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BROOKLYN TODAY
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Good morning. Today is the 140th day of the year. On this day in 1902, the Brooklyn Daily Eagle reported on public hearings about the "Brooklyn tunnel contract." This was a contract to connect the city's new subway system to Brooklyn. The two bidders were Interborough Rapid Transit (IRT), the owner of Manhattan's subway system, and Brooklyn Rapid Transit (BRT), which operated Brooklyn's trolley and elevated lines. The IRT (which is now the IRT division of the subway system) won the bidding war, and the IRT extension to Atlantic Avenue (part of today's 4 and 5 lines) opened in 1908. The BRT built its tunnel to Brooklyn a few years later.

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Deadly Meningitis Outbreak Hits B'klyn



TURKISH CULTURE CELEBRATED IN BROOKLYN: Turkish drums and music rang out over Downtown Brooklyn Thursday evening as Borough Hall hosted Turkish dignitaries at the annual Turkish Cultural Celebration. Shown here are dancers from the Ankara Folk Dance Group. See page 3 for additional photo and story.

Eagle photo by Mary Frost

LGBT Pols Lead Effort

By Mary Frost

Brooklyn Daily Eagle

A coalition of LGBT city representatives are ramping up a campaign about a deadly meningitis outbreak found among men who have sex with other men, with a special focus on Brooklyn.

The New York City Department of Health said that cases of this often-deadly infection of the brain lining are popping up in Brooklyn more than in any other borough. Symptoms include fever and chills, mental status changes, nausea and vomiting, sensitivity to light, severe headache and stiff neck. One third of the afflicted have died, a higher rate than typical meningitis, which kills roughly one out of five.

The hardest-hit neighborhoods in Brooklyn are Bedford-Stuyvesant, Brownsville, Bushwick, Clinton Hill, Crown Heights, Downtown, DUMBO,

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Weiner Campaign Chatter Grows Online

Things Are Still Hush-Hush

By Raanan Geberer

Brooklyn Daily Eagle

Speculation about Anthony Weiner formally entering the mayoral race increased on the web during the past week, especially as camera crews on Thursday caught the former Brooklyn-Queens congressman making what appeared to be a campaign video on the stoop outside his childhood home in Brooklyn.

Politico and Capital New York both remarked on the presence of high-powered campaign consultant Jim Margolis during the shooting. However, according to both blogs, Margolis and his political consulting firm, GMMB,

would not be joining the campaign. Margolis, it was reported, was just there to help Weiner as a friend.

Weiner himself told *The Daily News*, in an impromptu interview on Wednesday, that he would decide soon about the race. To a group of photographers who were following him, he said, mysteriously, "Live by the sword, die by the sword."

Crain's New York Business also reported that Morton Avigdor, the former head of Jewish outreach for Weiner, had been in talks with Weiner about his expected mayoral campaign. Avigdor said on Friday, however, that it was



Anthony Weiner, Ex-Brooklyn-Queens Congressman

not official, and he had no news about the campaign kicking off next week.

Asked if the campaign was set to kick off next week, Avigdor said he did not believe so.

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Eagle photo by Rob Aburzese

DO YOU TRUST THE GOVERNMENT? Assemblywoman Helene Weinstein (D-Homecrest/Kings Highway), seen here, is one of several officials who sought to assure members of the Marine-Madison-Homecrest Civic Association that not all officials are corrupt, and that reforms could substantially cut down on abuses of the system. See story, page 7.

Workshop Reflects Growing Popularity of Owning a Business

Presented by Bay Ridge 'Workforce Ministry'

By Paula Katinas

Brooklyn Daily Eagle

Dozens of would-be entrepreneurs sat in a Bay Ridge church hall Wednesday night to get advice on how to take the first steps toward becoming the next Bill Gates or Steve Jobs. Among those seeking a helping hand in getting started were a woman named Patrice, who is looking to her events planning business off the ground, and another woman, Donna, who has already started a tax

preparation firm from her home and is hoping to expand.

Patrice and Donna were just two of the local residents taking part in a seminar on "How to start a business and stay in business" presented by the Workforce Ministry of Saint Anselm Catholic Church on 83rd Street and Fourth Avenue on May 15. The Workforce Ministry, a subgroup within the church's Parish Pastoral Planning Council, is dedicated to helping people navigate tough

economic times, members said.

"Our mission is to use our time and talent to serve the underemployed, unemployed and those in career transitions to find employment, start a business or create their own jobs," member Mary Gelormino told the *Brooklyn Daily Eagle*. "We accomplish this mission by connecting community groups with our parishioners and communities that provide information, contact and resources to assist in their employment endeavors,"

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PBS plans to air a retrospective titled "Mel Brooks" Make a Noise" on Monday night as part of the "American Masters" series. Brooks, who grew up in Williamsburg, is best known for his comedy movies such as "The Producers," "Blazing Saddles" and "Young Frankenstein," as well as for 1960s comedy album, "The 2,000 Year Old Man."

AP Photo

REVIEW AND COMMENT

Military Culture of Abuse Must Change

26,000.

That's how many sexual-abuse incidents involving members of the United States military were estimated to have occurred in 2012, according to the Pentagon.

It is a number as astounding as it is outrageous.

26,000 is too many.

2,600 would be too many.

260 would be too many.

26 would be too many.

And as horrifying as that 26,000 number — up from 19,000 the previous year — is, the truly frightening thing is a study by the Defense Department shows a climate of fear permeating our armed forces. The study, relying on anonymous surveys, revealed that “only” 3,192 assaults in 2011 and 3,374 last year were reported.

We are torn between the pride we feel in the immense sacrifice and dedication of what is often described as the finest military ever assembled and the obvious current culture of “anything goes” and looking the other way when it comes to sexual assault.

An embarrassing metaphor for the overall situation came earlier this month when Lt. Col. Jeffrey Krusinski was charged with sexual battery for — police said — groping a woman in an Arlington, Va., parking lot.

Lt. Col. Krusinski is the person in charge of the United States Air Force's sexual assault prevention and response program.

President Barack Obama — under whose watch this intolerable situation is occurring, and growing — appears to be fed up.

“Let's start with the principle that sexual assault is an outrage,” Obama said. “It is a crime. That's true for society at large. And if it's happening inside our military, then whoever carries it out is betraying the uniform that they're wearing.”

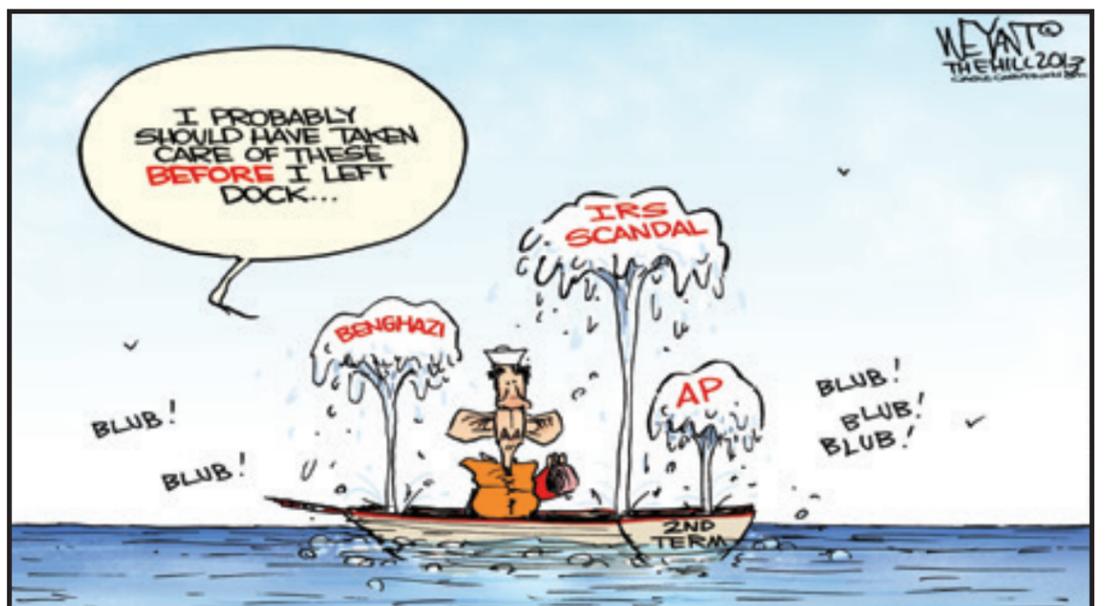
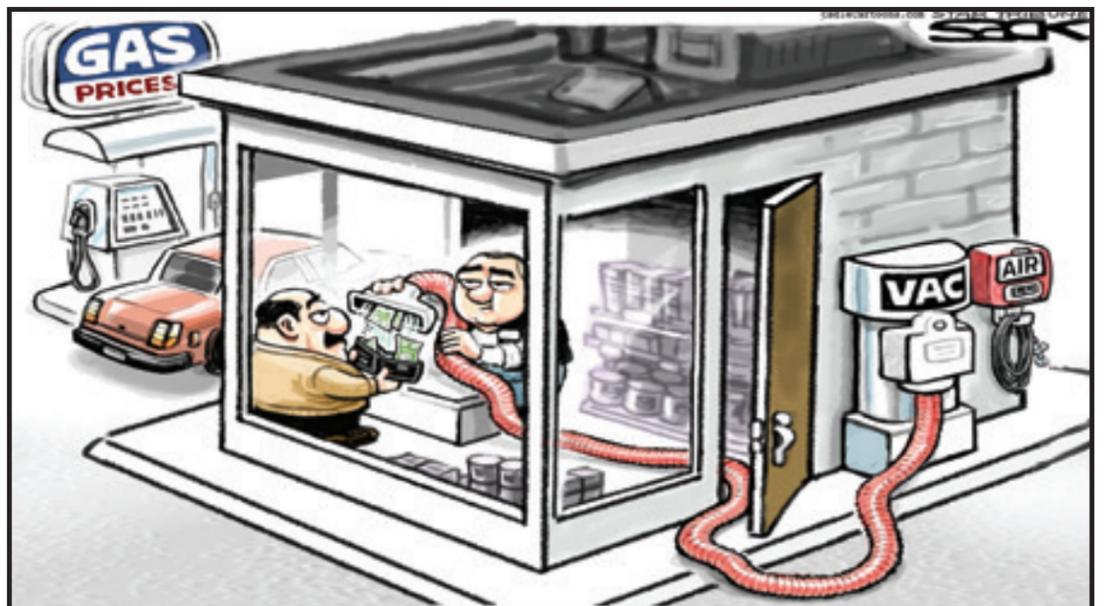
“I don't want just more speeches or awareness programs or training but, ultimately, folks look the other way,” he said. “If we find out somebody is engaging in this stuff, they've got to be held accountable — prosecuted, stripped of their positions, court-martialed, fired, dishonorably discharged. Period. It's not acceptable.”

New York Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, a member of the Senate's Armed Services Committee, has been in the forefront of those calling for a solution. Earlier this month she attended a White House conference to address the obscene statistics.

A good first step would be changing the “convening authority” law that allows a senior officer who called for a court-martial to throw out the verdict in any case of sexual assault without even providing a reason. Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel proposed that change last week.

It's more than apparent that a sea change is required in the culture of our military. America's daughters enlist to fight for their country...not their virtue.

—From the Oneonta Daily Star, courtesy of Associated Press



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Workshop...

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she said.

Working under the guidance of the Rev. Msgr. John Maloney, the church's pastor, the Workforce Ministry members have previously held seminars on how to fill out a resume and how to conduct oneself in a job interview, and on May 15, how to start a business.

"This is part of out church's engagement in the larger community," Maloney said.

With times getting tougher and jobs getting more difficult to find, many people are going a different route and are starting their own businesses, Workforce Ministry members said.

The participants received advice from two experts, George Telmany of the New York State Small Business Development Center, and Joan Bartolomeo, director of the Brooklyn Economic Development Corporation. Over the past few years, both Telmany and Bartolomeo have helped hundreds of Brooklyn residents realize their

dreams of starting their own businesses.

The first step in getting a business off the ground is to have a plan, both experts said. The evening at the church hall was dedicated to learning the ins and outs of writing a detailed business plan. It is the first step toward starting a business, the experts said.

"A business plan is a roadmap," Telmany told the participants. "Writing a business plan will save you money. One of the things I find is that people get intimidated at the thought of writing a business plan. You really need to start simple," he said.

A business plan is a document the owner would present to investors or lending institutions to secure funding for a start-up.

The plan could include a description of the business one wants to open, an analysis of the market (focusing on who the customer base is), a description of why customers will want to purchase the product, an analysis of the competition, a marketing strategy, a description of the

operations (how the business will be run), information on management (who will run the firm and who will work there), and finances (how much money will it take to get the business off the ground and operate it).

It's not as hard as it sounds, according to Telmany and Bartolomeo, who said it can be done, as long as would-be business owners are willing to put a great deal of thought into the process and are willing to think outside the box. "Don't be threatened or nervous," Bartolomeo advised. "It's just thinking out loud."

The business plan also helps the owner, the experts said. By writing a plan, the owner develops a vision and an operating manual for the business, the two experts said. "Having a value system is important. It's what you stand for," Bartolomeo said.

"There are different ways to write a business plan," Telmany said. "There are some things you will not be able to answer in the beginning. Be comfortable with what you know," he said.

The key elements of success in opening a business are commitment and passion, a source of capital, an understanding of customers, and knowledge of cash flow, Telmany said. "Life in business is about obstacles and overcoming them," he said.

To help the participants understand the process of composing a business plan, Telmany and Bartolomeo told them to imagine writing a plan for a new T-shirt company. Participants sat at tables and worked in small groups, coming up with different aspects of the business plan for the shirt company, including financing, marketing, and operation.

Gelormino, who served as the facilitator at the Finance table, urged the would-be business owners to think outside the box. "What you need to know is that many people start businesses from home. Walt Disney was an out-of-work cartoonist," she said. Meg Whitman started e-Bay out of her home and is now a billionaire.

"You don't need to start with a lot of money. You need creativity," Gelormino said.

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It's the Montague Street tunnel, currently used by the R train.

Well-known people who were born today include singer Joe Cocker ("With a Little Help From My

Friends"), singer Cher ("Gypsies, Tramps and Thieves"), TV talk show host Ron Reagan (who appeared at a Republican meeting in Bay Ridge recently) and Hockey Hall of Fame player Stan Mikita.

Deadly Meningitis...

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East New York, Prospect Heights and Williamsburg.

City Council Speaker Christine C. Quinn said the coalition has taken several steps to stay ahead of the disease, including holding informational meetings across the city, with extra sessions in Brooklyn.

According to DOH, there have been 22 reported cases — seven fatal — since 2010. Ten of the cases occurred in Brooklyn. Health officials have expressed concern that the disease is in danger of spreading further and are urging those most at risk to get vaccinated immediately.

While most men who have sex with other men consider themselves to be gay, some do not, so DOH labels them MSM (Men who have Sex with Men).

DOH says those most likely to catch the disease are HIV-positive MSM; and men who often have intimate contact with other men they've met online, through an app, or at a bar or party.

Quinn said the group had worked with DOH and the organizers of LGBT Pride festivities, and have asked the State Department of Financial Services to inform insurers that health insurance plans must cover meningitis immunizations.

The coalition also sent a letter urging the managers of a popular gay online dating web-

site to cooperate with DOH outreach efforts, as they previously had not. The coalition says it will work with non-profit organizations to hold vaccination days with volunteer physicians and nurses.

Assemblyman Daniel O'Donnell (Upper West Side), the first openly gay man elected to the New York State Assembly, said in a statement, "As we work to spread the word to our community and prevent a major outbreak of the disease, I would like to encourage individuals to get immunized and do their part in this important effort."

To find a location to get a vaccine, call 311 or visit nyc.gov/health or council.nyc.gov. The vaccination wears off after five years and needs to be reapplied.

Other representatives joining this effort include:

State Senator Brad Hoylman (Midtown West, Times Square, East and West Village), Assemblywoman Deborah Glick (West Village, Lower Manhattan), Assemblyman Micah Kellner (Upper East Side, Roosevelt Island), Assemblyman Matthew Titone (north Staten Island), Council Member Daniel Dromm (Jackson Heights), Councilman Jimmy Van Bramer (western Queens) and Councilwoman Rosie Mendez (Lower East Side, East Village, Gramercy Park).

Brooklyn, 'Turkish Capital of America,' Celebrates Ottoman Culture

By Mary Frost

Brooklyn Daily Eagle

The crescent and star of a giant, red Turkish flag bedecked Borough Hall and party-goers sat on the steps to applaud the dramatic pageantry of the Turkish Armed Forces Harmony

Band and other performances at Brooklyn's annual Turkish Cultural Celebration on Thursday, May 16.

As the sound of drums boomed over Downtown Brooklyn, an audience drawn from across the borough ate au-

thentic Turkish food, waved Turkish flags and clapped in rhythm with the Ankara Greater Municipality Folk Dance Group, Bulent Kayabs and the Mehteran Band of Bursa Metropolitan Municipality.

Borough President Marty

Markowitz and Consul General of Turkey M. Levent Bilgen hosted the festive evening. Brooklyn is home to the country's largest population of Turks, BP Markowitz said — making Brooklyn "the Turkish capital of America."



The Turkish drums and music rang out over Downtown Brooklyn Thursday evening as Borough Hall hosted Turkish dignitaries at the annual Turkish Cultural Celebration. Shown: Turkish Armed Forces Harmony Band. Eagle photo by Mary Frost

Something's Fishy About Global Warming

By Pete Spotts

Christian Science Monitor

Warming oceans are changing the mix of species in the world's fisheries as fish try to remain in waters in their preferred temperature range, according to a new study.

The movement to keep pace

with preferred temperatures shows up most starkly in the northeastern Pacific Ocean and the northeastern Atlantic Ocean, as fish migrate out of the subtropics to beat the heat.

The changes have particular implication for people living in the coastal tropics who either

subsist on fishing or fish commercially, the research team says. If ocean temperatures continue to warm there, the heat could top a level that even tropical species find intolerable, reducing their abundance, the researchers say.

This raises the urgency of

adopting approaches that minimize other stresses on fisheries, such as pollution and overfishing, the team says.

Marine-ecosystem models have indicated that global warming's impact on ocean temperatures would trigger such a migration. And studies of individual regions have documented the arrival of species from warmer aquatic climates.



IN THIS JUNE 7, 2001 FILE PHOTO, Jamaican musician Cedric Brooks, left, laughs next to ska music pioneer Johnny "Dizzy" Moore as they talk about their days at the Alpha Boys School in Kingston, Jamaica at the Experience Music Project in Seattle, Washington. Brooks died Friday, May 3, 2013 of cardiac arrest at New York Hospital Queens. He was 70. Brooks began his music career in the late 1960s as a studio musician, playing in songs such as

Burning Spear's "Door Peep." He also had hits with trumpet player David Madden including "Money Maker" and "Mystic Mood." Brooks also was a member of the Jamaican ska band the Skatalites. AP Photo

Weiner...

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Weiner, a graduate of Brooklyn Tech, served in various political posts for most of his adult life until he was resigned from Congress in the wake of a "sexting" scandal in 2011. He unsuccessfully sought the Democratic mayoral nomination in 2005 and stuck his toe in the mayoral waters in 2009, only to withdraw when Mayor Michael Bloomberg announced his intent to seek a third term.

Our World in Pictures



HIS LUCKY DAY: Preakness Stakes entrant Itsmyluckyday gets frisky as exercise rider Peter Shelton takes him to the track at Pimlico Race Course Friday in Baltimore. At right is trainer Eddie Plesa Jr.



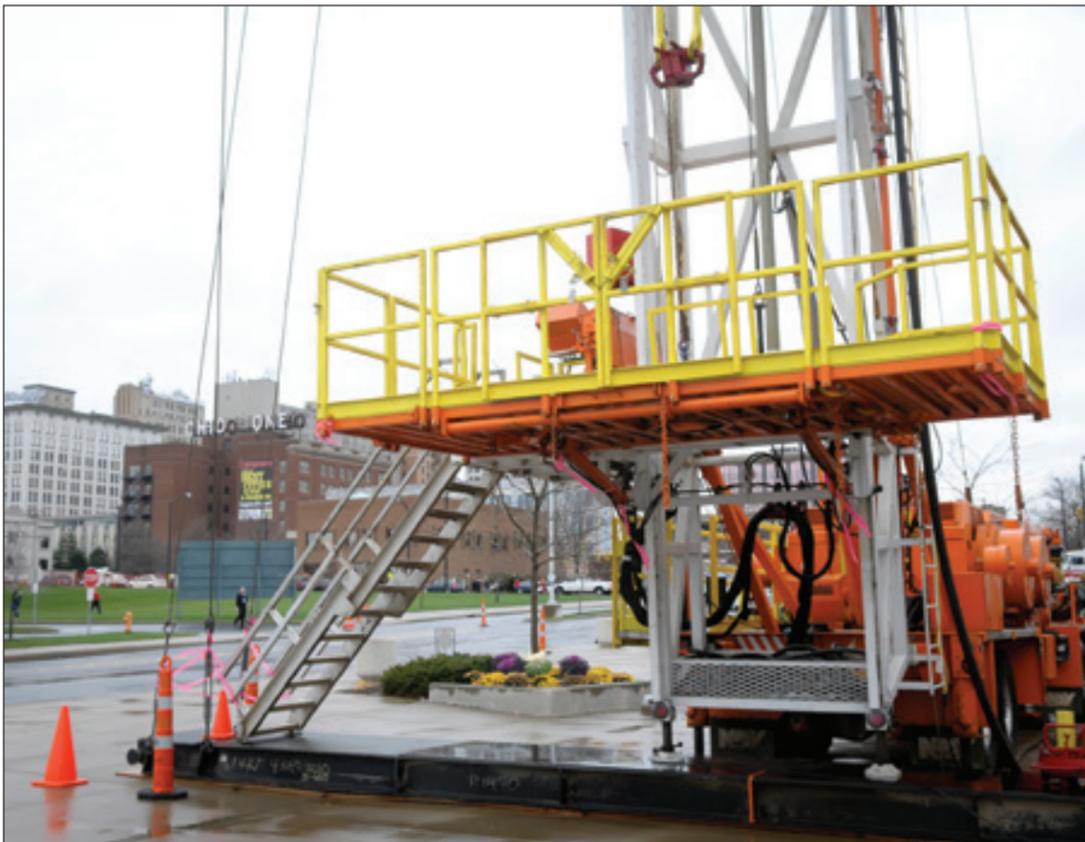
VIOLENCE AT HOFSTRA: Officers continue working the scene at the house, left, where a Hofstra University student and an armed intruder were killed during an overnight break-in next to the campus on Friday.



DALAI LAMA: The Dalai Lama speaks during a teaching at the Alliant Energy Center in Madison, Wis., on Tuesday morning.



TAX HEARINGS: Rep. Mike Thompson, D-Calif., questions ousted IRS Chief Steve Miller and J. Russell George, treasury inspector general for tax administration, as they testify during a hearing at the House Ways and Means Committee on the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) practice of targeting applicants for tax-exempt status based on political leanings on Capitol Hill, in Washington.



FRIENDLY VISIT: German Foreign Minister Guido Westerwelle, left, is greeted by Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu before their meeting in Jerusalem on Friday.

GAS PRODUCTION: A large drilling rig sits outside the Covelli Center with some of the Youngstown, Ohio skyline in the background. The Youngstown Ohio Utica & Natural Gas Conference & Expo took place at the Covelli Center. Officials say drilling in Ohio's Utica shale region nearly doubled the output of oil and natural gas there since 2011.



PROTEST IN CAIRO: Egyptian protesters shout anti-President Mohammed Morsi slogans in Tahrir Square, in Cairo. Hundreds of protesters gathered to demand early presidential elections and the removal of the Muslim Brotherhood's regime.



TIBET SOLIDARITY: Tibetan exiles participate in a rally on a day marked as International Tibet Solidarity Day in New Delhi, India. The march was held to pay homage to Tibetans who have self-immolated since 2009 for the cause of Tibet and also to create awareness about the Panchen Lama Gedhun Choekyi Nyima, chosen by the Dalai Lama, who has not been seen since 1999.



FASHION, ASIAN STYLE: A model showcases an outfit from the A/W 2013 collection by Japanese designer Tsumori Chisato on Friday, May 17, in Singapore during the annual Audi Fashion Festival in Singapore.

Our World in Pictures



ITALIAN OPEN: Serbia's Novak Djokovic returns the ball to Czech Republic's Tomas Berdych during their match at the Italian Open tennis tournament in Rome on Friday.



SOUL PATROL: Stax Records founder Jim Stewart stands next to two Stax Music Academy instructors during a tour of the Stax Museum of American Soul Music in Memphis, Tenn. The Stax Music Academy is an after-school program where teenagers from some of Memphis' poorest neighborhoods learn how to dance, sing and play instruments.



SONIC THE HEDGEHOG: The Sonic the Hedgehog balloon floats in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in Manhattan last year. Sega says it will exclusively re-release the next three games starring the iconic blue critter on Nintendo platforms.

AP Photos

BOOK BEAT

Park Slope's Community Bookstore to Open Windsor Terrace Shop



Park Slope's Community Bookstore, one of Brooklyn's oldest independent bookstores, will be opening Terrace Books, an outpost in Windsor Terrace, by the first week in June.

Photo courtesy of Ezra Goldstein

By **Samantha Samel**
Brooklyn Daily Eagle

Founded in 1971, Park Slope's beloved Community Bookstore is one of Brooklyn's oldest independent bookstores. Staffers recently announced that they will soon be spreading the literary love to a new outpost on Prospect Park West in Windsor Terrace.

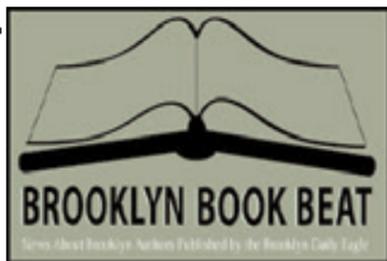
Taking over Babbo's Books, a six-year-old store that specializes in used books, Community Bookstore will call its new shop Terrace Books. Readers can expect a variety of used books, out-of-print vintage books, some new books, children's books, and books to give as gifts (especially during holiday season).

Ezra Goldstein, co-owner of Community Bookstore, told the *Brooklyn Daily Eagle* that he and his team had several motives for opening the new shop. "It's very important for us to preserve bookstores in Brooklyn. Babbo's Books in Windsor Terrace is an important part of the neighborhood, and we didn't want to see it go away." Lenora Stein, the owner of Babbo's books, was eager to have Community Bookstore take over the space to maintain its literary tradition.

"It also was a very good fit with our existing store," Goldstein explained. Terrace Books will maintain close ties to Community Bookstore, which will send over new titles by bicycle. The new shop will honor Babbo customers' credits and gifts certificates.

Community Bookstore is excited to have the chance to sell used books, which will provide community members with the opportunity to access interesting and affordable titles. "We're doing quite a bit of work, but we plan to open by the first week of June," said Goldstein.

Terrace Books will be located at 242 Prospect Park West in Windsor Terrace.



Daily coverage of Brooklyn writers, books and book events can be found in print (*Brooklyn Daily Eagle*) and online (brooklyneagle.com) and a dedicated blog, www.brooklynbookbeat.com

Mosley, Award-Winning Writer, to Speak in DUMBO

By **Bruce DeSilva**
Associated Press

From the moment he first appeared in "Devil in a Blue Dress" in 1990, Easy Rawlins was an instant favorite of discerning readers and literary critics alike. So the disappointment was palpable when the black private detective, drunk and in despair over a lost love, deliberately drove his car off a California cliff at the conclusion of "Blonde Faith," the eleventh novel in the series.

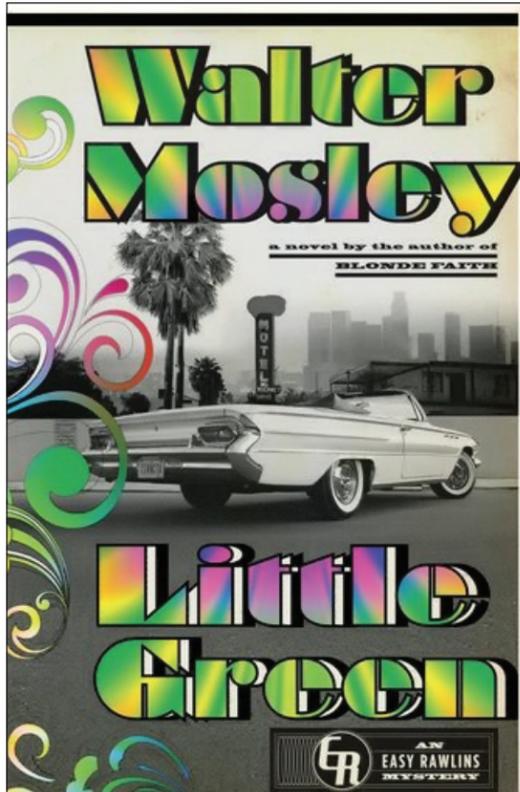
At the time, Easy's creator, New York-based writer Walter Mosley, said he'd had his fill of Easy and that it was time to move on to other creative work. In the six years since, he has remained productive, turning out political non-fiction, science fiction, young adult novels and fine crime novels featuring three new protagonists.

But now, at long last, Easy is back in "Little Green" (Doubleday), where we find him awakening from a two-month-long coma to discover, as usual, that people he cares about need his help. Mosley



Walter Mosley at the 2007 Brooklyn Book Festival.

Photo by David Shankbone, courtesy of Wikimedia Commons



(AP Photo/Doubleday)

will appear in Brooklyn for a reading and signing on Thursday, June 6, at powerHouse Arena in DUMBO.

The Easy Rawlins novels have always been distinguished by the writer's remarkable literary style and the seriousness of his purpose, for these books have never been mere whodunits. Taken together, they are nothing less than a history of race relations in post-World War II Los Angeles.

"Little Green" more than lives up to the high standard the author has set.

This isn't the first time Mosley has brought a character back to life. He appeared to have killed off Easy's dangerous sidekick, Mouse, only to have him return

from oblivion two books later. Now, as a badly broken Easy regains consciousness, Mouse is one of the first faces Easy sees.

Mouse, it seems, has promised a worried mother that he will find her missing teenage son. But he has no idea how to go about it. So Easy, hobbling and in pain, drags himself from his sickbed to track the boy through the hippie-infested Sunset Strip of 1960s Los Angeles.

Soon, he discovers that Evander, whose nickname is Little Green, has gotten himself into deep trouble with some very dangerous people. It will take all of Easy's wiles, connections and flagging strength to get the kid out of it.

Easy's resurrection will remind readers of the way Arthur Conan Doyle sent another beloved character, Sherlock Holmes, to an apparent death in a plunge from Reichenback Falls in "The Final Problem," only to bring him back to life in "The Return of Sherlock Holmes."

The June 6 event will begin at 7 p.m. powerHouse Arena is located at 37 Main St. in DUMBO.

BP Markowitz Announces 'Brooklyn Lit Match' Teen Writing Contest

From **Brooklyn Borough President's Office**

Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz invites Brooklyn high school students to make submissions in the form of a story, a poem, an essay, spoken word or rap for the 8th annual "Brooklyn Lit Match" teen writing contest, a competition held in conjunction with the Brooklyn Book Festival. The winning submissions will be published in a collection and the first place winner will receive a laptop computer. All students who are Brooklyn residents or attend high school in Brooklyn are welcome to submit.

The theme of this year's contest is *Brooklyn LOL*. Students are asked to write on the following:

Brooklyn has more character and characters than anywhere else, and humor is all around us. The borough has

inspired countless comedians and artists, and nobody knows the borough's funny bone better than those who live here. So, we're asking you: "what's so funny about Brooklyn?" In a poem, rap, short story, or comic skit describe a classic "only in Brooklyn" moment that inspires you to LOL—or even simply smile. It could be on the subway, at school, a basketball game, or on your stoop, with fictional characters or straight from your own life. Let's hear your best feel good, laugh out loud story about Brooklyn.

A committee of publishers, editors and literary agents will select 10 finalists, including a first place winner. The 10 finalists will be invited to read their work at the Brooklyn Book Festival on September 22, 2013. Their work will be professionally edited and published in an anthology to be released by Akashic Books. Past winners have included stu-

dents from Fort Hamilton High School, Boys and Girls High School, and Benjamin Banneker Academy, among others.

Entries are due by Wednesday, June 26, 2013, can be typed or handwritten and should not exceed 2,000 words. They can be written in any form: a story, poem, essay, or rap. Please include a cover sheet with your name, age, address, telephone number, school and principal. There is no fee to enter and you must be either a resident of Brooklyn or student at a Brooklyn high school at the time of submission.

Entries should be sent to Brooklyn Book Festival Lit Match, Brooklyn Borough Hall, 209 Joralemon Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201 or e-mailed to ekoch@brooklynbp.nyc.gov. Any questions regarding the writing competition can be e-mailed to the same address or directed to Liz Koch, 718-802-3852.

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VLIZZLE GAMES LLC ART. OF ORG. FILED SEC. OF STATE OF NY ON 03/28/2013. OFF. LOC.:KINGS CO. SSNY DESIGNATED AS AGENT UPON WHOM PROCESS AGAINST IT MAY BE SERVED. SSNY TO MAIL COPY OF PROCESS TO THE LLC, C/O CHARLES CLINTON, 172 STERLING PL., APT. 7, BROOKLYN, NY 11217. PURPOSE: ANY LAWFUL ACT OR ACTIVITY. #119714

PUBLIC LEGAL NOTICES

DEUTSCHE BANK V. SANDERS

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS, DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE OF AMERIQUE MORTGAGE SECURITIES, INC. ASSET BACKED PASS THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-R2 UNDER THE POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DATED AS OF MARCH 1, 2005, WITHOUT RECOURSE, PLAINTIFF, VS. LEONARD SANDERS, MARYAM SANDERS, ET AL., DEFENDANT(S). PURSUANT TO A JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE AND SALE DULY FILED ON AUGUST 24, 2010, I, THE UNDERSIGNED REFEREE WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION AT THE KINGS COUNTY SUPREME COURT, ROOM 224, 360 ADAMS STREET, BROOKLYN, NY ON MAY 30, 2013 AT 2:30 P.M., PREMISES KNOWN AS 275 EAST 39TH STREET, BROOKLYN, NY. ALL THAT CERTAIN PLOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND, WITH THE BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON ERECTED, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, COUNTY OF KINGS, CITY AND STATE OF NEW YORK, BLOCK 4893 AND LOT 54. APPROXIMATE AMOUNT OF JUDGMENT IS \$384,622.96 PLUS INTEREST AND COSTS. PREMISES WILL BE SOLD SUBJECT TO PROVISIONS OF FILED JUDGMENT INDEX # 13812-07. DONALD M. ZOLIN, ESQ., REFEREE KNUCKLES, KOMOSINSKI & ELLIOTT, LLP, 565 TAXTER ROAD, STE. 590, ELMSFORD, NY 10523, ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF #119881

EMIGRANT V. FERGUS

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS, EMIGRANT MORTGAGE COMPANY, INC, PLAINTIFF, VS. RODNEY FERGUSS, ET AL., DEFENDANT(S). PURSUANT TO A JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE AND SALE DULY FILED ON MARCH 01, 2013, I, THE UNDERSIGNED REFEREE WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION AT THE KINGS COUNTY SUPREME COURT, ROOM 274, 360 ADAMS STREET, BROOKLYN, NY ON MAY 30, 2013 AT 2:30 P.M., PREMISES KNOWN AS 906 MADISON STREET, BROOKLYN, NY. ALL THAT CERTAIN PLOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND, WITH THE BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON ERECTED, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE BOROUGH AND COUNTY OF KINGS AND STATE OF NEW YORK, BLOCK 1483 AND LOT 34. PREMISES WILL BE SOLD SUBJECT TO PROVISIONS OF FILED JUDGMENT INDEX # 25764/08. MORRIS MATZA, ESQ., REFEREE STAGG, TERENCEZ, CONFUSIONE & WABNIK, LLP, 401 FRANKLIN AVENUE SUITE 300, GARDEN CITY, NY 11530, ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF #119884

US BANK V. RAZZAQ

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDERS OF THE CSMC MORTGAGE-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-3, PLAINTIFF, AGAINST ASIM RAZZAQ; ET AL., DEFENDANT(S) PURSUANT TO A JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE AND SALE DULY ENTERED 3/1/2013, I, THE UNDERSIGNED REFEREE WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION AT ROOM 224 OF KINGS COUNTY SUPREME COURT, 360 ADAMS STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11201 ON 5/30/2013 AT 11:30 AM PREMISES KNOWN AS 29 QUENTIN ROAD, BROOKLYN, NY 11223. ALL THAT CERTAIN PLOT PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND, WITH THE BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON ERECTED, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, COUNTY OF KINGS, CITY AND STATE OF NEW YORK. BLOCK 6619 LOT 49 APPROXIMATE AMOUNT OF LIEN \$575,830.77 PLUS INTEREST AND COSTS; PREMISES WILL BE SOLD SUBJECT TO PROVISIONS OF FILED JUDGMENT INDEX # 12701/08 JERRY GIARDINA, ESQ., REFEREE SHELTON MAY & ASSOCIATES ATTORNEYS AT LAW, 255 MERRICK ROAD, ROCKVILLE CENTRE, NY 11570 DATED: 4/3/2013 FILE NUMBER: 18151 MNH #119913

LEGAL NOTICES

BEER LICENSE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A LICENSE, # TBA FOR BEER HAS BEEN APPLIED FOR BY THE UNDERSIGNED TO SELL BEER AT RETAIL IN A RESTAURANT UNDER THE ABC LAW AT PECK'S SPECIALTIES LLC DBA PECK'S AT 455A MYRTLE AVE BROOKLYN, NY 11205 FOR ON PREMISES CONSUMPTION. #120316

SUMMONS

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF KINGS SUMMONS INDEX NO. 504052/2012 DATE PURCHASED: 11/30/12 LOEFFLER PROPERTIES LLC, PLAINTIFF, -AGAINST- GUSSIE KORN, AND JOHN DOES NOS. 1-5 AND JANE DOES NOS. 1-5, BEING UNKNOWN INDIVIDUALS WITH A POSSIBLE INTEREST IN THE MORTGAGE SOUGHT TO BE CANCELLED AND DISCHARGED OF RECORD HEREIN, RECORDED AGAINST PREMISES 101 NORTH 8TH STREET, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK, BLOCK 2310, LOT 38. DEFENDANTS. TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED TO ANSWER THE VERIFIED COMPLAINT IN THIS ACTION AND TO SERVE A COPY OF YOUR ANSWER, OR, IF THE COMPLAINT IS NOT SERVED WITH THE SUMMONS, TO SERVE A NOTICE OF APPEARANCE, ON THE PLAINTIFFS' ATTORNEYS WITHIN TWENTY (20) DAYS AFTER THE SERVICE OF THIS SUMMONS, EXCLUSIVE OF THAT DAY OF SERVICE (OR WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE SERVICE IS COMPLETE IF THIS SUMMONS IS NOT PERSONALLY DELIVERED TO YOU WITHIN THE STATE OF NEW YORK); AND IN CASE OF YOUR FAILURE TO APPEAR OR ANSWER, JUDGMENT WILL BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU BY DEFAULT FOR THE RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE COMPLAINT. THE BASIS OF THE VENUE DESIGNATED IS PLAINTIFF'S PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS. DATED: NEW YORK, NEW YORK NOVEMBER 30, 2012 ZANE AND RUDOFKY ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF 601 WEST 26TH STREET, #1315 NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10001 (212) 245-2222 BY: S/EDWARD S. RUDOFKY TO: GUSSIE KORN 2355 OCEAN AVENUE BROOKLYN, NEW YORK 11219 STATEMENT OF NATURE OF THE ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT: THIS IS AN ACTION PURSUANT TO N.Y. REAL PROPERTY ACTIONS AND PROCEEDINGS LAW ARTICLE 15 TO CANCEL AND DISCHARGE THAT CERTAIN MORTGAGE MADE ON THE 6TH DAY OF MARCH, 1968 BY PLAINTIFF'S PREDECESSOR-IN-INTEREST, SAM LOEFFLER, IN FAVOR OF DEFENDANT, GUSSIE KORN, IN THE SUM OF \$17,800.00, WHICH MORTGAGE WAS RECORDED AS A LIEN ON THE BELOW DESCRIBED REAL PROPERTY ON THE 7TH DAY OF MARCH, 1968 IN LIBER OF MORTGAGES 669 AT PAGE 43. THE PROPERTY ON WHICH THE MORTGAGE SOUGHT TO BE DISCHARGED AS A LIEN OF RECORD IS: 101 NORTH 8TH STREET, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK, BLOCK 2310, LOT 38. #119780

WINE & BEER LICENSE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A LICENSE, NUMBER 1270612 FOR A RESTAURANT WINE AND BEER LICENSE HAS BEEN APPLIED FOR BY THE UNDERSIGNED TO SELL WINE AND BEER, AS THE CASE MAY BE AT RETAIL IN A RESTAURANT AT RETAIL UNDER THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL LAW AT 324 GRAHAM AVENUE, BROOKLYN, NY AND KINGS COUNTY IN WHICH THE PREMISES ARE LOCATED FOR ON PREMISES CONSUMPTION. APPLICANT'S NAME: SUNG BOON KIM/PRESIDENT JHU JHU CORP. D/B/A STAR STAGE RESTAURANT 324 GRAHAM AVENUE, BROOKLYN, NY 11211 #120291

U.S. Attorney to Brooklynites: 'Don't Give In to Apathy; Stay Vigilant'



U.S. Attorney Loretta Lynch was invited to the Madison-Marine-Homecrest Civic Association's monthly meeting to discuss corruption in politics. Photos by Rob Abruzzese

By Rob Abruzzese
Brooklyn Daily Eagle

At a recent community meeting in Marine Park, City Councilman Lewis Fidler asked the crowd how many distrusted the government. Nearly everyone in the audience of 75 raised their hands.

Councilman Fidler wasn't surprised. After all, it has barely been two years since Brooklyn State Senator Carl Kruger was arrested and sent to prison on bribery charges and only days since Brooklyn State Senator John Sampson was charged with embezzlement and obstruction of justice.

Both state senators represented parts of Marine Park. "It has really hit home for us," Councilman Fidler admitted.

The meeting was hosted by the Madison-Marine-Homecrest Civic Association. Councilman Fidler was joined by U.S. Attorney Loretta Lynch and other local politicians, all of whom hoped to assure community members that not everyone in politics is corrupt.

"Councilman Dan Halloran was caught saying 'it's all about the money.' Well, it's not," said Councilman Fidler, referring to the Queens city councilman arrested on bribery charges last month. "I started out as a child and there was no money in it. I just wanted to make my neighborhood a better place."

Lynch took that message a step further when she said that not only should people not give up on the political process, but also that their participation is necessary.

"Don't give in to apathy," Lynch said. "Don't give up. Stay involved, stay focused and vigilant."

U.S. Attorney Lynch stated that apathy hurts the democratic process and that - along with wiretaps, undercover officers, and witnesses using recording devices - ordinary citizens who notice inconsistencies often play a big role in bringing corrupt politicians down.

"We are all enforcers," Lynch said. "We all play a role. People need to get involved. See something, say something' is not just a slogan

for the subway."

Lynch also cautioned people to be patient in corruption cases and warned that just because somebody's name is brought into the mix doesn't necessarily mean they are corrupt.

"There can often be names that come out that should not have come out because, especially early on in an investigation, it's impossible to determine their involvement and often it just tars their names," she said.

When Lynch was questioned about whether black politicians are unfairly targeted, she replied, "Not stealing money is not a high standard. We look at the behavior of everyone. Our goal is to protect communities. You deserve integrity regardless of what your background is."

Brooklyn Assemblywoman Helene Weinstein also spoke at the meeting. She explained that she is currently working on legislation that would oversee not-for-profit charities to ensure that funds are being properly used for their designated purposes.

"There have been too many stories of people embezzling from charities," Weinstein charged. "For those of us trying to work hard and do our jobs, it's a little frustrating, saddening, and disappointing to see all of the corruption."

Assemblyman Alan Maisel explained that further steps need to be taken. He contended that corrupt politicians should not be allowed to use campaign finances for legal fees and that they should lose their pensions if they are found guilty.

"If you have to spend \$1 million out of your pocket on legal fees and could potentially lose your pension, then maybe you'll think twice about defrauding the system," Maisel said.

After the meeting, many attendees thanked U.S. Attorney Lynch and said that her remarks had assuaged their fears.

"A lot of people were wondering who we could trust," said Ed Jaworski, President of the Madison-Marine-Homecrest Civic Association. "That was the thought we had when we invited our speaker here tonight, and she did a great job answering a lot of our questions."



Brooklyn City Councilman Lewis Fidler

ASK THE DA



By Charles J. Hynes
District Attorney, Kings County

Alternatives for Prison For Drug Offenders

Q: I recently read about a drug diversion program graduation ceremony that you held and would like to know more about this alternative to incarceration program.

In 1990 I launched the Drug Treatment Alternative-to-Prison (DTAP) Program. The purpose of this program is to divert substance abusing, repeat felony offenders away from prison and into treatment.

Public safety is always the priority, and offenders with a history of violence are not eligible for the program. Incarceration is appropriate for violent drug dealers who exploit addicted individuals, recruit youngsters and terrorize neighborhoods. My office prosecutes those drug dealers vigorously to ensure that they get the prison sentences they deserve.

The first step for entering the DTAP Program is that qualified defendants must first plead guilty. The next step is participation in a residential drug treatment program for 18-24 months instead of imprisonment. If the program is successfully completed, the criminal charges are dismissed, whereas those who fail are sentenced to prison.

Since its inception, there have been 3,070 defendants accepted into the program, 275 of which are still in treatment, and 1,408 have successfully completed and have had their cases dismissed. Eighty-nine percent of DTAP's graduates who are able to work are employed. Diversion to DTAP has resulted in economic benefits of \$56.9 million for those who have graduated from the program.

This year I honored 65 graduates at a ceremony at Borough Hall. I am very proud of all of them for the commitment they have made to turn their lives around. As one DTAP graduate, "I am now a law-abiding, tax-paying asset to our country." Congratulations and good luck to all of the graduates.

A Difference of Opinion: Are Universal Life Church Weddings Valid in New York?

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Rabbi? Priest? Imam? Justice of the peace? These are the usual suspects with authority under state marriage laws to preside over wedding ceremonies. Should a minister ordained online with the click of a button be added to the list? Whether ministers ordained by the Universal Life Church ("ULC"), an online ministry with more than 20 million ministers, can lawfully preside over weddings is a recurring question in lawsuits.

In a recent opinion, in *Oswald v. Oswald*, an appellate court in New York suggested that a ULC marriage was valid. This might not seem surprising, but it departs from three other cases in New York that have held the opposite, one of which was a fellow appellate court.

On October 29, 2005, Henry and Victoria Oswald were married. A ULC minister, in Washington County, New York, performed the ceremony. Three days before the wedding, the parties signed a prenuptial agreement that was, like most such agreements, to take effect "only upon the solemnization of [the] marriage." The agreement, again like most, purported to fix the parties' financial obligations should the marriage end in divorce. Five years later, Henry filed for an annulment—a declaration that the marriage never validly existed, asserting that the minister who presided over their wedding did not have the authority to do so.

Marriage law imposes certain prerequisites to a valid marriage. The parties must be eligible to marry, apply for a marriage license, and a ceremony must be presided over by an authorized officiant who declares the marriage solemnized. New York allows marriage ceremonies to be solemnized by civil officers and religious officials. Generally religious officials are ordained by a recognized religious body and have a congregation or following. The very idea of something like the Universal Life Church is confounding to a traditional definition of clergy. ULC ordination is free and is accomplished in seconds through a click on the website.

In several cases, spouses have argued that their marriages were invalid because a ULC minister solemnized the wedding. In the *Oswald* case, the lower court followed the earlier case precedents and held the marriage invalid because a ULC minister solemnized it. The appellate court reversed the trial court's ruling and made it clear that it was departing from the analysis and reasoning of the earlier case law. During the trial phase, Mr. Oswald suggested that the ULC could not qualify as a church under New York law because it professes no beliefs. The appellate court ruled that it

has no power to assess a church on this basis, beyond perhaps a determination that its self-characterization is made in good faith, noting a court can do no more than "determin[e] whether the ULC adhered to its own rules and regulations."

Despite its pronouncements that it is not the court's role to determine the validity of a church on its lack of beliefs, the appellate court sent the *Oswald* case back to the lower trial court to determine whether the ULC marriage was solemnized and thus valid.

This raises the larger question of whether the legislature should, when delegating authority to conduct a civil act to religious officials, have standards at all. Is it the government's place to decide who or what qualifies as a religion, a church, or a minister?

While the New York Court of Appeals (the state's highest court) might weigh in on this issue, the real remedy, if one is to be had, should come from the legislature. The state treads on dangerous ground when it tries to pick and choose among "religions" or "religious officials" on the basis of their religiosity.

Without changing the general definition for other purposes, the legislature could expand the definition of officiants authorized to perform marriages. It might do well to follow the model of some states, which allow laypersons to become a "minister for a day" for purposes of performing a wedding ceremony. Given that civil marriage has no religious implications, there is no particular reason why the legislature should prefer clergy over other competent adults who can be trusted to follow the rules and fill out the paperwork.

This article was originally published on Justia on May 14, 2013.

U.S. Sues B'klyn Fish Processors; Calls Products Unsafe

From U.S. Department of Justice

The U.S. Department of Justice has filed a lawsuit and sought a preliminary injunction against N.Y. Fish Inc., New York City Fish Inc., Maxim Kutsyk, Pavel Roytkov, Leonid Staroseletesky and Steven Koyfman under the federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act (FDCA).

New York City Fish manufactures and distributes ready-to-eat fishery products, including smoked salmon and mackerel, and operates out of a food processing facility at 738 Chester St. N.Y. Fish previously operated a similar fish processing business out of the same location, employing virtually all of the same employees. Although N.Y. Fish (ostensibly a separate company) has ceased manufacturing, FDA believes that N.Y. Fish products continue to be distributed and sold.

The complaint alleges that all defendants have a history of processing fishery products under unsanitary conditions, with inadequate safety procedures.

"Inspectors who visited the defendants' facility found more than Nemo; they found life-threatening bacteria. Despite repeated warnings and

direction to sanitize the facility, the defendants have failed to do so. They cannot be allowed to continue to distribute potentially unsafe food to our families. Those who store, package and sell the food that we eat must maintain basic standards of cleanliness in their facilities," said Loretta E. Lynch, U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of New York.

According to the complaint, FDA conducted seven inspections of the Chester Street facility between 2006 and 2013. The inspections showed a repeated failure to minimize the risk of contamination by two dangerous types of bacteria: *Listeria monocytogenes* and *Clostridium botulinum*.

People who eat food contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes* can contract the disease listeriosis, which can be serious, even fatal, for vulnerable groups such as newborns and those with impaired immune systems. Complications from the disease can also lead to miscarriage. *Clostridium botulinum* spores can produce the toxin that causes botulism. Eating food tainted with this toxin can lead to paralysis and potentially death.

Supreme Court Calendar

Kings Co. Criminal Term
320 Jay St., Brooklyn

Hon. Goldberg
people's case, *burglary*
ΔSadiq Abdul-Wahaab

Hon. Garnett
jury selection, *burglary*
ΔGabriel Crooks

Hon. Murphy
pretrial, *attempted murder*
ΔThomas Dunikowski

Hon. Tomei
opening, *murder*
ΔShaquan Kelly

Hon. Murphy
pretrial, *robbery*
ΔBruce Lewis

Hon. Shillingford
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Δhamel Maitland

Hon. Marrus
people's case, *murder*
ΔNelson Morales and Kevin Santos

LEGAL EVENTS

Monday, May 20, Forensic Accounting in Family Law, 6 to 8 p.m. Learn how forensic accountants assist attorneys in representing their clients in family law engagements. Acquire the tools and techniques used in discovering hidden assets or unreported or under reported income. Learn about methods used in valuing closely held businesses. 2 MCLE Credits (Practice Management). Presented by Robert I. Schindler, CPA, Cavalcante & Co. Sponsored by Brooklyn Bar Association, Family Law Section. At BBA, 123 Remsen St.

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Thursday, May 21, How To Become a Judge, 6 to 9 p.m. Have you ever considered becoming more involved in public service and rising to the bench? A panel of prominent judges and members of the Bar will share their experiences running for judicial elections and getting appointed to don the robes. 2 MCLE Credits (Practical Skills). Presented by Hon. Frank Seddio, Hon. Miriam Cyrulnik, Hon. Gary Marton, ADA Rachel Nash, court attorney Lara Genovesi. Sponsored by Brooklyn Bar Association Legislative Committee. At BBA, 123 Remsen St.

Purse-Snatching On the 'F' Line

Police are seeking the public's assistance in identifying and locating a teen wanted for a purse-snatching at the Avenue N station of the F subway line.

On Saturday, May 4, around 11:50 a.m. on the northbound platform, he approached a 44-year-old woman, grabbed her purse and fled on foot.

The youth was described as being in his mid-teens, black, medium height and having a slim build. He was last seen wearing a black hooded sweatshirt, blue jeans and blue New Balance sneakers. In a video, he is seen running into the turnstile area, possibly to get on to the opposite platform.

No, That's Not Grated Cheese Delivered With the Pizza

From Associated Press

The arrest of a Brooklyn man charged with using his job at a pizzeria as a cover as he delivered more than pizza pies has captured the attention of many New Yorkers.

Officials on Thursday announced the arrest of 45-year-old Ramon Rodriguez. They say he had made at least 19 sales of cocaine to an undercover officer since the fall of 2011.

He was taken into custody on Wednesday night after authorities said he sold a kilo of cocaine in front of the Papa John's store on 58th Street in Sunset Park where he worked, using a pizza box as a cover.

Authorities say Rodriguez told officers over the course of the undercover effort that he was breaking away from pizza deliveries to make the drug sales.

Later on, cops searched Rodriguez's home on Ninth Avenue near 63rd Street and found about \$4,500 in cash and some drug paraphernalia.

According to the Kings County District Attorney's Office, Rodriguez had not been charged as of Friday afternoon.