, the ride should look like it did when it first opened in 1920, explained Deno Vourderis, whose family owns and operates the legendary Ferris wheel on W. 12th Street near Bowers Street.

"We're bringing the old look back, we're just doing it with solar energy this time," Vourderis said. "We want to keep it classic."

Vourderis says the small solar panels on top of the ride's 16 swinging cars will store energy during the day and power the basket bulbs at night.

But the new lighting system won't be installed on the Ferris wheel's eight fixed cars — which don't swing as riders are carried 150 feet into the air for \$6 a spin, Vourderis said.

Deno's Wonder Wheel hasn't been illuminated since 1981. Vourderis's father removed the original lights shortly after taking over the ride, fearing that the high-voltage system — which sparked when it rained — would endanger riders.

Vourderis said relighting the Wonder Wheel will be completed by Memorial Day, missing the opening of the Coney Island summer season by two months. The ride opens on April 1, Vourderis said.

But the Wonder Wheel won't be the only Coney Island attraction to have new lights this summer if Borough President Markowitz gets his way.

Markowitz wants the city to spend \$2 million to outfit the historic, 262-foot tall Parachute Jump with enough lights to make it visible from the moon — angering some residents who say the money should be spent to save the Boardwalk instead.

In 2006 the city spent \$1.4 million on the Parachute Jump's lighting display, but Markowitz had the lights removed, claiming they weren't glitzy enough for the People's Playground.

## WILLIAMSBURG

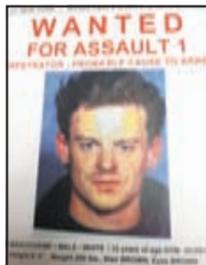
## L train suspect nabbed

**By Aaron Short**  
The Brooklyn Paper

Police arrested a man accused of starting a subway brawl that ended when a strap-hanger was fatally struck by an L train in the Bedford Avenue subway station last week.

Ryan Beauchamp, 33, allegedly got into a fight with Joshua Basin, 20, on the platform at 10:40 pm last Friday, when they both fell onto the tracks.

Police say Beauchamp climbed out of the tracks and fled the station, but Basin was unable to pull himself onto



Ryan Beauchamp turned himself in to police after cops identified him as a suspect in the death of Joshua Basin.

## DOWNTOWN

## Downtown gets higher

### Rendering reveals boro's next tallest building

**By Kate Briquet**  
The Brooklyn Paper

Here it is — Brooklyn's tallest building!

Developers revealed a rendering of the skyscrapers planned for the former Albee Square Mall — the long-stalled City Point retail and residential complex on Flatbush Avenue Extension that could boast the borough's tallest building.

The mock-ups, which were presented to Community Board 2 last week, showed three high-rises soaring above Downtown — one of which could rise to 65 stories or more.

Tom Montvel-Cohen, a rep for project, said that there's no public review set for the gargantuan skyscraper between Willsborough Street and DeKalb Avenue just yet.

Instead, Cook + Fox Architects will present plans for a 24-story tower and 35-story high-rise to the city this spring.

Both will be completed by 2016 and include five floors of retail and green rooftops designed by Lee Weintraub Landscape Architecture, ac-



This rendering shows the gigantic residential tower, center, plus a shorter skyscraper that developers are planning for the site of the demolished Albee Square Mall on Flatbush Avenue Extension.

ording to the builder.

"You've got a residential community starting to develop in Downtown and that creates a lively, safer environment," Montvel-Cohen said. "It started to happen with the buildings that are there and it's continuing."

City Point's first building at Albee Square — the City Point mall — is almost complete and slated to open in June with 50,000 square feet of retail. The project broke ground in 2010 after receiving a controversial \$20-million injection

of tax-exempt federal stimulus funds in 2009.

Now advocates for low-income residents are calling on the developers to give small businesses first priority in the mall's commercial spaces.

"We are hoping to highlight City Point as one of the blunders of public policy," said Lucas Shapiro, an organizer with Families United for Racial and Economic Equality. "We're going to push hard to maximize community benefit with jobs, affordable housing and small businesses, given that they used public money."

The site is already surrounded by a phalanx of condos and future retail sites, including Lawrence Street's The Brooklynlyer, the borough's highest building at 51 stories; the 42-story Avalon Fort Greene; and the 40-floor Oro on Gold Street.

Entertainment and real estate mogul Douglas Steiner says he will build a 52-story rental building on Flatbush Avenue and Schermerhorn Street early next year.

## BAY RIDGE

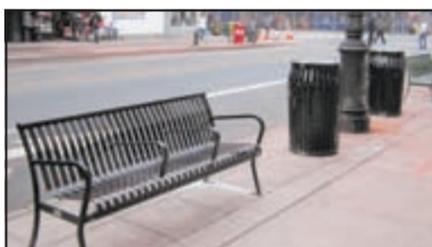
## Food cart gets benched

### New street seats block street meats on Fifth Ave

**By Will Bredderman**  
The Brooklyn Paper

A controversial Bay Ridge food cart is fighting for its life — and its location — after someone installed a pair of metal benches in its usual spot on Fifth Avenue near 86th Street last Thursday.

Two mysterious benches materialized on the neighborhood's busiest retail stretch after months of tension between Middle Eastern Halal Cart and nearby business owners, who claim the gyro seller pollutes the sidewalk, attracts rowdy drunks, and



This pair of seats mysteriously appeared overnight on Fifth Avenue close to the corner of 86th Street.

gets off without paying the same steep rents as brick-and-mortar restaurants.

In fact, one 86th Street bar owner was hoping to uproot the food cart by installing flower beds on its prime piece of sidewalk real estate when the seats popped up sometime after 4 am — after Sammy Kassen, the cart's manager, closed up shop for the night.

"Once we left, like robbers, they came and put these benches in," said Kassen, who had to dismiss his workers for the day and tow the cart away, since his business is only licensed to sell at that corner.

It's not clear who's behind the benches. The Department of Transportation said it did not authorize the installation of the seats and 86th Street Business Improvement District manager Patrick Conden, whose organization is in charge of overseeing im-

provements to the area, denied any knowledge of or involvement in their mysterious appearance.

Staffers for Councilman Vincent Gentile (D-Bay Ridge) and police officers from the 68th Precinct were similarly clueless about the origin of the benches.

But wherever the mismatched street seats — one black and one green — came from, business owners and residents on the block are thrilled to have them.

Tony Gentile, owner of the 86th Street watering hole Lone Star Bar, has long complained about the food cart, going so far as to apply to have planters installed in Middle Eastern's parking space.

"The corner is filthy," said Gentile, who insisted he didn't install the benches himself. "They pour grease onto the sidewalk, they've got their customers sitting

around eating, and they just leave their garbage. Nobody cleans it up. I see mice and rats coming out of the grate and eating the rice on the sidewalk. It's a quality of life issue."

Robert Kundert, whose apartment is directly across the street from Middle Eastern's typical parking spot, says the cart attracts unsavory characters whose noise keeps him up into the small hours of the morning.

"All night long it's the same thing. People double-parked, cursing, fighting. They wouldn't be here if it wasn't for them," Kundert said.

"When they're not there during the Muslim holidays, the corner's quiet."

Kassen defended the business, saying that Middle Eastern pays permit fees and sales taxes, and that it routinely cleans up its corner.

The benches will only make his staff suffer, according to Kassen.

"We're like everybody else here," he said. "We want to work, we want to make money. Our business is permitted to be here. This can't be legal."

Kassen might be right — the Department of Transportation says the non-sanctioned street seats will be removed, though it's unclear how long the benches will remain in place, and how long the pita vendors will be without a home.

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# Shootings rock Ft. Greene

## 88TH PRECINCT

### Fort Greene—Clinton Hill

Cops say they arrested a man in connection with a shooting at the Ingersoll Houses on March 21—a day after gunfire killed another man on Monument Walk.

The 22-year-old victim told police he was near Park Avenue at 5:36 pm when a gunman shot him in the chest and groin.

Police arrested a suspect after chasing him into 9 Monument Walk.

Authorities have grappled with two other homicides this year.

On March 5, police responded to a 911 call in the Walt Whitman Houses on Carlton Avenue and found a 20-year-old man shot dead. Cops arrested a 25-year-old suspect days later.

On March 20, a thug sprayed bullets into a 21-year-old man in the Ingersoll Houses. Emergency responders transported the victim to Brooklyn Hospital, where he died.

### Hot ticket

An irate customer struck a deli worker with a wooden stick at a Myrtle Avenue bodega on March 20.

The 31-year-old victim told cops he was at the shop near N. Portland Avenue when an acquaintance began arguing with him over a lottery ticket.

The patron left the store, returned with a club, and yelled, "I'll kill all of you!" That's when he whacked the shopkeeper on the hand and fled.

### Beer haul

A wily bandit snatched a woman's purse from a Fulton Street biergarten—making off with an iPhone and \$500.

The victim told police she was at Der Schwarze Kolner near S. Oxford Street at 1:05 am when she left her bag on a sofa at the rear of the bar.

That's when a strange woman sat down, took the pocketbook, and vanished.

Target-ed! Cops say they arrested an employee of the Atlantic Terminal Target on March 24 for passing \$1,580 in items to friends.

A manager of the department store near Flatbush Avenue told police that the dishonest worker allowed pals to over the past month.

Police arrested an 18-year-old suspect.

—Kate Briquet

## 84TH PRECINCT

### Brooklyn Heights—DUMBO—Boerum Hill—Downtown

### Gunplay

Cops arrested a man who they say held up a woman in the High Street train station on March 20.

The 32-year-old victim told police she was at the subway near Cadman Plaza and Red Cross Place at 1:15 pm when the attacker approached her and ordered, "Shut the f--- up. Give me your phone, ring, watch—give me your pocketbook!"

The woman forked over her stuff and the brute snarled, "Turn around. Walk. Don't look back."

Police arrested a 55-year-old suspect later—recovering the woman's iPhone, engagement ring, Marc Jacobs purse, and other fancy loot.

### Designer dud

A wily rogue lifted a woman's chichi pocketbook as she played with her kids at a Plymouth Street playground on March 22.

The 31-year-old victim told cops she was near Washington Street at 7 pm when she left her stroller unattended.

When she returned an hour later, her Donna Karan wallet, bag, and cards were gone.

### Bullet point

A gun-toting marauder shot a man on Sands Street as he entered an elevator on March 24.

The 26-year-old victim told cops that he entered the Farragut Houses building near Gold Street at 12:40 am.

That's when he heard the shots and felt a pain in his right leg. He was taken to Bellevue Hospital.

### Slasher filch

Teenage rustlers swiped another kid's bag from a Schermerhorn Street playground on March 22—and stabbed him with a knife when he tried to get it back.

The 17-year-old victim told police he was near Nevins Street at 4:57 pm when the pirates seized his stuff. When he tried to get it back, one of the goons slashed him four times in the arm and the other struck him in the head before running away.

Police arrested 15- and 18-year-old suspects.

## Wood-jerk

A shyter snuck into a Joramemon Street basement and purloined a stepladder on March 22.

A contractor told police that he was at the residence near Hicks Street when he saw a stranger try to leave with a table saw. He took it back and told the perp to get lost.

But crook already scored a stepladder.

### Foul play

A thief scored big time when he grabbed a basketball player's bag from a Tillary Street court on March 19.

The 28-year-old victim told cops that he was shooting hoops near Jay Street at 1:30 pm. When the game was over, his bag was gone—along with an iPhone, Ray-Bans, \$180, cards, and movie tickets.

—Kate Briquet

## 78TH PRECINCT

### Park Slope

### Double time

A jerk snatched some goodies from two apartments on Third Street on March 20.

The victims told cops someone entered the building near Fifth Avenue through a bedroom window between 7 am and 10 pm. The crook then stole \$3,800 worth of belongings—including a \$2,000 Mac laptop and a Kenneth Cole coat—from one apartment. He also swiped \$500 in foreign money from the other.

### Crime bites

A crook stole hundreds of dollars worth of teeth-bleaching kits from a pharmacy on Ninth Street on March 23.

A worker at CVS Pharmacy near Sixth Avenue told cops a 5-foot-9 man walked into the shop at 9:15 pm, grabbed more than \$1,000 worth of Crest Whitening Strips from a glass case—and then stuffed them into a blue backpack and ran away.

### Wave bumper

A thief stole a jet ski from a parking lot on Douglass Street between June 18 and March 21.

The 26-year-old victim told cops he locked his red 2008 Kawasaki jet ski inside a gated parking lot near Third Avenue, then left for several months. He came back and found his \$8,500 wave runner gone—with no sign of broken locks.

### Bad walk

A perp swiped a cellphone from a woman on President Street on March 20. The 44-year-old victim told cops she was checking her voicemail near Fifth Avenue at around 8:30 pm, when the perp ran up from behind, grabbed her \$500 iPhone—then ran north.

—Natalie O'Neill

## 76TH PRECINCT

### Carroll Gardens—Cobble Hill—Red Hook

### Gun goons

Two gun-wielding thugs robbed a woman on Second Street on March 2, taking her iPod Nano and \$150.

The victim told police that she was near Third Place at around 9:20 pm when the crooks pulled a gun on her and demanded cash.

### Ripped off

A woman was arrested for allegedly robbing another woman on Smith Street on March 14.

The victim told police that she was near Hamilton Avenue at around 8:15 pm when the woman punched her in the face and ripped a gold chain, which is worth \$1,500, off of her neck. Cops arrested a suspect at the scene.

### No fare

Cops arrested a man for allegedly robbing a woman inside the Carroll Street subway station on March 23.

The victim told police that she was using a MetroCard vending machine at 7:12 am when the crook grabbed her purse from her arm.

Cops arrested a suspect with the help of the victim.

—Colin Mixson

## 68TH PRECINCT

### Bay Ridge—Dyker Heights

### Pedal punk

A thug on a bike snatched a teenaged girl's jewelry off of her neck on 86th Street on March 22.

The 15-year-old girl told cops that she was hanging with friends in front of a home between Third and Fourth avenues at 3:05 pm when the thief rolled up behind her, shoved her in the chest, and told her, "Move b----." He then yanked three chains, valued at \$540, off of her neck and rode away, turning left onto Third Avenue. At that point, another man approached the girl.

"What's wrong, that guy robbed you?" the man inquired, before taking off himself and turning right onto Third. Police are looking for both men.

## POLICE BLOTTER

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### Cash-in

A thief made out like a bandit after breaking into a 64th Street house on March 22—taking roughly \$1,000 in cash and coins.

The victim told police that someone entered her home between 10th and 11th avenues before 3:30 pm, when she discovered that the doors had been jimmied open, and her money was gone.

A witness told police that she saw a man enter the house at 1:30 pm. She questioned the man, who said he was delivering something but had the wrong address and left. A second witness says she saw a man leaving the house at 2 pm.

### Bottle bashing

A thug chucked a glass bottle at a man outside of an Internet cafe on Fort Hamilton Parkway before striking the man in the face on March 19.

The victim told cops that he was outside of the Always Internet Cafe between 62nd and 63rd streets at 10:30 pm when a group of men approached him and told him to stop taking their picture.

A moment later one member of the crew hurled the bottle at the victim and punched him, leaving the victim with a bloody lip and a pain in his eye.

—Will Bredderman

## 90TH PRECINCT

### Southside—Bushwick

### One bad kiss

A thief stole a woman's purse while she was making out with some guy at a McKibbin Loft party on March 17.

The lovelorn victim told police she put her pocketbook on a couch in the McKibbin Street apartment at 5 am and started kissing a man.

About 20 minutes of smooching later, she realized her purse, which once contained her iPhone, camera, and MetroCard, had been emptied of its contents.

### Metro madness

A thief asked a 50-year-old woman to swipe her into the Marcy Avenue subway station on March 23, but stole her wallet instead.

The victim told police the perp approached her near Broadway at 5 am and asked for a MetroCard swipe. But the victim said she did not have any money on her card. So the thief pushed her to the ground, grabbed her wallet, and ran away.

### Drag mug

A robber knocked down and dragged a woman on Bushwick Avenue—and stole

her purse—on March 24.

The victim told police she was near McKibbin Street at 10:30 pm when the jerk came up behind her, dragged her to the ground, and took her purse, which contained her phone and iPod.

### Perverted perp

A robber stole a woman's bags at gunpoint and felt her up inside a McKibbin Street building on March 20.

The victim told police she was in the building between Bushwick Avenue and Siegel Court at 11:45 pm when the thug pushed her into a corner of the first floor stairwell, took out a black firearm, and demanded, "Give me your stuff!"

He then fondled her body, took her bags containing her computer and iPhone, and escaped on his mountain bike.

### Club fight

A fight broke out among a group of women outside of a Rodney Street club on March 25, leaving two women injured.

The victims told police they left the Hookah Bar near Keap Street at 4 am, when five women approached and started punching and kicking them.

To add insult to their in-

juries, one thief stole a victim's purse.

—Aaron Short

## 94TH PRECINCT

### Greenpoint—Northside

### Punch served

A robber punched a man in the face when he refused to give up his wallet on Driggs Avenue on March 22.

The victim told police he was near Russell Street at 10 pm when the thug approached him and demanded his wallet. When the victim refused, the thief struck the man's face and ran away.

### Sorry thief

A smelly thug pushed a 45-year-old woman and held her up on Humboldt Street on March 23.

The victim told police she was near Driggs Avenue at 3:50 am when the goon approached her, punched her, and pushed her to the ground, saying, "Shut the f--- up, give me your money or I'll kill you!"

She took cash out of her pocketbook, and the jerk—who she told police smelled of a mix of alcohol and body odor—said, "I'm sorry."

### Pool sticks

A pool shark stole several pool sticks from a car parked on Conseyea Street on March 21.

The driver told police he parked his car near Lorimer Street at 3:30 pm, but when he returned an hour later, he saw his car was unlocked and his new sticks were gone.

—Aaron Short

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# GO BROOKLYN

**PRANKS**

## Prank on!

Protests are out, pranks are in. The time-honed tradition of politicized mischief is back — and author Andrew Boyd is leading the way with his new book “Beautiful Trouble: Toolbox for the Next Revolution,” a how-to manual for effective, socially targeted pranks that he says can be more effective than demonstrations and rallies.

Stink bombs and pie tosses can feel low brow, but Boyd, who will debut his book at powerHouse arena in DUMBO in an April 5 event that, to our knowledge, is not a

prank, says gags can be quite sophisticated. “Pranks can be a very high art form as well, especially if they are ethical, democratic and non-violent,” said the writer, who was one of the founders of the cigar-wielding Billionaires for Bush satire groups that spread across the country in the aughts.

His tome examines the tactics, practices, and methods of pranking, and it includes plenty of case studies of successful social stunts that can serve as a guide for future gags.

Andrew Boyd with Dave Oswald Mitchell at powerHouse arena [37 Main Street at the corner of Water Street in DUMBO, (718) 666-3049]. April 5, 7 pm. — Eli Rosenberg

**THEATER**

## Family affair

Steve Solomon is returning home, and he’s bringing his beloved bubbe, his stuttering cousin Bob, and his therapist cousin Sal with him.

“My Mother’s Italian, My Father’s Jewish & I’m in Therapy” — one of theater’s longest running, off-Broadway one-man acts — is coming to Brooklyn College on April 1, with the show’s author and creator playing all of the parts.

“There are different actors around the world doing my show,” said Solomon. “But some people have said that I give it a special flavor, and that’s because it’s real to me. I’m not reading the lines.”

The show is a family farce, a situational comedy, and a one-man marathon, where a single, tireless thespian takes on as many as twenty-five roles while portraying the eclectic menagerie that makes up Solomon’s quirky family.

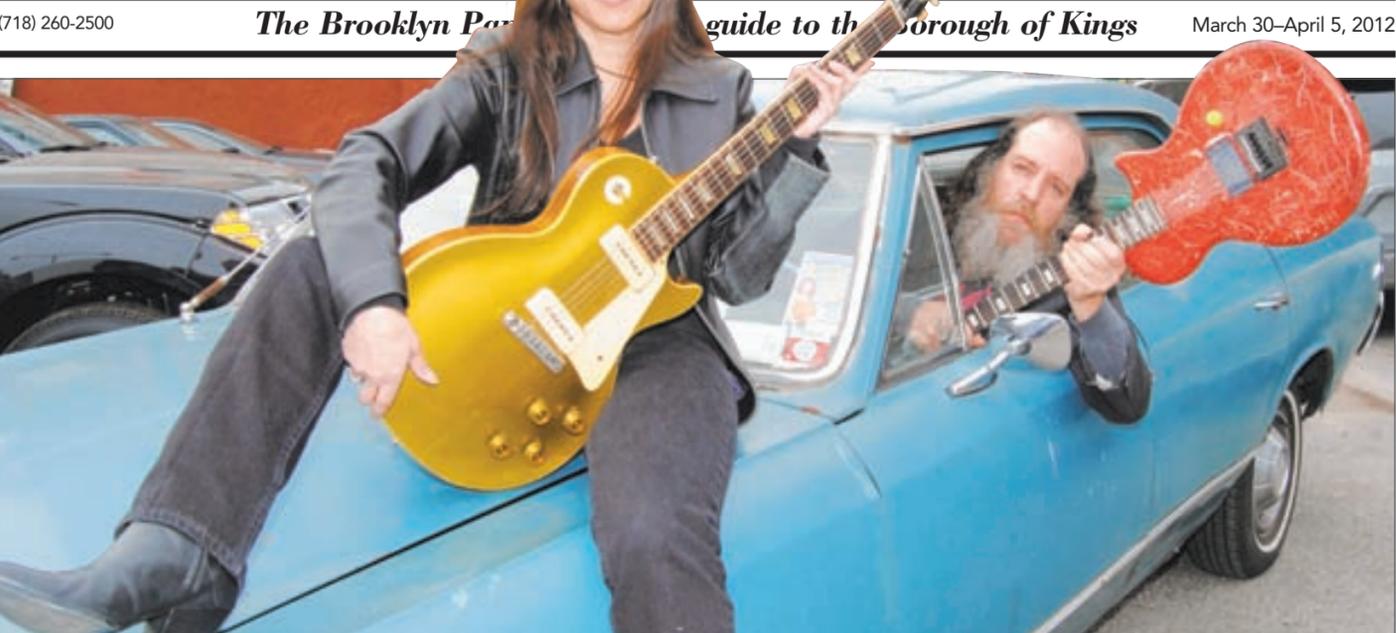
“Everybody identifies with somebody in the show,” said Solomon. “They think, ‘That’s my uncle, that’s my aunt, that’s my doctor.’”

Brooklyn College [2900 Bedford Ave. near Campus Road in Midwood, (718) 951-4500] April 1, at 2 pm. \$30. Visit [www.brooklyncenter.com](http://www.brooklyncenter.com). — Colin Mixson



Photo by Elizabeth Graham

The Brooklyn Paper guide to the Borough of Kings March 30–April 5, 2012



# Ax-travaganza!

## Guitar show will rock Williamsburg like a hurricane

By Will Bredderman  
The Brooklyn Paper

It’s the one event that brings together all of Williamsburg’s guitar aficionados — those who actually play guitar and those who just carry them around because they look cool.

More than 30 dealers of guitars and all the stuff that goes with them will take over the stage and concert space at Brooklyn Bowl on April 1 — uniting rock music, bowling, and alcohol in a way not seen since the premiere of “The Big Lebowski.”

When it debuted last year, the Brooklyn Springtime Guitar Show was the first expo for strummers in the city in a decade — and the borough’s rockers were sorely missing an event of its kind, according to organizers “Uncle” Mike Schnapp, a Bowl DJ, and Lisa Sharken, a veteran music gear magazine writer and technician.

“My friends who are dealers were reminiscing about the days when there were guitar shows in the basement of a church on the Lower East Side,” Sharken said. “I checked out the venue and looked at the space, and I said, ‘You know, I think I can make this work.’”

Last year’s expo attracted 1,200 attendees, leading Schnapp and Sharken to organize a fall follow-up, and this show is drawing vendors from as far away as Arizona and Belgium.

The guitar sellers might be coming from all over the world, but what makes the show special is its local feel, said Garret Landes, the manager of Williamsburg’s Main Drag Music.

“It gives a very specific sort of Brooklyn

**MUSIC**

**The 2nd Annual Brooklyn Springtime Guitar Show** at Brooklyn Bowl [61 Wythe Avenue, between North 11th Street and North 12th Street, Williamsburg. (718) 963-3369] April 1, 11 am. Free.

experience, being able to have really good food and beer and bowling in the same space,” he said. “If it was in a convention center it wouldn’t be like that.”

Not only is Brooklyn Bowl worlds different from the hangar-style convention centers that

host most guitar shows — Williamsburg attracts a totally different scene than a suburban expo, said Southside Guitars co-owner Ben Taylor.

“It gets a much younger crowd,” said Taylor, whose store is on Grand Street. “It’s people who live in Williamsburg and are familiar with modern rock-and-roll instead of a million people who are trying to emulate Eric Clapton.”

From straps to gear, Schnapp, who

**Rock ‘n’ roll:** Lisa Sharken and Mike Schnapp — a.k.a. DJ Uncle Mike — show off Sharken’s guitars in Williamsburg before the second annual Brooklyn Springtime Guitar Show at Brooklyn Bowl on April 1.

helped organize a popular series of record shows at Brooklyn Bowl, said the expo would let fans Fenders and people who go gaga for Gibsons make peace over brews, bowling, and grub from the house restaurant, Blue Ribbon.

The expo could be a big sales opportunity, but not all of the vendors go in with just business in mind.

“It’s not even about selling a lot,” says Landes. “It’s about being there and being part of a community, talking and getting to know other people in the industry.”

# A happy meal!

## Baker turns burgers into dessert

By Natalie O’Neill  
The Brooklyn Paper

Barbeque-lovin’ vegetarians don’t have to pass on this cheeseburger.

Just in time for grilling season, a Carroll Gardens baker is cooking up artfully crafted cakes modeled after burgers and hotdogs — a sugary and strikingly realistic take on the classic meaty meals.

Pastry chef Antonio Fiorentino of Monteleone Bakery & Café said he is channeling his passion for art into the chocolate-and-mascarpone-flavored faux meat treats.

“I’ve always loved painting on little canvases — and this is a lot like that,” he said. “People get a kick out of it.”

Fiorentino dyes house-made mascarpone to color the fake condiments and toppings — cashing in on Brooklyn’s burgeoning burger obsession.

**DINING**

**Monteleone Bakery & Café** [355 Court St. at Union Street in Cobble Hill, (718) 852-5600].

He’s not even the only person combining pastries and paddies: Bay Ridge’s Burger Bistro serves a burger on a sugar-glazed donut.

But Fiorentino is alone in his mission to fully convert burg-



**Patty pastry:** It’s a cheeseburger. No, wait, it’s a cake! Antonio Fiorentino cooks up barbeque-inspired sweets at Monteleone Bakery in Carroll Gardens.

ers and dogs into desserts — and he’s found plenty of fans of his highly detailed baked goods.

The burger cakes, which he often sells to cookout-goers for \$25, come with taste-bud tricking bright red tomatoes, yellow cheese and a sesame-seed bun that looks plucked a Happy Meal.

Fiorentino also offers the fast food-mimicking cakes in strawberry shortcake and chocolate with almond paste. Larger cakes are available upon request for \$50.

The burger cakes are already a hit on the kiddie birthday party circuit — which has caused one minor problem.

“My grandson liked it so much he wouldn’t let us cut it,” said Harriet Libstag of Carroll Gardens. “The man is an artist.”

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## EDITORS' PICKS

### FRIDAY

March 30



#### Song and dance men

What do you get when you combine an insane sing-along and a completely wild dance party? Something like "Karaoke Killed the Cat" — the crooning and grooving late-night celebration hosted by Chris Goldteeth and Lord Easy at Park Slope's Union Hall.

Midnight going into Saturday. Union Hall [702 Union St., between Fifth and Sixth avenues, Park Slope. (718) 638-4400] Free.

### SATURDAY

March 31

#### What's new, pussycat?

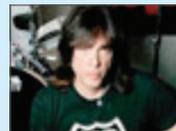
Werecats, sibling romances, and David Bowie — Paul Schrader's 1982 remake of Jacques Tourneur's "Cat People," showing Saturday at the Brooklyn Academy of Music, has it all. It's a 1980s cult classic, and it's only gotten weirder with age.

4:30 pm, 9:30 pm. Brooklyn Academy of Music Harvey Gilman Opera House [30 Lafayette Avenue, between Ashland Place and St. Felix Street, Fort Greene. (718) 636-4100.] \$12. For tickets, visit [www.movietickets.com](http://www.movietickets.com).



### SUNDAY

April 1



#### Hey, ho, let's go!

Legendary punk drummer Marky Ramone and his band Blitzkrieg will revive the sonic assault of the legendary punk rockers the Ramones for one night only at the Bell House in Gowanus. Former Misfits singer Michale Graves will offer some help on vocals, making sure the show is a true homecoming celebration for the Marky, who was born in Flatbush.

8 pm. [149 7th St., between Second and Third avenues, Gowanus. (718) 643-6510] \$20. For tickets, visit [www.ticketweb.com](http://www.ticketweb.com).

### WEDNESDAY

April 4

#### Queens of the Nile

Take a trip back in time to Ancient Egypt with a visit to the Brooklyn Museum. A tour guide will lead Brooklyn Museum visitors 5,000 years into the past while exploring depictions of women in Ancient Egyptian art and culture at the museum's "Egypt Reborn" exhibit.

2 pm. [200 Eastern Parkway at Washington Avenue, Prospect Heights. (718) 638-5000] Suggested donation \$12.



### THURSDAY

April 5



#### Scary art

Zombies have already taken over Hollywood, television, and books, so it's no surprise that they're lurking toward the art world as well. In celebration of everybody's favorite kind of monster, more than 26 artists will come together to show off their art featuring zombies in all their gory — errrr, we mean glory.

7 pm. Eight of Swords [115 Grand St. between Berry Street and Wythe Avenue, Williamsburg. (718) 387-9673]. Free. Visit [www.eightofswordsstatoo.wordpress.com](http://www.eightofswordsstatoo.wordpress.com)

## NINE DAYS IN BROOKLYN

### FRI, MARCH 30

**MOVIE NIGHT:** Shorts and a full length family appropriate movie. Free! 6:15. The Moxie Spot [81 Atlantic Ave. between Hicks and Henry streets in Brooklyn Heights. (718) 923-9710], [themoxiespot.com](http://themoxiespot.com).

**"POOPENDOUS":** Artie Bennett has done it again, his number two book is about — you guessed it, Number 2. Free! 5 pm. Bookmark Shoppe [8415 Third Ave. at 84th Street in Bay Ridge. (718) 833-5115].

**MUSIC, CLASSICAL CONCERT:** Lute-ni Paul O'Dette. \$15. 7 pm. PS 321 [180 Seventh Ave. at First Street in Park Slope], [www.neighborhoodclassics.com](http://www.neighborhoodclassics.com).

**MUSIC, NIGHT OF ELIZABETHAN MUSIC:** Benefit concert with composers John Dowland, Anthony Holborne and Daniel Bacher at PS 321. \$15. 7 pm. PS 321 [180 Seventh Avenue in Park Slope. (646) 536-7864], [www.ps321.org](http://www.ps321.org).

**ART, DR. JOHN:** Inside Out: An art show featuring the legendary Dr. John in a three-weekend, multi-art residency. \$30-\$75. 8 pm. BAM Harvey Theater [651 Fulton St. at Rockwell Place in Fort Greene. (718) 636-4100], [www.bam.org](http://www.bam.org).

**BASEBALL/ SOFTBALL REGISTRATION:** Free. 8:30 pm. Our Lady of Grace Church [430 Ave. U between E. Third Street and E. Fourth Street in Gravesend. (718) 336-7148], [www.ologchurch.com](http://www.ologchurch.com).

**MUSIC, GRAHAM PARKER AND IAN HUNTER:** Ian Hunter of Mott the Hoople and Graham Parker match up for an evening of quintessential English rock. \$30. 9 pm. Bell House [149 Seventh St. at Third Avenue in Gowanus. (718) 643-6510], [www.thebellhouse.com](http://www.thebellhouse.com).

### SAT, MARCH 31

#### SALES AND MARKETS

**PARK SLOPE FLEA MARKET:** Peruse antiques, collectibles, vintage, crafts, and furniture. 8 am–6 pm. PS 321 [180 Seventh Ave. between First and Second streets in Park Slope. (917) 991-7807], [www.park-slopefleamarket.com](http://www.park-slopefleamarket.com).

#### OTHER

**EASTER EGG HUNT:** Search for eggs, meet the Easter Bunny, play games, win prizes and listen to music. Presented by State sen. Marty Golden (R-Bay Ridge). Free. 11 am–2 pm. Dyker Park [13th Ave. at 86th Street in Dyker Heights. (718) 238-6044].

**OPENING DAY:** The carousel turns 100 years old this year. Come and enjoy a spin on this iconic ride. \$2 per ride. Noon–4 pm. Prospect Park Children's Corner (Enter at Flatbush Ave. and Ocean Avenue in Park Slope), [www.prospectpark.org/calendar](http://www.prospectpark.org/calendar).

**"PUSS IN BOOTS":** The tale of a cat whose master buys him magical boots. Recommended for children 3 and older. \$8 (\$7 children). 12:30 and 2:30 pm. Puppetworks [338 Sixth Ave. at Fourth Street in Park



**Easter egg hunt:** It's that time to search out the eggs and meet the Easter Bunny, play games, win prizes and listen to music at Dyker Park at 11 am on March 31.

Slope. (718) 965-3391], [www.puppetworks.org](http://www.puppetworks.org).

**"FISH FACE":** ArtsPower National Touring Theatre presents this book by Patricia Reilly school series as a musical. Free. 1 pm. Brooklyn Public Library's Central branch [Flatbush Ave. at Eastern Parkway in Grand Army Plaza in Park Slope. (718) 230-2100], [www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org](http://www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org).

**YOGA:** For individuals 18 years and older. Free. 3:45 pm. Greenpoint Public Library [107 Norman Ave. at Leonard Street in Greenpoint. (718) 349-8504], [www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org](http://www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org).

**PROM DRESS COLLECTION:** LACE is hosting the second annual collection for prom dresses for girls. Free. 6:30–10:30 pm. South Oxford Theatre [138 S. Oxford St. in Fort Greene], [leadingladies.org](http://leadingladies.org).

**ART, INTERESTING TIMES:** MF Gallery, purveyors of the "eccentric and bizarre," are proud to present an exhibition of the drawings, paintings, prints and sculptures of Drew Maillard. Free. 7 pm. MF Gallery [213 Bond St. in Gowanus. (917) 446-8681], [www.mfgallery.net](http://www.mfgallery.net).

**ART, OPENING RECEPTION:** Works by Drew Maillard. Free. 7–10 pm. MF Gallery [213 Bond St. between Baltic and Butler streets in Gowanus. (917) 446-8681], [www.mfgallery.net](http://www.mfgallery.net).

**REMAKES AND REVERSE SHOTS:** Amie Siegel in conversation with Michael Almerayda: Amie Siegel presents The Sleepers, a film that voyeuristically explores the space between cinema and architecture, screening alongside Siegel's recent film which intertwines histories of cinema and architecture with the

cinematic gesture of the remake serving as an uncanny reflection on gender, history and the production of images. \$9 suggested donation. 7:30 pm. Union Docs [322 Union Ave. in Williamsburg. (718) 395-7902], [www.uniondocs.org](http://www.uniondocs.org).

**DANCE:** Red Star/Red Army a chorus and dance ensemble performs athletic folk dances and traditional Russian themes. \$30-\$40. 8 pm. Brooklyn Center for the Performing Arts at Brooklyn College [2900 Campus Rd., between Amersfort Place and Kenilworth Place in Midwood. (718) 951-4500], [www.brooklyncenteronline.org](http://www.brooklyncenteronline.org).

**BASEBALL/ SOFTBALL REGISTRATION:** 8:30 pm. See Friday, March 30.

### SUN, APRIL 1

#### PERFORMANCE

**THEATER, "MY MOTHER'S ITALIAN, MY FATHER'S JEWISH AND I'M IN THERAPY":** Steve Solomon's riotously funny account of his life. \$30. 2 pm. Brooklyn Center for the Performing Arts at Brooklyn College [2900 Campus Rd., between Amersfort Place and Kenilworth Place in Midwood. (718) 951-4500], [www.brooklyncenteronline.org](http://www.brooklyncenteronline.org).

**THEATER, HILARIOUS PLAY!** Funnyman Steve Solomon performs an uproarious play about his half-Jewish, half-Italian upbringing in Sheepshead Bay. \$30. 2 pm. Brooklyn Center for the Performing Arts at Brooklyn College [2900 Campus Rd., between Amersfort Place and Kenilworth Place in Midwood. (718) 951-4500], [www.brooklyncenteronline.org](http://www.brooklyncenteronline.org).

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**SALES AND MARKETS**  
**PARK SLOPE FLEA MARKET:** 8 am–6 pm. See Saturday, March 31.

**OTHER**  
**BINGO NIGHT:** Prizes and fun for the whole family. Free. 6. The Moxie Spot [81 Atlantic Ave. between Hicks and Henry streets in Brooklyn Heights. (718) 923-9710], [themoxiespot.com](http://themoxiespot.com).

**BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP DAY:** 78th Precinct Youth Council, hosting playoffs of the various divisions in the councils basketball teams. \$3 donation (children free). 9 am–6 pm. Bishop Ford [500 19th St. at McDonald Ave. in Windsor Terrace], [www.78pcc.org](http://www.78pcc.org).

**EASTER EGG HUNT:** Scavenger hunt and egg search. In lieu of admission each family may donate 10-12 plastic eggs per child or give a \$5 donation per family. Meet on Monument Plaza. \$5 donation. 11 am–1 pm. Fort Greene Park Visitor Center [Enter park at Myrtle Avenue and Washington Park in Fort Greene. (718) 722-3218].

**WORKSHOP, COMPOST FOR BROOKLYN:** Haul your cast off egg shells, your apple cores, your wilted carrot tops yearning to be free to Kensington's volunteer run compost! Free! 1–3 pm. Newkirk Community Garden (Newkirk Avenue and E. Eighth Street in Kensington), [compostforbrooklyn.org/drop-off-hours](http://compostforbrooklyn.org/drop-off-hours).

**MAKING WAVES:** How does sound travel from your mouth to your ear? Find out in this fun physics workshop. For children 4 and older. Free with museum admission. 1:30–2:30 pm. Brooklyn Children's Museum [145 Brooklyn Ave. at St. Marks Avenue in Crown Heights. (718) 735-4400], [www.brooklynkids.org](http://www.brooklynkids.org).

### MON, APRIL 2

**PASSOVER EVENT:** Master coffee roasters Benny Lanfranco and Richard Pascale, while supervised by Rabbi Marmorstein, will grind coffee for the holiday. Free. 9 am–4 pm. Fairway Market [480-500 Van Brunt St. in Red Hook. (718) 694-6868].

**COLOR WEAVING:** Discover how colors interact as you create your own weaving on cardboard looms. Free with museum admission (\$6 Free for members). Noon. Children's Museum of the Arts [103 Charlton St. at Hudson Street in SoHo. (212) 274-0986], [www.cmany.org](http://www.cmany.org).

**POETRY JAM:** Teens share their works. Co-hosted by Urban Word NYC. Free. 5 pm. Brooklyn Public Library. See 9 DAYS on page 8

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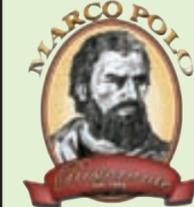
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# Picture perfect

Artists share their visions of 'Brooklyn Utopias'

By Aaron Short  
The Brooklyn Paper

Some Brooklynites believe that our borough is perfect just as it is—but these artists know better.

How about a pollution-free Gowanus Canal that extends to Park Slope? And why aren't there any windmills in J.J. Byrne Park?

These visions for an improved borough, and more, are on show in a new art exhibit called "Brooklyn Utopias," opening at the Old Stone House on April 5.

Curator Katherine Gressel tapped more than a dozen artists and arts organizations to contribute works tackling the future of public parks and open space in Kings County.

And that led to some intriguing ideas, including Gressel's favorite: a playground made from renovated water tanks that creates energy from frolicking children.

Artists Christina Kelly and Jeff Hutchinson contributed schematic drawings and watercolor sketches of the eco-friendly, and child-friendly play area, which includes seesaws and a swing set that power several renovated hot tubs for adults.

"They actually did some scientific research into it," said Gressel. "It would actually be feasible for this to happen."

In addition to designs of recreational waterways and public sanctuaries, artists have documented the rapid change that has occurred in their neighborhoods.

Cheryl Molnar's photographs show Kent Avenue's transformation from a derelict industrial wasteland to a glimmering strip of glass towers and well-manicured waterfront parks, exploring the trade-offs that urban renewal has brought to Williamsburg.

Bettina Johae's postcards of city-owned sites that could be changed to parks extends ongoing debates about residential development and eminent domain.

And no exhibit about public spaces could be complete without a nod to Occupy Wall Street, represented here with paintings of Zuccotti Park that address the limits of free speech and behavior inside public spaces.

Don't worry Park Slope art lovers and urban planners—these versions of utopia are safe for the whole family.

Kids are welcome to take part in a sky-gazing, day-dreaming session with artist Kat Schneck or participate in a mural workshop with Triada Samaras on April 28, among other events.

Brooklyn Utopias at The Old Stone House [336 Third St. between Fourth and Fifth Avenues, Park Slope (718) 768-3195], April 5, 6:30 pm. Visit [www.brooklynutopias.com](http://www.brooklynutopias.com).



High Hopes: Artist Will Pappenheimer dreams of windmills and skywriting above Park Slope's J.J. Byrne Park.

## BAR SCRAWL

By Bill Rounly



It's a simple dive bar, but geeks should come for the décor. It serves a menu of specialty drinks named for superheroes, including Wonder Woman, Daredevil, and Northstar.\* None of them are very good.

\* The 'Northstar' is a fruit punch. Marvel fans will get that joke.

**Gotham City Lounge** [1293 Myrtle Ave. between Cedar Street and Central Avenue in Bushwick, (718)387-4182]. Open Tue–Sat, 6 pm–4 am; Sun, 6 pm–2 am, closed Mon.

## It's food gossip

Here's some steamy restaurant news

**Foodie-in-Chief**  
By Sarah Zorn

Williamsburg goes fish, Gowanus gets a rub down, and a Park Slope sub shop hits the streets in this week's balmy bite of springtime gossip.

**Bigger fish to fry:** Whatever local restaurateur Joe Carroll touches turns to artery clogging gold—think top spots Fette Sau, Spuyten Duyvil and St. Anselm—and that's why we're counting down the days to the eagerly anticipated April opening of his newest Williamsburg venture, Lake Trout. The fried fish shack is inspired by a favorite Baltimore specialty, the lake trout sandwich, which Carroll explained to Grub Street is "not from a lake and it's not trout, it's whiting." No matter the credentials of the fish, we put plenty of blind faith in the man known for his taste in top-notch smoked meats,



A new tart: The team behind Boerum Hill's Rucola are opening a new joint in Bushwick.

bone marrow poppers, and obscure cask beer. Grub Street reports that the owners of Rucola—the runaway, locally sourced success story in Boerum Hill—have

**Ru times two:** Talk about another sure thing: See **FOOD** on page 8

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# Zine and be seen

## Festival unites quirky self publishers

By Colin Mixson  
The Brooklyn Paper

It's Zion for zine readers. The Brooklyn Zine Fest is coming to Public Assembly on April 15, bringing together more than 60 indie publishers for the borough's first convention for small batch magazines in three years.

The self-published pamphlets often focus on niche subjects and boast small, localized readerships—but that doesn't mean there aren't enough zine lovers to throw a good party, according to event organizer Matt Carman.

"It's not incredibly easy to get zines—you have to know where to look—but I think the fests are the best and most rewarding way to find them," said Carman, who decided to get involved after previous organizers hung up their printing presses following the 2009 fair at the Brooklyn Lyceum.

Zines are sometimes carried in comic book shops and bookstores, but festivals and conventions are the true bread and butter for many zine writers, who are often forced to travel across the country to find a good venue for their homemade products, he said.

Carman and fellow Zine Fest planners Kseniya Yarosh and Eric Nelson, who work together to put out the mag "I Love Bad Movies," have journeyed as far south as Richmond, Va. and as far west as San Francisco, Calif. to hawk their self-published essays and editorials.

"The thing about the festivals [is] they're great ways to meet the people behind all these things," said Car-

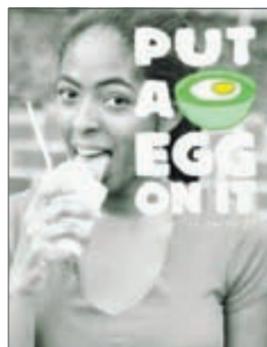


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**The Brooklyn Zine Fest at Public Assembly** [70 N. Sixth St. between Kent and Wythe avenues in Williamsburg, (718) 384-4586] April 15, at 11 am. Free. Visit [www.brooklynzinefest.com](http://www.brooklynzinefest.com).

W'burg's Gutenbergs: Kseniya Yarosh and Matt Carman started a zine fest in Brooklyn so they don't have to travel to share their mag, "I Love Bad Movies" (top right). Zines such as "Womanimalistic" (middle right) and "Put A Egg On It" (bottom right) will also be on show.



man. "If you enjoy reading it, or enjoy the topic, there's probably going to be someone there who knows a lot about it."

And with titles like "Put A Egg On It" and "The Carbon Based Mistake," there's something for everybody—or at least everybody who enjoys quirky, super-specialized publications with fun names.

"The reason I enjoy zines is because they're so specific and they're about topics you wouldn't necessarily read about anywhere else," said Carman. "Some of these are from research, but a lot are from personal experience and they're sort of unfiltered in that way."

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## FOOD...

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just signed a lease on a new space in Bushwick. No word on a name and concept yet, although we're sure the spot will be a perfect complement to neighborhood favorites like Roberta's and the Northeast Kingdom.

**Luck of the Irish:** There's a new tenant on Montague Street—Brownstoner reports that an Irish pub will move into the space recently vacated by the long-standing Italian takeout spot, La Traviata. "Will it raise the standard of Montague dining—a trend that we've seen hints of recently?" mused Jorale-man on the Brooklyn Heights Blog, "or will it continue the tradition of so-so to mediocre restaurants that have long dominated the street?" Discuss.

**Just beachy:** Can't decide whether to hit up the revitalized Grimaldi's (going under the name Juliana's) in DUMBO, or the transplanted Grimaldi's (still going under the name Grimaldi's) right next door? Save yourself the headache and take a trip to Coney, where, as the Bensonhurst Bean reports, the (transplanted) Grimaldi's will open a second spot near the entrance to Luna Park on Surf Avenue. If you're still struggling to make up your mind, skip the drama entirely and head to Neptune Avenue, for a superior coal-fired pie at Totonno's.

**Do the 'cue:** It's all about pulled pork in Brooklyn nowadays, with Park Slope laying down the gauntlet with not one—but two—new 'cue spots. Now F'd in Park Slope reports that Gowanus is getting in on the action with Fletchers, which "will serve traditional counter-service barbecue" as well as grilled fare and chili. Bring on the brisket, ribs and burnt-end beans!

**On a roll:** Forget dirty water dogs and ice cream—the best thing to come from a cart this summer is bound to be Zito Sandwich Shoppe's primo hoagies. The guys behind Park Slope's newest sub suppliers have announced via Twitter that they plan to roll out some big surprises in the next few months—portable sandwich mobiles among them. Pannelle, meatball parm, and sausage and pepper heroes on the go? It might not make for the lightest summer fare, but it's sure to be some of the tastiest.

**Bagel boys:** Bay Ridge is swapping out a bodega for bagels on 85th Street near Fifth Avenue, which should make a lot of morning commuters very happy. "There's really nothing like it along this stretch," said manager Rajaja Musallam about the tentatively named Sal's Bagel's, which will be a family-owned, family-run business. "We can imagine franchising and having four or five of these." We're all for long-term planning, but let's check out the quality of the bagel and schmear first.

## 9 DAYS...

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### TUES, APRIL 3

**WORKSHOP, ENGLISH CONVERSATION:** Adults practice conversational speech. Free. 1 pm. Coney Island Public Library [1901 Mermaid Ave. at West 19th Street in Coney Island, (718) 265-3220], [www.brooklyn-publiclibrary.org](http://www.brooklyn-publiclibrary.org).

### WED, APRIL 4

**MIL'S TRILLS:** Leaping Lizards it's a concert just for kids. Suitable for babies/toddlers ages birth to 4. \$15. 10 am. Vineapple Cafe [71 Pineapple St. between Henry and Hicks streets in Brooklyn Heights].  
**"ONCE UPON A STORY":** Tall tales and legends to music and shadow puppetry. Show includes Johnny Appleseed, Big Annie and Native American tale, The Growing Rock. Suitable for children in pre-k to third grade. \$10 (\$15 at the door). 10:30 am. The Bedford Village School [50

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## CORRECTION

Last week's front page of Go Brooklyn featured a story headlined "Posher Kosher" about Jewish-style food that wasn't necessarily Kosher.

It has come to our attention that the headline and story may have misled some readers into thinking it featured Kosher restaurants. It was never our intention to mislead readers, and an updated version of the story was immediately posted on our website, BrooklynPaper.com, correcting the mistake. We regret the error.

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# Talking about the future

I want my kids to be whatever they want to be, let them dream, the sky's the limit. Unfortunately, there is that little nagging thing called experience that rears its ugly head straining my more-positive outlook on their naive wishes.

"Yes!" I say with great enthusiasm mixed wit. "DO try to be a rock star!"

Then I mumble my sarcastic afterword: "Good luck with THAT."

What's wrong with me? In these moments, Fearless Mom steps aside for Paranoid Panicked Mom. I might subtly whip out the new Game of Life, then, and show them how college loans need to be repaid. Or that certain jobs pay higher than others.

Undoubtedly, unless I start playing the lottery or actually write the next "Hun-



## Fearless Parenting

By Stephanie Thompson

with leading comments like, "You could be an architect!" to Eli when he successfully built a fine Lego tower at age 3. I might have said sculptor, but architecture seemed like a safer bet.

Some more financially-focused friends in this affluent neighborhood have scoffed, though, at my enthusiasm over Eli's continued interest in architecture.

"It's not a very high-paying career, and it's very competitive..." people have warned. It is all relative, I

suppose. There is always more to make, easier things to achieve.

Is it the money my kids could potentially make that should concern me most about the interests they pursue, the careers they might consider? I'd like to snort and scoff and say that's disgusting and wrong and totally stupid. But, then, money is an unfortunate necessity, the lack of it a reality check on many things they might want to do.

Since quitting my full-

time job and going freelance (with a financial analyst husband to pick up the slack), I have been known to sit for long hours in cafes chatting with baristas and whoever should be foolhardy enough to walk into my vicinity. It is from that experience that I have learned just enough to be totally confused about how to guide my children. It seems that the financially solvent and the insolvent both face the demon dark side of having potentially made the wrong choice. Wall Streeters lament never having pursued their rock-star dreams — even though they might throw up at the thought of faking to the stage. And hard-pressed musicians — while they might never wish to work on Wall Street — definitely rue the assets the financiers have been able to muster.

The answer, I fear to say fearlessly, is that there is no answer to how to guide kids toward their eventual future. My children are lucky enough to be exposed to all kinds of careers, all kinds of opportunities. They are being raised with a sense of financial security I definitely did not have as a kid, and that may serve to push them toward money-making careers or, conversely, give them the freedom to try for things that are not nearly so safe. It is not up to me, and I try not to let my own paranoia dissuade or persuade them.

Kids need to be able to be free to find their own passion, as there can be no telling how the world might reward them if they put their best selves out there, in a way they see fit. Dreams are good things and manifesting them is always possible.

Still, I remember that I wanted to go to Northwestern, I wanted to be a writer, I wanted to live in New York. On cloudier days, I sometimes hear my mother's advice.

"Be careful what you wish for," she said, somewhat ominously. "You might just get it."

## CHURCH...

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they were dragged away. "Of course I'm hurt," said the monastery's superior, Mother Pauline, who found out about the vandalism from a worshipper attending Mass. "By the time I got out there, the police were already here."

Cops say the weight of the stone figurines means several people were likely involved in the crime, which comes a month into the Lenten season.

Investigators suspect the sacrilege on the grounds of the Catholic girls' school was intended as a prank, not as any kind of anti-religious gesture.

As police scoured the scene and gathered evidence — including the lamb's severed head — they recovered a glass candle and a bottle of Guinness that will be checked for fingerprints and DNA evidence, NYPD sources said.

The crime outraged Councilman Vincent Gentile (D-Bay Ridge), who called the vandalism cowardly and de-

spicable and promised the monastery assistance in restoring the statues.

State Sen. Marty Golden (R-Bay Ridge) has put up a \$1,000 reward for anyone able help capture the crooks, saying the vandalism at Visitation is "a direct attack on the values and teachings of the Catholic Church."

The mother superior said she has no idea who would have been behind the act of impiety, since the monastery has had no problem with vandalism before.

She declined to say if the monastery would press charges against the vandals if they were caught, or forgive the sinners.

"We'll let the police handle it," she said.

The statue attack comes months after metal-loving graffiti writers scribbled KISS-style makeup on sculptures of the Virgin Mary and baby Jesus outside of a Williamsburg house of worship.

Police said they were searching for a KISS fan, but cops have made no arrests.

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## DOMINO...

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apartments and retail space — doled out donations of between \$9,000 and \$30,000 to organizations that subsequently backed the Domino project from February 2008 to December 2009, months before its campaign to rezone the site, court filings reveal.

"public reputation" money, simply prove that it is invested in the neighborhood. But attorney and civic watchdog Norman Siegel said the donations suggest an instance of quid pro quo.

"If the developer was giving community groups money five or 10 years before their mission, that would be one thing, but if the developer is giving money for the first and

perhaps the last time, it raises the question whether the donor is buying recipients support and it raises questions about the community groups themselves," said Siegel.

The money went to groups including Southside United Housing, a Williamsburg housing developer; Catholic Charities, a Diocese-affiliated social services organization; El Puente, a Williamsburg youth and activism institution; Churches United, a defunct religious social services outfit; and Keren Ezer, an Or-

thodox nonprofit. The developers also gave money to the Brooklyn Philharmonic, an orchestra based in DUMBO.

Each group collected a \$10,000 check except Catholic Charities, which got \$9,000, and Churches United, which got \$30,000.

After the organizations received the checks, members of Southside United, Catholic Charities, El Puente, and Churches United attended contentious hearings on the Domino plan, showing support for a project that would rezone the 11-acre Kent Avenue site and bring 660 units of below-market-rate housing to the closed plant.

Leaders of the groups testified before Community Board 1, Borough President Markowitz, planning commissioners, and City Council, and voiced their approval of the mega-project to the press.

The Brooklyn Philharmonic honored the developer's former CEO at a gala.

Churches United for Fair Housing director Rob Solano, who was once a member of Churches United but now runs a separate organization, said it's common for developers to give donations to community groups in the neighborhoods where

they plan to build.

His new group received \$20,000 from Community Preservation Corporation Resources for its end-of-the-year awards dinners in 2010 and 2011, which honored an employee at the development company its former CEO Michael Lappin.

"Mike was part of making this project happen, so we honored Mike," said Solano. "It had nothing to do with finances. We supported

a project but we had issues with the project and those issues were changed."

And El Puente director Luis Garden Acosta, whose group received \$10,000 for its Three Kings Day celebration in 2009, said his organization backed the Domino plan several years before the developer donated cash.

"We had declared our decision before they gave us any money, so I don't think anyone could accuse us of quid

pro quo," said Garden Acosta. "We would never do anything based on money."

A spokesman for the builder — who bought the Kent Avenue factory with developer Isaac Katan for \$55.8 million eight years ago — also denied any wrongdoing, saying the money shows the developer backs "community-building efforts of our neighborhood non-profit organizations."

Details of the donations were included as evidence

in a lawsuit filed by Katan against Community Preservation Corporation Resources alleging fraud, breach of contract, and mismanagement of the property — due in part to its community spending.

The lawsuit comes as the Domino plan, once expected to be worth \$1.2 billion, has come into jeopardy. Real estate insiders say the site is up for sale, but the developer says it is merely seeking additional financing from outside investors.

## BOOZE...

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gifts for his groomsmen.

Most book safes are classic novels with metal flasks, which don't keep liquor tasty for very long. So he decided to craft his own by carving out federal reporters, pilot manuals, medical books and even first-year parenting guides.

Each volume contains a 250ml glass flask from Italy — Johnnie Walker Black not included.

Kevin admits that lawyers

make up a large part of his clientele, especially since he's preserving a piece of history in a time when many litigators are chucking their hardcovers in favor of online databases.

"Most law firms keep hard copies on hand, but I don't know many lawyers who use them," said attorney Abbey Mansfield, who also keeps a boozy federal register on her office shelf. "It's great that Bender Bound found a way to repurpose the books

instead of having them just go in the trash."

But does Mansfield privately sip from her own edition? She pleads the fifth — no not that kind of fifth!

"A lot of people have pretty stressful jobs," Kevin said. "We're definitely not trying to encourage them to drink at work, but if someone's having a hard day, the secret book of alcohol will bring a smile to their face."

Bender Bound will sell booze safes this weekend at the Brooklyn Flea [One Hanson Pl. at Flatbush Avenue in Downtown]. For info, www.benderbound.com.

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## BUMPER...

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operator, Gordon Lee, who helped Fitlin and her son run the business, to keep the Eldorado open well into 2013 — but both sides haven't reached an agreement with two weeks remaining before the start of Coney Island's summer season.

"Pending that outcome, we'd love to keep the bumper cars operating for at least

another year," Sitt spokesman Stefan Friedman said.

Lee could not be reached for comment.

Friedman declined to disclose what Sitt's plans are for the property, but if the developer's track record is any indication, the Eldorado won't be around much longer.

In 2010, Sitt outraged Coney Island preservationists by demolishing Henderson's Mu-

sic Hall — where Harpo Marx made his comic debut — at the corner of Surf and Stillwell avenues and the Coney Island Bank building.

Fitlin opened Eldorado in 1972 with help from her husband and parents — old-time carnies who ran a Coney cabaret during the Great Depression. She returned each summer, even after moving to Texas in the 1990s.

Fitlin hopes that the Eldorado will stay open, but she isn't holding her breath.

"Whatever Sitt does is up

to him," she said. "There's nothing I can do about it."

Coney's faithful said they were sad to hear that Fitlin — and quite possibly the Eldorado — will be leaving.

"I can't fault her," said Dick Zigun, Fitlin's Surf Avenue neighbor and the man behind Sideshow by the Seashore. "Her family put in decades of hard work in Coney Island."

The story was first reported by Amusing the Zillion, a local blog.

## HOTEL...

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named his lodge after the phrase "beats per minute" — the pace count of a song

— and it's undeniably a rapper's delight.

There's a Bijal-crafted playlist ringing out in the

halls, a green-and-black color scheme (even the facade has green streaks), and a stash of Vibe, The Source, Rolling Stone, and SPIN magazines in each room.

When guests make reservations, they also make track requests so that they'll hear their favorite Biggie jam in the bathroom's speakers. Don't worry, the mirrors are steam-proof in case guests want to bump the whole album in the bathroom.

The beat don't stop, but thankfully the rooms are soundproofed.

Hip hop experts say it could be the next big hotel — if it can attract the right mix of old-school events.

"Hip hop culture is already dominating the world," said James Bernard, a Park Slope resident and founder of hip hop mags the Source and XXL. "I'd like to see this work, but you'll need to have more than just magazines, murals, and music in the hallway."

To wit, the young deejay would have to cater to the older generation of hip hop fans who have money and still love old-school parties, according to Bernard.

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## HOCKEY...

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third season at the Aviator Sports and Recreation Center — which the team's rabid fans call the Hangar — in Mill Basin this fall. "It's no secret that this hockey team is not a money-making operation, but we know it can be. That's why we're looking for alternate sources of income. We're taking it step by step and hope that nothing about the team will change."

But sources from inside the Federal Hockey League, which the Aviators belong to, aren't surprised that the Aviators are in trouble — minor league teams are notorious for bleeding cash, they said.

"Everybody loses money in this venture, the Danbury Whalers are probably the

only team that makes money right now," said a source close to the Aviators. "It's minor league sports and it's a product you have to build."

The Brooklyn Aviators — formerly the Brooklyn Aces — exploded onto the minor-league skating scene during the Federal Hockey League's premier 2010-2011 season. The A's won 21 straight games during its freshman year, ending the season as the Federal Hockey League's top-ranked team before falling to the hated Akwesasne Warriors in the fourth round of the Commissioner's Cup series.

Last season was less impressive: the Aviators finished in fourth place, before being defeated by the Danbury Whalers in the first round of the playoffs.

## BIKES...

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who was killed by a truck driver in Fort Greene in September 2010. Cops didn't pursue the case until 10 days after his death because they incorrectly believed he there was no risk he would lose his life.

The case of Clara Heyworth, a marketing director killed by a drunk driver in Fort Greene in July 2011. The District Attorney could not pursue the case because police did not go arrive at the scene until at least three days after the crash, limiting the amount of evidence obtained.

The case of Mathieu Lefevre, an artist killed by a truck driver in October 2011. Cops made errors in the police report, failed to collect evidence at the scene,

and are now facing a lawsuit from the victim's family for allegedly withholding videos and documents from their investigation.

Levin's bill comes after a recent city Council hearing proved the department's policies are not in line with state law.

State law requires police to investigate crashes between vehicles — both car-on-car and car-on-bike accidents — when "serious physical injury" occurs.

But the NYPD's patrolman's handbook is not consistent with that law, noting that cops must investigate only when "death is likely."

Levin's bill would change that. It calls for the agency to have at least five so-called Accident Investigation Squad

officers trained at each precinct, bumping up the number from 19 to 380 citywide. One such officer would be on call at all times in each precinct.

That increase in training and perhaps manpower is a step in the right direction, said Steve Vaccaro, a lawyer for Lefevre's parents.

"It's a wonderful idea," he said. "Life-changing crashes deserve a meaningful assessment."

A spokeswoman from the Police Department did not respond to requests for comment by press time.

But bicycle advocates cheered the bill, which Levin must now bring before his peers in a yet-to-be scheduled Council hearing.

"Horrible, life-changing crashes shouldn't go unresolved," said Michael Murphy of Transportation Alternatives.

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Index No. 56971/2011  
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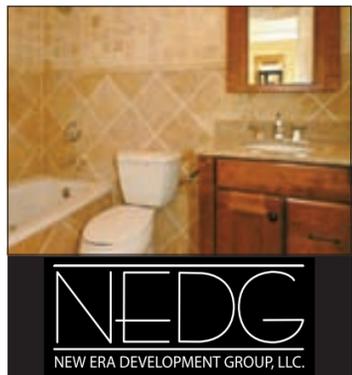
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