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Cyclones write a check Judge's

City audit: Brooklyn, SI teams owed big bucks

Ry Gersh Kuntzman
for The Brooklyn Papers

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soft found that the team dat no reimbarce, the city for more than
— plus \$29,785 against future

\$20,000 the city not of \$25,00 to
its share of signage revenue, rang
up almost \$35,000 in late renipayment fees, and have not repaid
nearly \$9,000 that the city overpaid the team in parking revenue.
The team's total debt was close
to \$400,000. The Vankees have
creatly paid \$75,000 — but still
contest the remainder.

New Cyclones mascot "Pee Wee" (right) with original mascot Sandy the Seagull at Keyspan Park Monday.



Clones take 3 from SI Yanks

By Vince DiMiceli

The Brookpn Fapers

While the Yankees have dominated the Mets during inter-league play this year, the fortunes have been flipped down in the minor leagues.

The Brooklyn Cyclones, a New York Mets affiliate, continued their domination of the Staten Island Yankees this week with wins Monday and Wednesday nights at Keyspan Park and Tuesday night across the grant of the property of t

against the Baby bomners in incl. unce unce season. We direct with two outs in the bottom of the ninth, shortstop David Reaver singled to left, scoring Travis Cartesian and the season of the season and the season. The hit bailed out closer Rober Paulk, who had the allowed the tying run to score in the eighth. Paulk, who retired the side in order in the ninth, picked up his first win of the season. He also has four saves. On Monday, four Brooklyn pitchers combined to shutout the Yankees 3-0, with starter Matthew Lindstrom striking out five over five and two thirds innings to earn the win.

win.
The right-hander was helped some by sloppy Yankee base running in the third when, after Tyson Hanish led off with a See SERIES on page 2

victims

Women paying price in scandal

The Brooklyn Papers

Brooklyn Supreme Court
Judge Gerald Garson has been
accused of turning his judge's
chambers into a marketplace
where divorce case litigants
could proffer cash and cigars in
exchange for a favorable ruling.

While District Attorney Charles
Hynes has taken on the task of
prosecuting the case, the woman
who led the DA's office to Garson

who led the DA's office to Garson says her battle is far from over. Freida Hanimov, 34, who wore a wire for prosecutors while preg-nant, is still in the middle of the custody battle that prompted her to

go to prosecutors.

She said that while her case has been transferred to a new judge,

She said that while her case has been transferred to a new judge, she's nunning out of cash. "I am broke, I don't have a penny," said Hanimov, who just returned to work as a nurse in Mill Basin this week after giving birth oher fourth child in February. Her husband, a jeweler, was not ordered by Garson to pay alimony. Hanimov's case is not unique.



Dozens of women have come forward since Garson was caught on tape allegedly taking bribes to fix divorce cases.

Also indicted in the scheme were lawyer Paul Siminovsky, who allegedly bribed Judge Garson on behalf of clients, Nissim Elmann, a kered deals for Siminovsky; Court Officer Louis Salerno, who allegedly assured that bribe cases were heard in Judge Garson's court; and Avraham Levi, 48, a See WOMEN on page 13

Road to Nathan's through Jersey

July 4 contest tryouts are a mouthful

By John O'Connor

for The Broodspr Papers

Brian Selichen, the world pickle-eating champ (2.5 pounds in 5
minutes), stood in the sunbaked parking lot of the Molly
Pitcher Travel Plaza off the
New Jersey Tumpike last Friday, contemplating the best approach to speed-eating hot dogs.

He boged to dispose of 16 dogs
and buss in 12 minutes.

The occasion was a qualifying
contest for the Natham's Famous
hot dog-eating championship, the



Two contestants in this year's hot dog-eating contest, "Crazy Legs" Conti and Eric "Badlands" Booker, at South Street Seaport Monday.

4th of July fireworks Fri. street closings

PAGE 11

Beld every July 4 in Coney Island. In order to compete at Nathan's you must first win one of 17 qualities of the page 12 per section of the page 12

than the average person), he enjoys doing it. 'I'm here just for the
fun of it.' he said.

Thanks in part adhan's contest,
eleging competitions have popped
up all around the country in the
past few years.

To name just a few, there are
contests for holdogs, ice cream,
jalapeno peppers, hardboiled eggs,
mayonnaise, oysters, matzo balls
and even pan-seared cow brains.
For TV and the Discovery Chanjalapeno peppers, hardboiled eggs,
mayonnaise, oysters, matzo balls
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For TV and the Discovery Chanand there is now a governing body
called the International Federation
of Competitive Eating (IFOCE),
which claims to have 3,000 eaters,
or "gurgitators," in its ranks and
more than 150 events planned for
the coming year.

As one might imagine, gurgitans to the heavyset, Selica
See HOT DOGS on page 11

Judge-pick challengers

By Patrick Gallahue

By Patrick Gallahue
The Brooklyn Papers

The Working Families Party
threw down the gauntlet this
week — or gavel as it were —
announcing it would screen
and run its own candidates for
the bench against the Brooklyn
Democrats Democrats

"Everybody knows that we're in a judicial crisis," said Working Families Party co-chair Bertha

Lewis on Tuesday in a rally outside Brooklyn Supreme Court. "The process of selecting judges is really a farce."
"What we're trying to do here is offer an honest alternative," said

offer an honest alternative," said Dan Cantor, executive director of the Working Families Party, "Voters can be assured that anyone who is on Row E, the Working Families Party line, is independent." Working Families Party leaders See JUDGE-PICK on page 13

Ikea plan divides Red Hook

The Brooklyn Papers

The plan to build a massive like a home furnishings store in Red Hook has divided the community into two factions — those who welcome the store for the many hundreds of jobs it will bring and those who deride the amount of traffic the big box

store will bring to a relatively quiet neighborhood.

On the one side are a growing number of civic associations in Red Hoka and surrounding communities, with a regue that proposed box stores will clog. Red Hook and neighboring communities with traffic. These activists—the most vocal of whom is John Mechetrick, co-chairman of the Red Hook

Civic Association — here also said that the community's primary need is that the community's primary need is that the community's primary need is the community's primary need is the said west," said Dorothy Shields, Said Feather and West," said Dorothy Shields, Said Feather and West, "said Dorothy Shields, Said Feather and West," said Dorothy Shields, Said Feather and West," said Dorothy Shields, Said Feather and West, "said Dorothy Shields, Said Feather and West," said Dorothy Shields, Said Feather and West, "said Dorothy Shields, East and West," said Dorothy Shields, East and West," said Dorothy Shields, East and West, "said Dorothy Shields, East and West," said Dorothy Shields, East and West, "said Dorothy Shields, East and West," said Dorothy Shields, East and West, "said Dorothy Shields, East and West," said Dorothy Shields, East and West, "said Dorothy Shields, East and West, "said Dorothy Shields, East and West," said Dorothy Shields, East and West, "said Dorothy Shields, East and West," said Dorothy Shields, East Tenants Association and a 4-5-war Red Hook Houses, who point to the neighborhout's inordinate powers, and the said of the

BHA: More voices on Park needed By Patrick Gallahue

Members of the Brooklyn Heights

availurers or the Brooklyn Heights Association voiced concerns this week that the next phase of the planning and design for Brooklyn Bridge Park was lacking in opportunities for communi-ty input.

"The procedure that they're following is not designed to have the same sort of public comment that we are used to either in the

park's design process or ULURP [Uniform Land Use Review Procedure]." Deindre Car-son, a former president of the BHA who cur-rently chairs its Brooklyn Bridge Park com-nitiee, told The Brooklyn Papers his week. Representatives of the BHA made their comments to members of the Brooklyn Bridge Park Development Corporation of the Brooklyn Bridge of the Park Development Corporation of an En-

at a public meeting in preparation of an En-vironmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the See **BHA** on page 10



Lightened-up

Borough President Marty Markowitz (left) brought his month-long "Lighten Up Brooklyn" campaign to a close Sunday at the Coney Island boardwalk. This year's program emphasized fitness to get a beach-friendly bod, and Markowitz joined the Figments dance ensemble and a giant Angelica (of TVS Rugrats) for the final workout.

Safety GAP

Popular eateries busted for tax fraud By Patrick Gallahue

The Boodsyn Papers

A state tax investigation into illicit under-the-table payments for catered parties has led to several well-known Brooklyn dining establishments, in Carroll

Gardens, Bay Ridge and Fulton two computers, according to reports.

In all, 23 restaurants were raided

in Bay Ridge.
Marco Polo, Pazzo and Pete's
Downtown stood out among the
Brooklyn diming spots under investigation as the few non-Russian-owned
business targeted. Both Marco Polo
and Pete's Downtown are frequented See **EATERIES** on page 11

INSIDE THE PAPER





Sandy's found a new friend

On Sunday night, the Cyclones introduced a new mascot — Pee Wee — a slimmed-down version of Sandy the Seagull who was hatched from an egg found by Sandy earlier this year.

by Sandy earlier mis year.

The new fan favorite wears
its Cyclones cap (with propeller spinning wildly atop it) back-wards, has red shorts and blue high-top sneakers, which are probably much more comfort-able and easier on the feet then Sandy's beach sandals. It is not yet known who left Pee Wee

named for Brooklyn
Dodgers captain Pee Wee
Reese — for Sandy to find, but

By Gersh Kuntzman

Tri-City 2

Cyclones 1

June 25 at Brooklyn

The Clones' five-game
winning streak ended in a
classic pitchers' duel between
Tri-City starter Derick Grigsby (1-1) and Cyclone ace Matt
Lindstrom, who left after five
shutout innings (extending his
scoreless innings streak to 12.)

Tri-City 2

we're pretty sure the General, the famous rooster of Grand Army Plaza, had something to do with it. — Vince DiMiceli Don't cork it

Don't cork it
Rookie Ryan Harvey doesn't miss the ping, but he does
in the Board of the Board
The 23-year-old Californian joined the Cyclones having never used a wooden bat
in his entire career — not in
Little League, not in Babe
Ruth, not in high school and
not in college. In his senior
year at the University of California-Riverside, he hit 411
with nine homers, thanks in
part to his metallic wand.
Bat wood is the only material you can bring to the batters

sixth-inning triple. The Cy-clones drew first blood in the second inning on Seth Pietsch's team-leading third home run of the season. But the team would manage only four other hits the rest of the

four other hits the rest of the night (including a Piessch double). Pietsch ended the game dramatically, just missing a two-out, two-run game-winning homer in the bottom of the ninth.

His one-bounce throw from right field in the top of the inning gunned down a Valley Cat at the plate and kept the score at 2-1.

WHO'S A BUM!

The Papers' Pick for Cyclones Player of the Week

"Oregon Peach." Elder Seth
Petesch ended the week slow
(not playing in Tuesday night's
contest), but started fast, playing well even while the Clones
were not, thus earning this
Petesch beach keep the seth of the close of the close were not, thus carning this

They're calling him the we

First baseman Seth Pietsch has three homers on the season



box in professional baseball. The first week of the season saw Harvey struggling to adjust. "You can't let yourself get beat with wood like you can with aluminum," he said. "And the wood bat has a much small-er sweet spot." That was clear from Harvey's first hit as a Cy-clone: He broke his bat.

The Cyclones took an early lead in the second inning when Tony Piazza — the catcher who's not related to the Mets Mike Piazza — in

the Mets Mike Piazza — in his first at bat as a Cyclone, that and Sacrifice fly, scorring Seth Pietsch, who led off the inning with a single.

But that was all the Cyclones would get as two Vyalley Cats strangled the home team. Greg Ramirez (0-1) took the loss.

"But my second hit had such a great sound," he said. "I don't miss the 'ping' of an aluminum bat at all." After a slow start, Harvey is — Gersh Kuntzman

Free-for-all

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By non, everyone knows
that Brooklyn Papers sports
columnist Ed Shakespeare's
book about the Cyclones' first
season, "When Baseball Returned to Brooklyn," has been
difficult to find at your local
book store, despite the fact
that it is available at Amazon.com, with a direct link
(www.brooklynappers.com).
But what about those people

Tri-City 3 Iune 27 at Brooklyn

Intervity 3 June 27 at Brooklyn
The Cyclones drew first blood again, with another second-inning Piazza sac fly. He hit another tune-scoring sacrifice in the fourth. In the sixth, ander In-City had briefly taken and triple. Pinch-runner Derran Watts scored on a groundout. Seth Pietsch plated Rashad Parker in the seventh on a safety squeeze. Three Cyclone pitchers — satter Shane Hawk (three innings), reliever Brian Bamister (who got the win and is 1-0) and closer Robert Paulk (kind' save) — muzzled the Valley Cats. — Cyclone 5

New Jersey 0 June 28 at New Jersey (game 2)

June 28 at New Jersey (game 2)
In the first game, Brooklyn
took an early lead in the second inning and kept on scoring, thanks to RBIs from
Canadian Shawn Bowman,
Rashad Parker, Tony Piazza,
Ian Bladergreen and Jesus
Linares. Starter Bob Keppel
gave up three runs in the
fourth, but relievers Javier

Cyclones 6 New Jersey 3 — especially those who sit with or near Shakespeare behind the Cyclones dugout at just about every home game—who don't have access to the Internet, and, quite possibly, don't want to pay full price. That scenario played out right before our eyes prior to a game last week, when a friendly fan screamed the following toward a busil venort.

lowing toward a busily report-ing Shakespeare from the stands:

former Cyclone pitchers have felt at least part of the thrill of pitching a no-hit, no-run this year for the Port St. Lucie

Mets, one of the Mets 'two full season class-A teams, Mets, one of the Mets' two full season class-A teams, On May 9, former Cyclones pitchers Wayne Ough and Mike Cox combined to blank the Tampa Yankees, 5-0. A few weeks later, another former Cyclone. Ken Chemard, all only to be relieved by Cox, who got the save with two similarly stings ynnings. (The game was only seven innings because it was part of a doubecause it was part of a dou-bleheader, but it does officially count as a no-hitter)

Pitching in

Ridin'the Cyclones

with Gersh Kuntzman

hey say you can't tell the players without a scorecard, so last week, my estermed colleague Ed Shakespeare provided, ed just that, profiling the position players who comprise this year's grity Cyclones team.

But while by sicks and mifty defense may put the famines in the seats and make for flashy newspaper columns, pitching is what wins ballgames. So with all due respect to Mr. Shakespeare, here's a look at the starters and relievers who will keep the Cyclones on top of the New York-Penn League this season (with comments from Brooklyn pitching coach Hector Berrios).

The starters

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Comments from Brooklyn patching coach Hector Bermos).

The starters

Brian Bannister, 22: Son of major league journeyman lefty
Phoyd Bannister, righty Brian was drafted by the Mets out of the
University of Southern

California in the seve.

Don't be deceived by
his 6.5 record during
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his hast year at USC.
This Scottsdael, Ariz.
native was the team's
No.-1 starter and has
already shown greas
uniform, challeng up a
win and a save in three
outings (including up a
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outings (including up a
strikeouts in just 8 1/3
innings).

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Shane Hawk, 21: A fourth-round draft pick this year, this big, 6-foot-4" lefty wants you to know that he's not from Key West, Fla, despite what the Cyclones press office keeps claiming. He's an Oklahoma native with a humble demeanor and a hard fastball. The Brooklyn Connection: None — except that some of awk's teammates at Oklahoma State University were from

The Brooklyn Connection: None — except that some of Hawk's teammates at Olkalomas State University were from Brooklyn.

"I learned the accent, at least," Hawk said.

Fin Fact: Hawk's favorie movie is the legendary Brooklyn version of The Olyses," The Warrios". "It's a great film," he said. eccption on his changeup, He really attacks hitter."

Matthew Lindstrom, 23: Still a vigin when it comes to giving up runs, Lindstrom has now pitched 17 25 innings without allowing his opponents to socre, good neough for a 2-0 record. He grew up in Rechurg, Lidsho and graduated from Ricks Junior College ber in Rechurg, Lidsho and graduated from Ricks Junior College ber in Rechurg, Lidsho and graduated from Ricks Junior College her being drafted in the 10th round in 2020. With the Cyclones, his 650x4 righty has shown a strong fastball and ance changeup. The Intrody North Connection: Lindstorn believes his great grandiation. The Rick Matthew a Mormon, speaks fluent Swedish, thanks a two-year missionary tip to Sweden from 1999-2001!

Berrios Bite: "He has overpowering stuff, with a 92-mph fast-all and a good curve and slider."

Mateo Miramontes, 21: Another tall righty, Miramontes was drafted in the sixth round this year as a junior out of University of Newada-Reno. In college, this California native pitched three two-hittens in a row, thanks to a stuming curve that, as Bob Dylan voce said. "breaks just like a little gift."

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Herrins Bite: "He's a long lanky guty, but your guess is as good as mine what he'll do."

Tanner Osberg, 20e Briefly a Cyclone in 2002, this 6-foot-4 lefty is the spitting of the notation, with an aggressive approach to the game that cornes from growing up playing lockey in Canada, the spitting of the control of the game that cornes from growing up playing lockey in Canada, the simple that the control of the spitting of the shed life is mother hatted hockey, Osberg shifted to baseball. He's recognizable on the bench, thanks to his thick silver braid-style chain and the curses servalved on the inside of his baseball cap, which fire him up as he's pitching.

The Brootly Connection: Osberg believes he is the first member of his family to set foot in Brooklyn.

Fan Fact: Tanner is learning guitar and wants to be in an alternative neck bendi

of a major leaguer."

Greg Ramirez, 22: Another strapping righty out of California, Ramirez was a 22nd-tound pick from Pepperdine, where he went 9-3 with a 2.88 ERA his senior year. The Brooklyn Connection: None at all. Ramirez had never been east of Kansus until being drafted by the Mets. Fin Fear: Ciech has won awards for his watercolor paintings! Berrios Bine: Taelly don't know what to expect!"

Relievers

Relievers
Carlos Muniz, 22: A closer at California State University at
Long Beach, the righty Muniz will be a setup man with the Cyclones. His fashful, change and sider are so good, he says, that
this 13th-round pick doesn't even have a curve.
The Brookly Comnection: Muniz's griffriend is from Washington Heights and, he believes, she has been to Brooklyn on
several occasions.
Fun Fact: When he's not pitching, Carlos loves to go deep-se
fishing! His favorite fish is tunal
Borrios Bite: "He shows really good stuff, with a fastball
down that Pome and a Bate:"

Berrios Bite: "He shows really good stuff, with a fastball down in the zone and a sider."

Javier Ochoa, 24: A former catcher in the Houston Astros organization, Ochoo clearly likes his new role as a relever. At press time, he had yet to give up a run in two appearances and had runck out six in 3 and 23 imings.

The Brooklyn Connection: Ochoo's Coney Island.

The Brooklyn Connection: Ochoo's a gent lives in Manhattun and tuld him he's down the people of the ochoo he can be for a for his fore-bread, and the huge gash near his chin, when he fell of a roof in snative Venencheal trying to pick a guayahs off a high tree as a kid! That must be some damm good fruit!

Berrios Bite: "He camed his way to the staff with a great spring and lots of consistency."

Robert Paulk, 22: All of 170 pounds when he's dripping wet, Paulk is the baby-faced flamenthrower who will be the Cyclones' closer on the field and its sprittud center off the field.

"I flae living my life for the Lord," he said. "I want to be the light for these guys," Paulk was dratted in the 24th round in 2002, but The Brooklyn Connection: "I like Brooklyn, There are more people in one block than there are in my entire homeown of Madison, Florida."

Fun Fact: When he's not pitching, Robert enjoys hunting—and always eats what he kills!

Berrios Bite: "He has a great curve and he throws lots of strikes. He'll get a lot of saves for us."

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stands:
"Hey Shakespeare!" the fan
yelled. "What do I gotta pay
you to get a free copy of your
book!?!" — DiMiceli Alumni News

Although no Cyclone has ever pitched a no-hitter, three

Oh, those darned Tri-City Wildcats two-thirds innings.

New Jersey 1

Brooklyn 0 Brooklyn 0
Statter Tanner Osberg (0-1, 169 ERA) pitched well in defeat, but Cardinal starter Josh Brey pitched even better, throwing six and two-thirds shutout innings. The Cyclones threatened several times. In the sixth, David Reaver, Ryan Harvey, and Seth Pietsch hit combases with one out. But Tony Piazza hit into a double-play.

Ochoa and Carlos Muniz shut down the Cardinals. Piazza added an RBI in the seventh. In game two, Brooklyn again struck first when Parker singled on the first pitch, stole second, and was driven in by an Ina Bladegroen triple. That turned out to be the That turned out to be the Brooklyn pitches Ryan Dan-ly, Taylor George, and Robert Paulk blanked the Cardinals. Paulk induced a doubtle-play with the bases loaded in the bottom of ninth for his fourth save.

George got the win because



A Lotto cash

Tony McQuade (far left) walks off with check for just \$1,000 after missing chance to win \$1 million during contest sponsored by New York Lottery at Keyspan Park Friday.

SERIES...

Continued from page 1 walk, Lindstrom picked him off with a quick throw over to first. Lindstrom then walked Andre Randolph, who was quickly thrown out trying to steal second with a perfect peg from catcher Yunir Garcia.

steal second with a perfect per from catcher Yunif Garcia. Lindstrom stayed out of any trouble until the sixth when, after striking out Ran-dolph and inducing Yelky Cabrera to ground to third, he hit Alexander Santa with a pitch. After a visit from the Yankees trainer, Santa hobb Trankees trainer, Santa hobb Trankees trainer, Santa hobb Trankees trainer, Santa hobb Lindstrom then walked Hector Zamora, which brought out manager Tim Teufel who brought in right-hander Taylor George to pitch to Yankees clean-up hitter Edwar Gonza-lez. George caught Gonzalez Locking and the threat. Meanwhile, Yankees starte Jeffrey Karstens was himself cruising, giving up just ree-nings, before the bottom fell out. With two out in the fifth.

hist over the first 4 and 2/3 mings, before the bottom fell out.

With two out in the fifth, back-to-back doubles by Garcia and Rashad Parker brought home the first run of the game, before a single by last-minute replacement Corey Coles brought home the speedy Parker. Ian Bladergroen then doubled in Coles to plate the final Clones run, ending the night for Karstens, Witcheler.

Tim Worthington and Carloss Muniz combined to pitch the final two frames, securing the Cyclones when the Cyclones with Cyclones with Cyclones with Cyclones who of Parker States of the Yankes, who fell 7-3 eesson-high 12 hits.

But it was shouldy defense by the Cyclones who developed their downfall.

With the Cyclones up 2-1 in the fifth, Rashad Parker worked a one-out walk, which brought up land Baldergroen. The first basenam grounded Slevin bould slev

double play. The official scorer ruled it a hit, as Slevin did eventually throw late to first, but the couldn't be so charisable on the next batted ball, table to the next batted ball, table to see the plaza, who grounded to third baseman Hector Zamora. Camora charged the ball, catching it on the infield grass before unwisely — and awk-wardly — throwing toward second base in hopes of getting a double play, instead, the lower play in the play in t

the Cyclones scored three runs on one very questionable hit. Cyclones starter Greg Ramirez pitched well over four innings of work, striking out four white giving up just one hit and one run. He made way for Ivan Maldonado, who got his first five outs by way of the strikeout, earning him the win.

Robert Paulk closed things

out in the ninth, throwing jus one pitch to earn his league leading fifth save of the year.

one pitch to earn his league-leading fifth save of the year. **Notes**Retired Met outfielder Brett Butler was on hand for Tuesday night's game on Staten Island, where he coached first base, as was Floyd Bannister, former major league pitcher and Inther of Cyclome Brian Bannister. ... Two solo Brian Bannister and the same state of the Bullpark at St. George Tuesday, as designated hitter Statey Bennett opened the scoring with a blast over the right field fence, and Ian Bladergroen knocked a mammoth shot over the right-centerfield wall in the seventh ... The Yankees and excent fines the season, and Cyclome stan sinterested in visiting St. George to watch one of three remaining games there can do so easily, as the contests have not been selling out there. Approximately 1,000 seas were available for Tuesday night's game.

The easiest way to



We've always made it easy to get to Coney Island. Even though we're rehabilitating Stillwell Ave. Station, this year will be no different.

Weekends and holidays, May 24 to September 7.

Here are two ways to help make your trip to Coney Island a little easier during the reconstruction of the Stillwell Avenue Station. BY TRAIN

• The W train remains the only train going to the Stillwell Avenue Station. Transfers to the W can be made by F riders at 4 Ave.-9 St. Station. And Q riders at Atlantic Ave.-Pacific St. Station.

TWO NEW FREE BEACH BUSES

- F Beach Bus will run non-stop between Avenue X (the last stop on the F train) and the Cyclone Roller Coaster between 8 AM and 11 PM. Bus runs every few minutes during peak travel hours.
- Q Beach Bus will run non-stop between Sheepshead Bay (the next to last stop on the Q train) and the Cyclone Roller Coaster between 8 AM and 11 PM. Board at the front of the train for an easy connection to the beach bus. Bus

runs every few minutes during peak travel hours.

F and Q trains return to the Stillwell Avenue Station in the spring of 2004.



A seal called Gowanda

By Patrick Gallahue
The Booolyn Pero Gowanda."
The Gowanus Canal Community Development Corporation has officially bestowed in the Gowanus Canal Community Development or Gowanus Canal in April.

"We have seen the return of birds, fish and other marine life to the Gowanus Canal in April.

"We have seen the return of birds, fish and other marine life to the Gowanus Canal in Community of the Commun

of the development corpora-tion.

Shortly after the seal was discovered, the development corporation launched a contest to name the aquatic mammal, the group's de facto new mas-cot. The winning name was suggested by Susan O'Doher-ty, of Brookly Heights, who collected a \$100 prize.

An official ceremony to name the seal had not been scheduled by mess time.



The young seal discovered in the Gowanus Canal, photographed in April, has been christened "Gowanda" and will soon be released.

corporation function of one of the country of Broodlyn Heights, who could be suggested by Susan O'Doberty, of Broodlyn Heights, who collected a \$100 prize. An official ceremony to mane the seal had not been scheduled by press time. On April 8, Govanda to The April 9, Govanda to Septected to be returned to the wild in the seal was found by John Foundation spokesman told

The Brooklyn Papers on Wednesday.

The discovery laid to rest the nagging question in Carroll Gardens, Gowanus and Red Hook as to whether a seal could possibly have been seen in the canal two years ago.

In March 2001, a Bay Ridge high school teacher swimming in the canal two doubted the assertion, believing he actually saw a dog, but Dil ascio offered a \$100 bounty for anyone who could provide evidence that a seal had



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Water taxi returns this week

By Patrick Gallahue

By Patrick Gallahue
The Booslyn Papers
After almost a month of curbed service from Fulton Ferry
Landing, New York Water Taxi will return with a splash.
The ferry service is bedring up in fixed of three canamarans to
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route, to the west side of Manhatun.
A recall on an engine part has forced New York Water Taxi
since June 13 to suspend its morning and evening service from
Pulton Ferry Landing, which runs from 6.30 ant to 9.30 an and
4 pm to 7 pm. The company has taken alternate boats out of the
harbor in order to replace the part.
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Association — is expected to begin sharling passengers, as well.
The third week in July, the company is expecting the delivery
of its fifth catamaran, the Schuyler Meyer, named for the former
chairman of the Edwin Gould Foundation, who was a founding
member of the state Council on Waterways. And in the last week
of August as sixth boat, the Edward Rogowsky, is expected to join
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Chamber honors B'klyn buildings

By Patrick Gallahue
The Brooklyn Chamber
of Commerce honored 11
recent construction projects borough-wide, including several new additions
to Downtown and Park Slope, at its third annual
Building Brooklyn Awards.
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the chamber — representing
more than \$360 million in investment — were the Donald

more than \$360 million in in-vestment — were the Donald F. and Mildred Topp Othmer Residence Hall at Polytechnic University, the new Brooklyn Tabernacle and the Prospect Park Audubon Center.

Chamber President Kenneth Adams handed out the awards on June 19 along with City Planning Commissioner Dolby Williams, Economic Develop-ment Corporation President Andrew Alper and Hank Auf-ber's Business Attraction and Retention Count.

"We're making Brooklyn one of the greatest places to live and work," Alper said. The winners were chosen from more than 100 submiss-comprised of architects, devel-opers and city officials. The 54 President President President President Francisco President President President President Francisco President President President President Francisco President President President President President President Francisco President President President President President President Francisco President President

in the category of Residential Development for its contribution of the contribution

ing." Adams said.

The building, designed by the Prospect Park Alliance, has attracted about 1,000 visitors a week since it opened in April 2002.

Another Downtown Brode-Another Downtown Brode-Handber Downtown Brode-Handber was the \$39 million restoration of the former 1918 Loews Metropolitan Theater at 17 Smith St. as the new home of the Brooklyn Taber-nacle. The tabernacle's three Sunday sorvices attract more three three three Grammy Award-winning gospel choir.

DUMBO's Kiee restaurant, which moved into a 19th-century brick building at 81 Wischington Grammer 1918 Wischington Grammer 1918 Wischington Grammer 1918 and David Selig were the architects and builders of the restaurant.

The Gibb Mansion, at 218
Gates Ave. in BedfordStuyvesant, which is owned
by the Pratt Area Community
Council and was designed by
Beth Cooper Lawrence, was
Residential/Non-profit. The
1850s mansion was restored
and connected to a newly constructed four-story wing to
create 71 studio apartments
for low-income tenants and
formerly homeless people living with HIV and AIDS.
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as McKibbon Park, in Williamsburg; the Smith Gray
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Computer heist at Slope school

sured and would be replaced by September when the scholor y-begins again for its 800 studens.

"We are greatly disappointed that we suffered this temporary and back to our educational program." said Mark Cromie, Berkeley-Car-roll's associate head of school. "We are working with the local po-terior of the second of the school." We are working with the local po-terior of the school was not completely located of its computers, however. The school was not completely located of its computers, however, Another computer lab in the building was left untouched. The building on Lincoh Place is currently being utilized for its summer arts pregnam, for children between ages 8 and 44, which of-fers courses in dance, music, visual arts and creative writing.

Getting it right...

In the June 23 edition, a quote attributed to William Muller, spokesman for the U.S. Attorney's Office Eastern District, mistakenly read that the office was looking into former Councilinan Angel Rodrigues, planted "Indee (elips Angel's Winger,") should have read that Muller could neither confirm nor deny whether Rodrigues's past votes were being investigated.

In the article headlined "Last call sounds Between Bridges," in the June 23 edition, Shaya Boynedgeren was mistaken ji dentified as Cara Development's partier in the Light Bridges at Jay Street development in DUMBO. The project is a joint wenture between Cara Development and Jeffrey M. Brown Associates.

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girl, also 13, and an 18-year-old man were arrested. Police recovered all the trap-pings of what may have been a romantic evening in the works, including three boxes of batter-ies, 59 disposable lighters, the "all night long" supplements and four boxes of Tylenol and two boxes of Alka-Seltzer.

Bike thief
A 34-year-old man's 2002
Yamaha motorcycle vanished
from the corner of Columbia
Heights and Clark Street on June
24. The victim parked his bike at
1 am and returned an hour later Bike thief

Two rule-breakers were ar-rested after they allegedly at-tempted to beat each other up with a measuring stick. Cops said the scuffle broke out at 11:45 am in an office on Jay Street at John Street, on June 26. The fight ended with the two men struggling over a ruler, police said.

Snatcher loses

A would-be purse-snatcher might want to pump iron before trying to grab more handbags.

According to police, a diminutive delinquent grab a 39-year-old woman's purse on the corner of Clinton and Amity streets at 10-40 pm on June 27.

The victim was shoved to the

Rule of law

drants. In addition, the new law states that the boxes can't be chained to light poles or any other city property, but can be strung together. A litany of oth-er regulations, such as the size of the boxes and their upkeep, is also monitored.

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ground but held on to her bag and the mugger — estimated to be about 5-foot-6 and 135 —aunds — gave up and filed.

pounds — gave up and fle Batters ATM

A burglar abused an ATM in a DUMBO restaurant but left its valuables untouched between 1:30 am and 4 am on June 23 on Washington Street, between Front and York streets.

The burglar tore the ATM off the wall. Only \$5 was reported stolen from the business*

To Hall & back

To get to Carnegie Hall takes practice, practice, practice — but it helps to have some wheels

but it helps to have some wheels to get home.

A 1995 Honda Accord disappeared from its parking space as its owner spent the evening at the finance concert hall on June 24.

The victim, 79, had parked her car on Court Street, at the corner of Bergen Street, at about 4 pm and then proceeded to the subway for the rest of her trip. When she returned to her parking spot at midnight, it was gone.

Mountain jam

A burglar broke into a woman's home on Butler Street, between Court and Smith streets, while she slept.

The victim, 45, told police that between 12:35 am and 5:30 am, on June 25, a prowler slote two mountain bikes from the basement. The bikes were valued at \$350.

Bully brawl

A 12-year-old boy was set upon by three boys in the schoolyard of MS 142 on Henry Street, between Second Place and Third Place, on June 25.

According to police, at about 2 pm, three bullies punched the boy and stole \$2.

Youth Officer Stephen For-syth, of the 76th Precinct, caught two 13-year-old suspects. A third is still being sought.

Clinton burgle

A burglar raided a home on Clinton Street, between Baltic and Kane streets, of 120 compact discs on June 30.

The thief snuck into the apartment through a bedroom window between 4:30 pm and 10 pm.

Bully brawl

POLICE BLOTTER

Randy runts

raid retailer

fine — ranging from \$250 to \$500 depending on the viola-tion — will be set at a later date. If the problems continue, the offending boxes can be re-moved.

moved.

Since the law went into effect, 1,000 notices of correction, and 5,000 infractions have been issued citywide, but have been issued citywide, but only 312 violations charged, an indication, said Kalb, that most publishers are working in compliance with the new

regulations.

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Weintrob.
The Brooklyn Papers was is-

The Brooklyn Papers was issued a notice of correction last week because of the location of a box in Brooklyn Heights. That violation was promptly.

"If people feel that it's an obstruction, then we comply," he said. "Of course, we'll clean graffiti, but destruction of property should be a community issue."

James Falcone of Park Lamber Selcone of Park and those that dispenses adversioned that hold newspapers and those that dispenses advertisements for real estate and adult education classes. He likened the latter boxes to a hot dog vendor or coffee cart.

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There are a lot of compromises in this legislation," said Koenig, "The First Amendment is a very powerful force."

Roy Sloane, who lives and works in Cobble Hill, has many of the same complaints as Falcone but sees room for compromise, A Cobble Hill presidents. promise. A Cobble Hill resident since 1975, he, too, has noticed an upsurge in news boxes in his neighborhood over the past

several years.
"When they first started to appear, we got quite a few complaints about them," said

monious with the historical district."

Still, he believes that once the DOT's system for regulating news boxes is up to speed, most of the problems will be corrected swiftly.

"I accepted (Keenig's) explanation that this was a new thing," said Stoam. "I thought for a beginning program that six weeks was not so bad at all."



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News box rules begin

CB6 panel eyes enforcement

By Jotham Sederstrom

for The Broodyn Papear

Enforcement of the city's new law regulating the placement, size and maintenance of news boxes is underway, the Community Board of transportation committee was told June 26, but some committee members complained they hadn't yet seen results.

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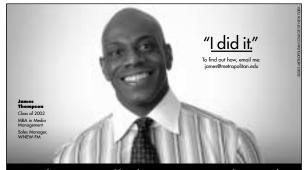
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"We 've been asking for truck enforcement forever and a day," said Cl6 & transportation committee member William
Blum. "We don't want to have to ask for
this enforcement, too."

Brooklyn Paper nover two of his news
boxes on Seventh Avenue in Park Slope,
explaining that those locations were prone
to vandalism and accumulations of trash.
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Dead in bathtub

By Patrick Gallahue

with gunshot wounds to his chest and tor-Hours later, shortly before 9 pm, police rrested Terrance James, 41, as a suspect

The Booslop Papers

A man returned to his Prospect
Park South home Thursday afternoon to find his roommate lying shot
to death in their bathtub.

The victim, Reginald Laguerre, 25, of
Pol Ocean Ave at Church Avenue, was
The roommate made the grisly discovery
at 32 30 pm on June 26. He told policy
he found Laguerre face up in the bathtub

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POLICE BLOTTER

Out the back door

By Patrick Gallahue

An employee of an office supplies store on Fourth Av-enue, between Third and Fourth streets was arrested on charges

streets, was arrested on charges of passing computers and equipment through a back door. According to police, the 37-year-old suspect partook in his back door, black market shenani-gans on June 26 and June 27, at gans on June 20 and June 27, at 12:45 pm and 2 pm, respectively. The suspect allegedly handed \$3,200 in computer equipment to

Air con

Days earlier, employees of a restaurant on Seventh Avenue between 11th and 12th streets, had gotten into an argument with a man hired to install their air conditioner. In the course of the row, the installer allegedly threatened to come back and rip the system out. I do not be the state of the control of the top of the control of the system out. I do not be shaded to the state of the system out. I do not shaded the state of the st

suspicions were piqued.
According to police, the bur-glar smashed the cash register, cracked the safe and ran off

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with a Sony Vaio laptop in ad-dition to the cash. Police are investigating.

Gym rat

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Someone broke into a
woman's locker while she exercised at a fitness center or Platbush Avenue at Sterling Place
on June 24.
cut ictim, 33, worked
out, between 12:35 pm and
2:30 pm, the cubby-robber
walked off with \$80, credit
cards, keys and jewely.

Late report

A man's 1988 Honda Civic disappeared from its parking space on Eighth Street, between Seventh and Eighth avenues,

seventh and Eighth avenues, sometime between 6 pm on June 22 and 7 pm on June 26. The victim, 57, decided to spend a couple of days scour-ing the neighborhood for the vehicle and collecting its paper-work before reporting it stolen on June 28.

Techie burglar

A burglar broke into a pair of apartments in a building on Sev-enth Avenue, between Second and Third streets, on June 24, while the victims were at work. The thief entered the building through a bathroom skylight, po-lice said, and robbed a 77-year-did woman's home of a \$500 Macintosh computer, sometime between 9 am and 7:50 pm. He then burgled a neighbor, 28, tak-ing off with misscallancous com-

Guest check

A check disappeared from a woman's home on Eighth Av-enue, between Berkeley Place and Union Street, after she hosted a party on June 16. The woman, 53, told police the unidentified party-pooper must have taken a blank check and forged and cashed it to the tune of \$4,450.



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Prospect Zoo spared ax

The Booklyn Papers

Brooklyn may be short four firehouses but the borrough will get to keep its Hamadryas baboons.

In the \$44 billion budget hashed out by the City Council and Mayor Michael Bloomberg, announced on Janue 23, the city restored \$48 million for operators of the paper of the pa

city funding to both zoos last April. During negotiations

with the council \$4.8 million was restored for Fiscal Year 2004. The remaining SI million gap will be closed through a reduction in expenses, according to the Wildlife Conservation Society, which runs the zoos, as well as the Bronx Zoo and the New York Aquarium in Concy Island.

To chart of the Conservation of the Concy Island. We were able to find enough savings to keep the Prospect Park Zoo open," said Park Slope Councilman Bill DeBlasio, "It's an important cultural institution for the children of Brooklyn." "New Yorkers rallied be

"New Yorkers rallied be-hind their zoos," said Wildlife

Conservation Society spokesman John Calvelli in a statement "We thank all of them, and of course, thank the mayor, the speaker, and the City Council for their actions."

In Brooklyn Heights, Councilman David Vassky amounced an additional \$500,000 of funding for interim socyue to soccer field for what will become Brooklyn Bridge Park, a planned commercial and activational development between Jay Street and Atlantic Avenue along the waterfront.

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"JBrooklyn Bridge Park See Seen spending their capital budget on the Environmental Impact Statement and paying a design team," Stasky said. "And I want to see some more concrete progress on the park. So this was additional funding to actually get attacted on the work."

Fort Greene Councilman

James Davis happily pointed to restorations to the cultural institutions in his district, which included millions to capital projects underway at the Brooklyn Public Library. Children's Museum, Botanic Garden and Academy of Music in addition to restorations to the control of the control of

equaling \$596,000. Davis also boasted of fighting to spare \$2.2 million in cuts to the Brooklyn Public Library as well as delivering \$4.8 million to the BAM Local Develop-

to the BAM Local Develop-ment Corporation for ongoing plans for a cultural district in Fort Greene.

Despite some good news in the 2004 budget, elected offi-cials were still smarting over the closing of firehouses and the elimination of 860 paraprofes-sional positions in the schools.

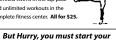
"The administration's in-transigence on the firehouse

issue, and its commitment to climinating school aide posi-tions in the Department of Ed-ucation were disappointing." DeBlasio said. "We will be watching the effect on public safety and on classroom in-struction very closely. The campaign to ropen our fire-houses continues." The city shuttered six fire-houses in May, four of which were in Brookly Durine the issue and its commitment to

were in Brooklyn. During the closings, Bloomberg was con-fronted with massive protests

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rumors that the stores might be combined for a single tenant. Others said they heard that the Hill Diner, at 231 Court St., would expand into the neigh-boring stores. The owner of the Hill Diner declined to comment this week but an employee said the diner By Patrick Gallahue

but an employee said the diner was not going to expand.

Nelson Martinez, who has well as the second of the second was a second of the second

The Brooklyn Papers

As the doors closed this week on the Brooklyn Friends Thrift Shop, and with time counting down on the neighboring Triunfel Grocery, neighbors are now wondering what may take their places.

Both buildings, at 227 and 229 Court St., between Warren and Balice streets in Boerum Hill, have been sold by owner.

Hill, have been sold by owner Elsie Vazquez, and the occu-pants are being evicted. One local merchant, who

spoke on condition of anonymity, said she had heard



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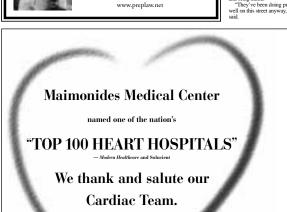


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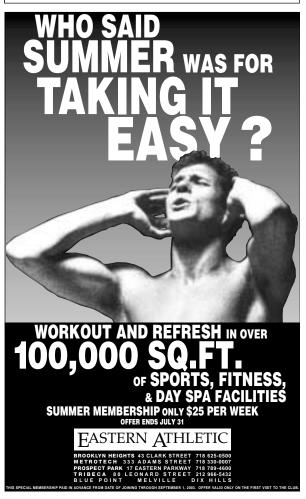
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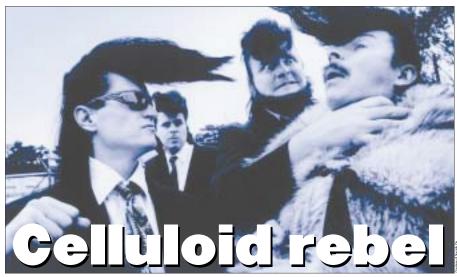
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Straight talk from filmmaker Aki Kaurismaki about maturity, Leningrad Cowboys and justice

By Kevin Filipski

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no film festival would be complete to the woodby pagers. The wunderkind of Finnish cinema, who then put out a new feature or two cach year—each a mix of impish humor, deadpan irony and a free-form rock 'n' roll ensibility—was seen as an antidote to the prevailing perception of too-serious. Then, Kourismals secreted to drop out of Estival programments accrued to drop out of Restival programments and moved onto the newest flavor of the month.

Now, when BAMcinematek presents "Kaurismaki Goes America" (July 10-27), viewers may be surprised at how consistent Kaurismaki has been over two decades of filmmaking, When his latest feature, "The Man diffusion a Past," played feetsthall but the state of the state o

CINEMA

"Kaurismaki Goes America," a series of films by Aki Kaurismaki, will be shown July 10-27 at BAMcinematek, 30 Lafsyette Ave. between Ahland Place and St. Felix Street in Fort Greene.
"Calamart Julion," July 10 at 4:30, 6:50 and 9:10 pm

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have divided my work roughly to three cate-gories: a) literal adaptations, b) the rock 'n' roll department, and c) social-realistic tragi-comedies, whatever that means. Of course all these genres are mixed together. I like playing with literal dramas and dealing with social questions but not without relaxing

with 'tock-nonense' row and then."

Kansirsmak's entire curver has mixed all three genres with delightful abandon. The movie after which the series is named, 1987's "Hamlet Goes Business" (July 19), is any updating of Shakespeare hat doesn't even ty to hide its basic ludicrousness; and-ther skewed take on a famous literary work, "Crime and Punishment" (July 11), was the direct's 1983 debut.

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minen are the director's go-to collaborators.
"I have worked with Timo almost 25
years, which means we just whistle during

Special K: Aki Kaurismaki's slapstick film "Leningrad Cowboys Go Ameri-ca" will be shown at BAMcinematek on July 13.

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the shooting," Kaurismaki wryly notes, "and the same goes with Kati — after 18 years, I write parts directly for her, and in ylast few films I have even the her improvise a bit in minor details ... which I then cut away at the editing table." One of Kaurismak's least-typical adaptations is 1999's black-and-white, dialogue-less drama" July 27), based July 27), based July 27), based Linguist of the control of th

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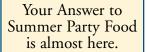
welist Amy Herrick will read from her new book. "The innes Code" (Viking, S2458), about a Broddyn family that discovers a halve on their doorstep, on hly 6 at 3 mr at Sumy's bar in Red Hook.

This week's Sundays a Sumny's program, coordinated by "Red Hook" author Gabriel Cohen, at the bar at 253 Gonover St. between Beard and Reed streets, will also include a reading by Black Nelson from his young adult novel. "The New Kules of High School," and a slade show of life on the street of the s



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make the difference between having a disability and not hav-ing one," said Rozentsvit. All of the treatments require the close follow-up care and monitoring

Genesis Fertility & Reproductive Medicine has announced its partici-pation in New York State's Infertility Demonstration

Infertility Demonstration
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treatments through this program designed to alleviate a
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come for in vitro fertilization (IVF) readment. "Fertility treatments are of-ten not fully covered by insur-ance, if covered at all, and in-fertile couples cannot always subsidize the costs," said Su-san M. Lobel, MD, director of the IVF program at Genesis. "Especially with IVF, the costs can be high and this makes it inaccessible to many patients.

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"We are delighted to be part of this program to help lessen the strain couples may feel when encountered with cost of treatment."

Genesis will evaluate padatomine elicibility.

tients to determine eligibility, using criteria set by the state Health Department. Genesis is

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New treatments can prevent many of the disabilities once considered an inevitable part of multiple sclerosis an auto-immune

In addition, timely treat-ment makes a tremendous dif-ference.

ment makes a tremendous dif-ference.

"It's important that people with MS [multiple sclerois] are diagnosed and treated right away so as to potentially avoid MD, a neurologist who special-izes in MS and Neuro-rebabili-tation at New York Methodist Hospital in Park Slope.

The symptoms of MS in-clude difficulty seeing, talking and/or walking, severe pain any-where in the body, headache, muscle ache, fiscial pain, mobili-ty problems, urinary problems,

muscic ache, facial pain, mohili-ty problems, urinary problems, tingling and numbness any-where in the body and sensory perception problems. Since these symptoms may fluctuate, people with MS of-ten disregard these signs and neglect to see a physician at a

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high-end, not high-priced

Don't throw out computers

To the editor: Regarding the article headlined "Sunset Park school trashes its con-puters" (June 23), computers, especially monitors, should not be being

Regarding the article headlined "Sunset Pair's school trashes is com-paires" (June 23), computers, specially monatines, should not be being paired from the paired paired by the paired paired from the form of lead that leach into groundwater in landfills and spread through the air when incinerated. Electronics combined 2-percent of the volume in municipal waste, but more than 70 percent of the toxins. Schools that need to dispose of comparises and other electronics are Schools that need to dispose of comparises and other electronics and dispose of them and hospetully to arrange for a collection, at (21) 788-7918. The City Council funded the beginning off his project, and the Board of Education has committed to some additional funding for this project. More funding must be obtained to safely dispose of the tons of old computers being stored in city pathle, schools. — Ere Martine, effective Water Free NYC

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park plan at Borough Hall.

"We hope that senior staff and consultants would meet informally with community groups ... to make sure that there is an adequate dialogue during this critical period," Tom Chitenden, which chairman of the BHA's Brouklyn Bridge Park committee, told the park planners.

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master planning process for the park, which would be constructed roughly between the Manhattan Bridge and Pier of a Atlantic Avenue, the new pace has been something of a rude awakening to community activists.

I was a surprised to the process of the process of

'Get on board'

should take about 12 to 14 months to complete.

"Get on Donard"

In addition to the concerns of public input a delegation of people, many from Red Hook, sought to have cultural maritime uses, such as floating museums and showboats, incorporated into the EIS.

"I think that in designing a waterfront park, you missed the boat," said David Sharps, president of the Red Hook-based Waterfront Museum and Showboat Bare generous amount of linear footage of the water's edge in the park we ask you to further your andly to include the up-place for these shirotric vessels and visit-andly to include the up-place for these shirotric vessels and visit-andly to include the up-place for these shirotric vessels and visit-greater than the state of the shirotric vessels and visit-greater than the part of the

Downtown Brooklyn consultants.
The Empire State Development Corporation will accept public comment on the EIS until July 11.
Written comments can be sent to Rachel Shatz, ESDC, 633
Third Ave., New York, NY, 10017.

Developer expands reach in DUMBO

Developer Shaya Boymelgreen has begun construction on yet another massive residential

construction on yet another massive residential property in DUMBO.

His company, Shaya B., which also plans to replace the Between the Bridges Pub and Excalibur Studios buildings with condos, and will develop the 134-year-eld Empire Stores, has begun completed to the property of the pr

The 12-story building, designed by the Manhattan-based WalkerGroup, will contain 62,000 square feet with a mix of 42 units consisting of studios to four bedroom apartments. There are no retail or commercial uses expected for the building, Klein said.

The \$2-million project is as-of-right, meaning it did not require public approval, and the units are consistent of the control of

year from DUMBO developer Joshua Gutman, who for years reigned as one of the neighborhood's primary landowners along with David Walentas. Recently, however, Boymelgreen has begun to expand his holdings in DUMBO with the winning proposal on the 300,000-square-foot Empire Stores on Water Street between Dock and Main streets, in which he will build a mixed-use retain, cultural and commercial center fronting the planned Brooklyn Bridge Path. The company's also closing a feal on backford of the street of t

them with a residential development. "I think it would be fair to say that the DUM. BO Neighborhood Association is hopeful that the Shaya B. development will be of light quality and respectful of the historic nature of the DUMBO historic district as the DUMBO industrial district is listed on the state and national register of historic places," said Michael Cane, president of the UMBO Neighborhood Association. In June 2001, Boymelgreen also purchased mild the properties of the

AUDIT...

have paid the city \$1.13 million in rent — although Thompson's audit also questioned the manner in which the team counted its tickets. "The Cyclones did not use

supposedly solid that sesson. The leases require both teams to use turnstile counts to maintain attendance records, but the Yanikees used a computerized canning system that could not need tone or mangled tackets and treatment of the team to contain the read tone or mangled tackets and the complimentary and paid tackets. According to the audit. "Green the weakness in attendance recording and reporting, the cannot be assured that all cannot be considered to the control of the complimentary and paid tackets. According to the audit. "Instead, they counted tacket subtes are included in the lease," the report said. The characteristic configuration of the complimentary and paid tackets. The counter that all tacket authes are included in the lease of the complimentary of the lease, and the control of the configuration of the control of the control of the control of the lease, and the lease of the lease, and the lease of th

Street closings for Independence Day

To accommodate pedestrian traffic in Brooklyn Heights, Downtown and DUMBO for Macy's Fourth of July fire-works extravaganza, there will be multi-

ple street closures.
Traffic will be barred from Furman Street
between Atlantic Avenue and Cadman Plaza
West from 7 pm on July 4 to approximately 1
am on July 5.

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Seaport, starting at approximately 9:20 pm, making the Brooklyn Heights promenade, Macy's hotline can be found on page 9.

Empire-Fulton Ferry State Park and Furman Street from Atlantic Avenue to Cadman Plaza West prime viewing points. Areas south of the Brooklyn Bridge or any location between Jo-ralemon and Cranberry streets with a clear view of the sky above the East River are also being promoted as advantageous viewing lo-cations.

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It's been reported that additional streets will be closed to traffic, including Montague Street, Remsen Street, Old Fulton Street, Co-

Street, Remsen Street, Old Fulton Street, Co-lumbia Heights and Hicks Street (from At-lantic Avenue to Old Fulton Street) starting at 7 pm.

Those closures could not be confirmed with the 84th Precinite by press time.

Parking and traffic will also reportedly be restricted on Pierrepont Street from Columbia Heights to Cadman Plaza West, and on Cam-berry Street, from Henry Street to Columbia Heights.

Check with the 84th Precinct at (718) 875-6811.

HOT DOGS...

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wears his extra weight in a gelatinous tire around his waist. Another
man competing that day, Sonny Sabatino, 50, also from Brooklyn,
had on a white T-shirt that draped over his medicine ball-sized belly
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But some competitive earlest are lissome. The winner of the past two Nathan's contents, a 26-year-old Japanese gungitator named Takerus Kochaysaki, weight; just 130 pounds. Last year he wolden the next closest competior. Eric "Ballands" Booker of Long Island, who devoured 26 hot dogs, for a new world record. That performance is what gunglators like Seiken aspite to.

"I train by drinking a gallon and a half of water every day," he said. "It stretches the stomach and allows you to get down an extra which is the stomach and allows you to get down an extra which is the stomach and allows you to get down an extra which is the stomach and allows you to get down an extra which is the stomach and allows you to get down an extra which is the stomach and allows you to get down an extra which is the stomach and allows you to get down an extra stomach and the st

wards of 15 dogs, despite the 95-degree weather." It start feeling sick around number 13, but that's when survival mode kicks in. Not gottapash yourself."

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contest's rules. A "steady, paced thewing and swallowing," is suitely
enforced, he said, and anyone who "ariffers urges contrary to weallowing" (vomiting) will be automatically disqualified.

At the start whistle contestants down into their plates of hotdogs.
"Crazy Legs" Comit, the world oyster champ (14 dozen in 10 minby long clews, and then an audible weallow. Sabinton breathed
heavily through his nose and twisted his body from side to side, preturn a start start, soon were a look of a man in terrific pain.

Almost all of the eaters dunked the busin in tall cups of water to
make their easier to swallow, a trend started by Kofsbyasski, and a
turned to Sonia Thomas, a 107-pound restaurant manager from
Alexandria, Va. Although her cheeks balged with food, she seemed
and cheered her con.
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Of her frist caling contest, the said, "I could do none," and
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smiled.

[Thomas will get a chance to compete against Kobayashi, Booker and another competitive eating newcomer, William "Refrigers-tor" Perry, the former Chicago Bears defensive lineman at Nathan's Famous, at Surf and Stillwell avenues in Coney Island at noon on Friday.]

r, a surprised Rich Shea said, "She came out of nowhere. A ese other guys are seasoned veterans. But she was cool as a

cucumber."
"Crazy Legs" Conti sat slumped in a plastic chair. "I've been in five qualifiers this year but failed to qualify," he said. "I'm exhaust-ed. I'm hoping Rich will give me a wild card birth into Nathan's, but I'll have to wait and sec."

EATERIES...

Continued from page 1 by Brooklyn's political elite, as well as judges and lawyers, who are the focus of another investi-

are the focus of another investi-gation by Hyms.

Officials at the district attorn-ney's office say they were re-sponding to tips from the state Department of Tixaation and Finance and the city Depart-ment of Finance that eateries were discounting the sales tax for customers who paid cash. They sent undercover agents to investigate the eateries. In-vestigators believe the busi-nesses may have collectively evaded paying millions of dol-lars in taxes.

rs in taxes. Michael Ross, the owner of Pazzo, said no investigators had come to his restaurant and that he was unaware of any probe. Reached this week by The Brooklyn Papers, Joe Chirico,

who owns Marco Polo as well as Gage & Tollner restaurant Downtown, said, "I don't know what happend." It has all the would have in the said he would have any other questions. His attorney never contacted The Papers. Calls to the owner of Pete's Downtown were not returned by press time. Calls to the owner of Pete's Downtown were not returned by press time. Calls to the Society of the Bookleyn Restaurant Association. He came to the United States from Italy in 1964 and opened Joe's Luncheonette four years from Italy in 1964 and opened Joe's Luncheonette four years and in 1983 followed with Marco Polo Ristornate. Chinco then purchased Gage & Tollner, Brooklyn's oldest restaurant, in 1995.

Last month, he celebrated Marco Polo's 20th anniversary with a lavish sx-course dinner honoring the last known de seendant of the explorer for the secondary of the secondary of the explorer Polo Padolecchia of Monte Carlo, Monaco. Among those to attend were Borough President Marry Markowitz, former Borough President Howard Golden, state Sen. Carl Kruger, Georgio Radicath, the costosi general of Italy. Carlo and the cost of the cost of the control of Brooklyn politicos and legal eagles.

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IKEA...

Continued from page 1
time employees, in addition to
the 650-plus construction jobs
over the 14 months it would
take to build the store.
Those promises have won
over influential residents of the
Red Hook Houses, the largest
public housing development in
Brooklyn, which is home to
more than 6,500 tenants in its
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more than 6,500 tenants in its 30 buildings.
With jobs, however, comes traffic — and lots of it.
Ikea estimates about 50,000 car trips a week to its Red Hook store, which would be built on the 22-acre former New York Shippard, between Dwight and Columbia streets along the Erie Rocin

Columbia streets along the Erie Basin.

Though consultants have proposed recommendations to ease traffic at the intersections of Nelson Street and Hamilton Avenue and Smith Street and Hamilton Avenue, as well as a shuttle bus and ferry service, opponents have questioned customers' willingness to pay the \$100 shipping charge or their ability to carry a futon on a catamaran.

catamaran.

Last month, about 75 residents took their concerns to the City Planning Commission for a public scoping session intended to give citizens a chance to request

that certain issues be studied in the Environmental Impact Statement for the plan. Many voiced fears shout the cumulative impact of Ikea, a Fairway supermarket of Ikea, a Fairway supermarket and the state of the s

rounding communities such as Carroll Gardens and Park Slope could have a crucial impact on the plan in its public review. Meanwhile, both sides have conducted an aggressive outreach campaign to mily their bases. In the compact of the compact have of Brooklyn shoppers and made the rounds to crivic groups, visits that are either shadowed or preceded by McGettrick. Both sides can claim victor-ries in the popularity contest. The First Place Tri-Block and to the compact of the compact to the compact proposal, cutting them off be-fore they could complete their presentation to the organization on June 2.

proposal, cutting them off be-fore they could complete their on June 2. The hearing before the City Planning Commission was also a major show of strength for opponents. It 2 informational meeting with like a representa-tives, held at a Police Athletic League center on West Nimb Street near the Red Hook House-es, largely drew supporters of the plan, eager for the jobs it Meanwhile, Rea convinced the Park Slope Civic Council to support the project after McGet-trick initially persuaded the group to write the City Planning Com-mission to urge a search for aler-likes is nativegating an open-likes is nativegating an open-likes is nativegating an open-

Commission and the City Council to reconce the area from a heavy manufacturing district (skl) to a light manufacturing special permit to operate a furmiture store in excess of 10,000 square feet.

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ing a journal-making party.
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Parent-to-Parent



ribbons, stamps, gel pens and a bit of imagination, the girls can turn inexpensive note-books into one-of-a-kind journals. Will the first journal entries be funny, thoughful or nonsensical? That's only for the young writer to know.

Anne Lamott, author of "Bird by Bird's Osme Instructions on Writing and Life" (Anchor, 1995), says she started writing at age 7 or 8.

The writing instructor says her father, also a writer, taught



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her mouly by example to pay attention and write down her observations, to write a little each day, and to read lots of books, plays and poetry. "I was always good with words. My father really encouraged me a lot," Lamott said in an interview with PBS. "He taught me you do scales," it so paing to be like learning a mascaling the said of the

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Sixty-eight cases handled by Garson

Sixy-eight cases handled by Garson are now being investigated and many of those complainants claim they did not get a fair day in court.

"They traded boxes of cigars for children," said Monica Get., director of the Coalition for Family lustice, a legal advocacy group beadquarted in Irving.

Get? says she is concerned that the people womaged by Garson get justice. "You have to have enough money to girther and remove these orders," said Getz, adding that many women made by Garson because they cannot afford the additional attorney or law guardain fees.

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Law guardians are appointed by the courts to make recommendations on behalf of children in custody cases. Siminovsky often served as a law guardian.

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One of those women, Sigal Levi, returned to court on Monday morning not
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the time being.
Levi and her ex-husband, Avraham,
who was indicted on charges that he
bribed Garson, returned to court this
week to hash out custody of their five
children.
Strapped for cash, Sigal Levi said
she was left broke after the divorce.

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"I got nothing. They took away my rights as a mother, citizen and human rights as a mother, citizen and human still fighting to get custody of her two oldest som who, she says, have but oldest som who, she says, have but "So much of the damage is irre-versible when you have children who have been aliented from the parents," said Getz, who accompanied Sigal Levi Court on Mondard from the parents, said Getz, who accompanied Sigal Levi to court on Mondard from the parents, said Getz, who accompanied Sigal Levi in to hear some of Grason's cases. Be-cause he oversees both civil and crimi-al cases his chambers are located in criminal court, which has left some ad-vocates outraged.

criminal court, which has left some advocates outraged.
"That's not an appropriate place to have people come for a divorce," said Nancy Erickson, an attorney for Legal Services, a non-profit organization and represents low-income clients.
"This is a civil case and should not be done in the context of a setting where you're surrounded by people in handculfs. This involves children and sensitive issues," she added. Levi and Hanimov met in the Brook-procurs law and the properties of the propertie

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ceedings. It was after hearing Levi's story and putting it together with her own, that Hamimov decided to approach DA Hynes.

The Market Hamimov went to the Day with 2004 Hamimov ham

losing custody of her children and had on money and she believed Garnon was taking bribes.

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chamber room ... and asked my daughter, who is 12-years-old, who she wunted to stay with And she doesn't get along with her father ... she said, 'I want to live with mommy.'
"Your mother is criminal person,' "Your mother is criminal person,' and to like you fee criminal. I really freaked out. I said, 'What is going on here?"

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Garson, Hanimov said things started looking up.

"I started getting my children back, I was wiming," she said.
Hanimov's wire may have led the DA's office to uncover a ning of corupton, but she says, stille was done to help defray the cost of her legal fees.
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Namente Sachs, director of Amicus for Domestic Justice, a Brookly Height-based group that advocates for people in family law cases, said the Garson case was not unique, he had just been the one discovered.

"The most important less"—"Sadding of judge and we need judges to arrive at the bench by another method other than out of the clubbouse."

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JUDGE-PICK CHALLENGERS...

Continued from page 1 said that candidates would be screened by their own panel comprised of academics, private lawyers, legal aid attorneys and a retired Brooklyn Supreme Court justice — former Bensonhurst Assemblyman Frank Barbaro.

"The system has to be changed." Barbaro said.

"the overwhelming majority" of Brooklyn's jurists, he said it was time to free the bench of politics.

The third-party screening panel is currently comprised of 10 members, although Cantor said the party is hoping to expand it to about 20 in the coming months.

months.
Since the arrest of Brooklyn Supreme Court Judge Gerald Garson on
charges of accepting gifts to fix divorce
cases, the process of selecting Brooklyn's jurists has been under intense
scrutiny and an investigation headed by
District Automey Charles Hynes.
Shortly after Garson's arrest, Hynes
announced a grand jury investigation
into the process.

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In the past six weeks, reformers within the Kings County Democratic Committee have amplified their calls for an overhaul of the screening process, calling for a panel independent of the county party. The existing committee is packed with lawyers closely affil-



Charles Hynes

iated to the party's leader, Assembly-man Clarence Norman Jr. Attorney Ravi Batra, who employs

Norman as a consultant to his law firm, was an influential member of the screening committee until recently. Ba-tra, who has been at the center of scantra, who has been at the center of scan-dals between the county party and the courts for the past five years, quit the panel last month under the glare of Hynes' investigation.

While the county Democratic party holds an iron grip on the Supreme Court, in which it designates candidates



Clarence Norman

without a primary, it has begun to lose control over the Civil Court. In the last two years four outsiders have defeated county's choices for Civil Court, which Cantor acknowledged as inspiring. The Working Families Party, however, has long had ties to Brooklyn De-

er, has long had ties to Brooklyn De-mocratic stalwarts.

Even last year, while allegations of fiscal impropriety and judicial corrup-tion plaqued Norman and the county Democrats, the Working Families Party put Norman on its line over Sandra Roper, in addition to endorsing other

York law office of Edwards & Angell: Lecnard Polletts, assistant general coun-sel for DC37: Lauren Rayor, a private ital attorney and member of the Metro-politus Black Bar Association; James Rogers, president of the Association; Loren Kogers, Draident of the Association; Loren Capital Add Attorneys; Ghin Schwartz, president of the Legal Services Staff As-sociation; and Yvette Soto-Middomado, as staff attorney with the Potero Rican Legal Defense and Education Fund.

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entrenched Democrats.

Asked Tiesday about their change of heart, Cantos said, "Things have certainly heated up by any standard and the party has matured to take on more than 20,000 votes were cast.

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Cantor said the panel will interview incumbents as well as new applicants for the bench and that it expects to run candidates this year. He has not ruled out cross-endorsing judicial candidates.

Additional screening panel members include Saucy Caplow, director of Brooklyn Law School's Clinical Education Program, Nitra Miliagon Siculera, assistant dean of Student Affairs at Fordham University, Charlotte Hischooch, a patter at the Verylot, law office of Edwards & Angell, Lateraman, a patter at the Caronard Policus, assistant general countered to the control of the control of the control votes, assistant general countered to the control of the control of

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