


BROOKLYN TODAY

MAY 22

Good afternoon. Today is the 142nd day of the year. On this day in 1850, the Brooklyn Daily Eagle reported on the 20th anniversary ceremonies of the Brooklyn Sunday School Union, an organization of Sunday schools representing various Christian denominations. The article described boys and girls wearing colorful costumes and carrying banners. Some of these banners showed Biblical scenes, while others, designed for younger children, merely showed wreaths and flowers. All in all, about 7,000 adults and children participated in the parade. The ceremonies ended at the Church of the Pilgrims in Brooklyn Heights.

Winners of Building Brooklyn Awards



Brooklyn Bridge Park, Pier 5, seen here, is the winner in the “Landscape and Open Space” category of the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce’s Building Brooklyn Awards. Other winners include the BAM Fisher Building, the Kensington Library, the Gilbert Rivera Pavilion at Maimonides Breast Cancer Center, Barclays Center, the Brooklyn Botanic Garden Visitors Center, City Point, 205 Water St., the Pitkin Theatre Center and several others. A ceremony will be held on July 10. For more information, visit www.buildingbrooklynawards.com. Rendering courtesy of Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce.



Long Island College Hospital (LICH) supporters testified at Monday’s meeting seeking ideas to save SUNY Downstate Medical Center — but some doubted anyone was listening. See story, page 3.

Photo by Will Hasty

WWII Hero, Father of Retired Brooklyn Official, Dies at 93

From Associated Press

Boruch Spiegel, one of the last remaining survivors of the 1943 Warsaw ghetto uprising by poorly armed Jewish insurgents against the powerful Nazi German force that occupied Poland, has died in Montreal at age 93.

Spiegel is the father of Julius Spiegel, a retired Brooklyn commissioner for the NYC Parks Department.

Spiegel was one of about 750 Jewish fighters who on April 19, 1943, launched an uprising that took the Germans off guard. The fighters were overwhelmingly outnumbered and outgunned and the revolt never had a real chance of victory, but the fighters still managed to hold out for a month.

Their struggle endures as a symbol of resistance against the odds and a desire to maintain human dignity in the worst of possible conditions.

“He was essentially an ordinary guy forced by circumstances to do things that were out of character,” Julius Spiegel told The Associated Press.



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Errol Louis, host of “Inside City Hall,” was the moderator for a discussion, co-sponsored by the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce and Explore Schools, on education called “Achieving the Brooklyn Dream.” See page 3.



The cast of “Spider-Man Turn Off the Dark” will be the special guests of BPL’s 2013 Summer Reading Kickoff on Thursday, June 6th. See story, page 9.

Photo by Jacon Cohl

BOOK BEAT

On the New York City subway, Brooklyn-based author Stephen Witt pitches his two novels “American Moses” and “The Street Singer: A Tale of Sex, Money and Power in a Changing Brooklyn.” See BookBeat, page 8. YouTube image via Stephen Witt



REVIEW AND COMMENT

Washington's Rare Moment Of Reform – for Itself

Little noticed in the political “scandals” piling up for President Obama is one bright spot: Washington has finally taken time out from fixing the country’s problems to fixing its own. To most Americans, that’s long overdue.

From security lapses in the Benghazi attack to the rise of sex assaults in the military to the IRS abuse, Democrats and Republicans are singing a similar tune about reforming major parts of government. Partisan politics may still intone an off-key note, but at least the incessant gridlock over competing visions of what government should be doing for America has been temporarily usurped by an emerging consensus on what government should do for itself.

“If we’re being honest,” Mr. Obama said in a May 5 commencement address, elected leaders should admit “the institutions that give structure to our society have, at times, betrayed your trust.”

Indeed, public trust in government is at a near-record low of 26 percent, according to a recent Pew poll. In exit polls during last November’s election, more than half of voters said government is doing too much.

Obama’s words, like those of other civic leaders with some humility, reflect the proverbial advice of “physician, heal thyself.” The State Department, for example, has admitted to “systemic failures” and “management deficiencies” leading up to the terrorist attack on American diplomats in Libya last September. A Treasury probe of the IRS targeting of conservative groups seeking tax-exempt status found “ineffective management oversight.” And Gen. Ray Odierno, the Army chief of staff, told the troops: “The Army is failing in its efforts to combat sexual assault and sexual harassment.”

Admitting past mistakes is halfway to fixing them. And these institutions have already shown some measure of self-correction. But left unsaid is that the size and complexity of government can sometimes lead to lapses in leadership.

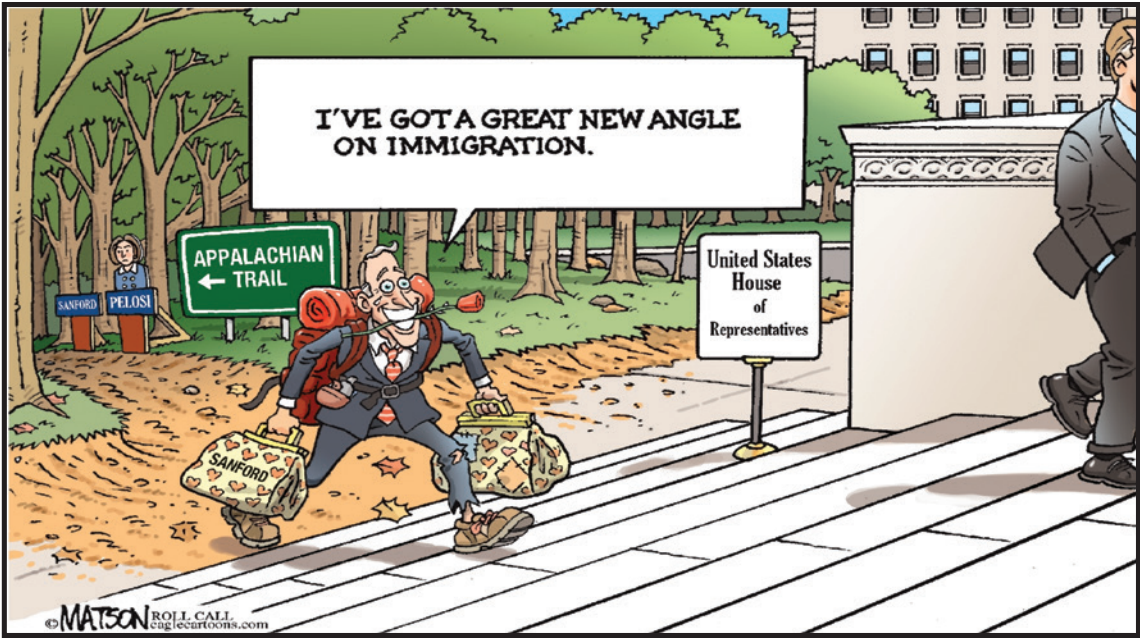
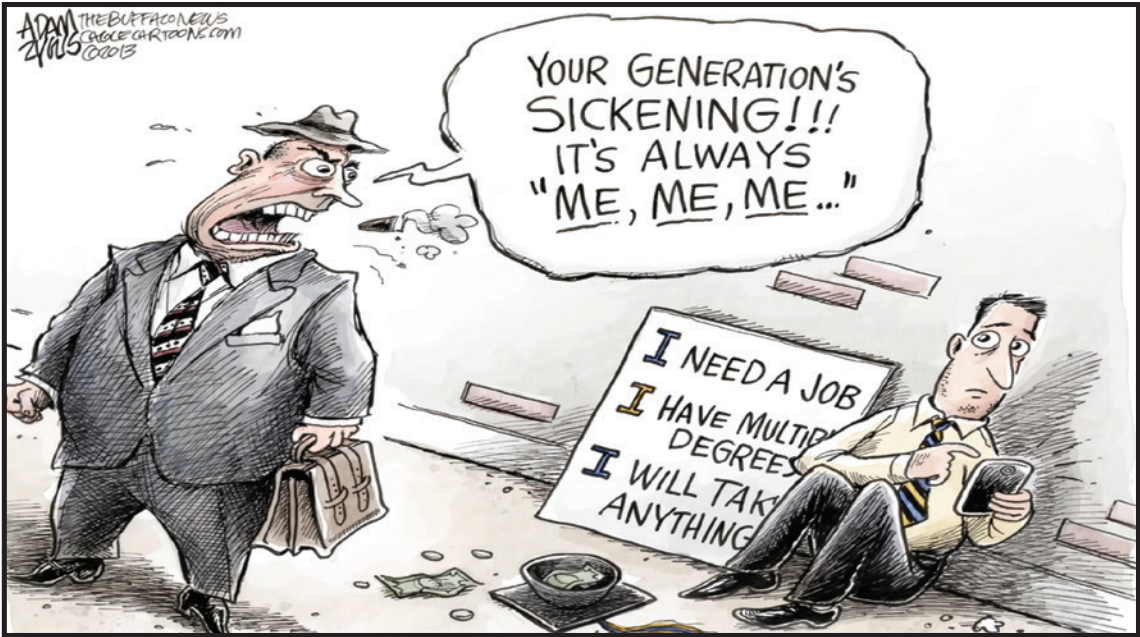
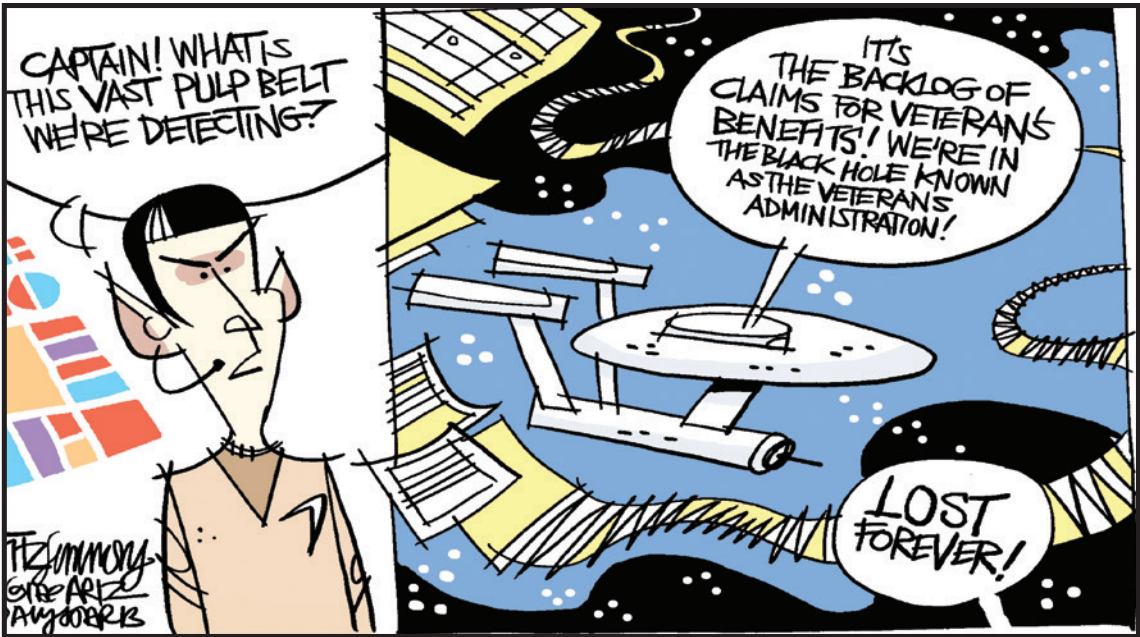
“Part of being president is that there’s so much beneath you that you can’t know because the government is so vast,” said Obama adviser David Axelrod about these recent mistakes in federal agencies.

In history, advanced societies have often collapsed after adding solution on top of solution to problems, points out Joseph Tainter of Utah State University in his book “The Collapse of Complex Societies.” Governments find they have to command more resources just to maintain ever-more sophisticated systems, he found, based on studies of civilizations from the Roman Empire to the Mayan civilization.

In today’s world, mature democracies are in trouble over their governance abilities, warns the think tank Transatlantic Academy, an initiative of the German Marshall Fund of the United States. In a report, it states: “Democratic governments often seem crippled in their capacity to deliver what their people want and need. They are neither as responsive nor as accountable as they need to be in an era of hard choices...”

Mending government’s mistakes requires a humility to recognize them, a new appreciation for simplicity and innovation, and an occasional timeout from the normal business of social reform. Such moments also offer a rare opportunity for bipartisan momentum. Perhaps that spirit can last when Washington resumes debates on matters like immigration and background checks on gun purchases.

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Ideas Offered at Meeting to Save Downstate

LICH Supporters Wonder If Anyone Was Listening

By Mary Frost
Brooklyn Daily Eagle

At Monday’s town hall looking for suggestions to save financially troubled SUNY Downstate Medical Center, many supporters of Long Island College Hospital (LICH) said that the process of coming up with a workable plan to save the Medical Center – and with it, LICH – was too rushed and did not truly include the community.

State Sen. Daniel Squadron thanked Chairman McCall “for the opportunity to submit testimony” but added, “It’s crucial that any decision on LICH and Downstate’s future includes community and legislative input. I continue to urge the state to form a working group to ensure those voices are a key part of the process.”

LICH, in Cobble Hill, has been tethered to SUNY Downstate since SUNY took it over two years ago. After an initial attempt to close the 155-year-old hospital was shot down, SUNY issued a Request for Information (RFI) on May 1 from qualified parties who might take over some or all of the operations of LICH.

“The first thing I want to say is that this town hall meeting is not a substitute for meaningful, serious consultation with stakeholders. Our three-minute comments today are not the consultation with stakeholders required by law,” said LICH nurse Carmen Pimentel.

While the RFI is “an encouraging development,” she said, “The time frame is too short. Any questions about LICH and the RFI had to be submitted by May 15th and submission of responses are due no later than May 22 – that’s this Wednesday. The RFI document offers very little insight into hospital finances, a tad more information about current operations, and a great deal of detail about LICH real estate.”

SUNY Downstate, which has been losing money since 2007, must deliver a “Sustainability Plan” to the State Department of Health and the Governor’s Division of the Budget by June 1, and begin implementing it on June 15.

While SUNY has portrayed LICH as a money-loser, some see the Brownstone Brooklyn hospital as the possible salvation of nearly-bankrupt SUNY Downstate. With SUNY Downstate’s “crumbling physical plant,” many doctors might rather see private-pay patients at LICH, with 16 modern operating rooms.

Roy Sloane, president of the Cobble Hill Association, said, “A good way to make SUNY profitable is to make LICH profitable.” Sloane said that LICH “has to provide the service the community wants. We’ve been telling you this for years. Otherwise, you’ll only get the people the ambulance scraped off the highway.”

But Sloane said he got the impression that SUNY was not interested in his opinion. “There were armed guards by the microphones,” he told the *Brooklyn Eagle*. “It was intimidating. They kept calling out how much time you had left to speak.

“I hope it was a genuine session – but it had all the hallmarks of a rush to prove they held meetings and now they’re going to close LICH,” Sloane said.

Herdley Hill, a nurse at LICH and a member of the NYS Nurses Association (NYSNA), testified that “SUNY has been secretive and far from transparent.”

Hill said that the 2013 budget specifically directed SUNY to consult with labor and community representatives in creating a sustainability plan. On May 3, the NYSNA sent a letter to Dr. John Williams, president of SUNY Downstate, proposing the creation of “a committee of stakeholders so that all impacted parties would work collaboratively to find a sustainable long-term solution for all SUNY Downstate operations, including LICH,” Hill said.

“But we received no response to our letter. Instead of seeking meaningful input, SUNY is holding this so-called town hall meeting, which by no means fulfills SUNY’s legal obligations.”

SUNY Downstate spokesperson Bob Bellafiore told the *Brooklyn*



Long Island College Hospital (LICH) supporters testified at Monday’s meeting seeking ideas to save SUNY Downstate Medical Center – but some doubted anyone was listening. Shown: LICH.
Photo by Will Hasty

Eagle, “We’re taking the comments in the spirit they were given and taking all advice seriously.” While the three-minute time limit was imposed so all would be able to comment, “people are invited to submit written testimony as long and as detailed and imaginative as they want.” And “the sooner the better,” he added.

The deadline was determined by the budget, “set by the two houses of the legislature and signed by the governor,” he said. “We’re living within the timeframe set by Albany.”

When asked if it was a reasonable timeframe, he said, “It doesn’t matter what I think, it’s the law.”

Bellafiore said that a number of ideas had already been submitted to SUNY Downstate. “Equalizing Medicaid reimbursement rates between Brooklyn and Manhattan; Section 8 assisted living at LICH; procurement inefficiencies; increasing the collection time on outstanding bills – all interesting concepts,” he said.

But CHA’s Sloane remains skeptical. “I wonder if you have several executives making hundreds of thousands a year and spend millions on consultants and you didn’t listen to their advice, why would you listen to people who walk in off the street?”

Improving Education Is Topic of Chamber Breakfast

By Raanan Geberer
Brooklyn Daily Eagle

Even though *GQ Magazine* has dubbed Brooklyn “the coolest place on the planet,” this “coolness” doesn’t necessarily translate to the entire borough. All in all, the borough has a 10 percent unemployment rate, a third of its children live in poverty, fewer than half of its students read at grade level, and only 64 percent graduate on time.

So said Morty Ballen, founder and CEO of Explore Schools, speaking at a breakfast Tuesday morning at Brooklyn Law School. Other speakers at the breakfast, co-sponsored by Explore and the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce, included Chamber President and CEO Carlo Scissura; Karen L. Gould, president of Brooklyn College; and David Banks, president and CEO of the Eagle Academy Foundation. Errol Louis, host of NY’s “Inside City Hall,” served as the moderator.

Although several topics were discussed, the focus was on how the downward trend among youth can be reversed and how the business community can help out. The answer that got the most applause came from Banks.

Children, he said, need “grit” – not the type of grit that expresses itself in macho posturing, but the type that will help them get up over and over again even when they are shot down. As a child, he was impressed by the fact that when Muhammad Ali was asked what he



Errol Louis, “Inside City Hall” host and moderator of the discussion. Wikimedia photo by David Shankbone

was thinking after he was knocked out by Joe Frazier in the 15th round, he replied, “I was thinking about how I could get back up again.”

Ballen began by talking about his charter-school network, which now has 1,400 students up to the age of 14 in six schools. He said that he doesn’t see his schools in competition with traditional “district” schools – “we measure ourselves against ourselves.” He said “co-location” with district schools doesn’t have to be a problem—the two schools can work together over issues like access to the cafeteria and the library.

Banks, who heads four Eagle Academy high schools (which are not charter schools), said that the situation among young people is particularly acute among minorities. “There are seven New York City neighborhoods,” he said, “that produce 70 percent of all prison inmates in the entire state.”

Banks’ Eagle schools are for boys only, and 95 per-



Karen Gould, president of Brooklyn College

Eagle file photo

cent of their graduates go to college. Extremely important, he said, is the process of providing mentors for the boys. “Only 32 percent of African-American families have fathers at home,” he said.

Gould, of Brooklyn College, pointed out that many students’ problems don’t end when they enter college. About 15 percent of all students, she said, drop out after their freshman year. Although the college is winning that struggle, it is now seeking to minimize the dropout rate after students’ sophomore and senior years.

In general, she said, it’s very important to get more high-school students to see the campus, to get into their minds what a college looks like. Even if the students decide to go to a different school, she said, the result is positive.

“Thirty years ago,” she said, ‘many professors bragged about how many students they flunked.’ Those days, she stressed, are over.

Pols Play Hardball Over Third Ave. Bus

By Paula Katinas
Brooklyn Daily Eagle

Lawmakers who held a rain-soaked rally in Bay Ridge on Sunday to call on the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) to restore the B37 bus, a line that was eliminated three years ago, said they’re determined to win their battle of wills with the agency.

One lawmaker, state Sen. Diane Savino (D-Brooklyn-Staten Island), indicated that she’s not above playing a little hardball with the MTA to get the B37 bus back.

Savino, whose district includes a section of Bay Ridge, told local residents at the May 19 rally that she wants to extract a promise from MTA Chairman Thomas Prendergast nominee that he would restore the shuttered bus line and other transit services when he faces the state senate at his confirmation hearing in two weeks. Gov. Andrew Cuomo nominated Prendergast to replace Joseph Lhota, the former MTA chairman who is now running for mayor.

“The only way to get that job is through the New York State Senate,” she said, hinting that she’ll give Prendergast a hard time if he doesn’t cooperate. “It’s time for us to get back on the bus,” Savino said.

The B37 bus ran from Bay Ridge to Downtown Brooklyn until the MTA eliminated the bus line in 2010 during a major budget cutting move in which dozens of transit lines were scrapped. The B37 bragged about how many students they flunked.” Those days, she stressed, are over.



Assemblywoman Nicole Malliotakis (at podium) and other elected officials including state Sen. Diane Savino (left) and Councilman Vincent Gentile (second from left) rally to get the B37 bus back on Third Avenue.

Eagle photo by Paula Katinas

cacy groups charged that the elimination of the bus line is a hardship for senior citizens and the physically disabled who can’t use the R train on Fourth Avenue. The R train stations in Bay Ridge and Sunset Park are not equipped with elevators.

The rally, organized by Assemblywoman Nicole Malliotakis (R-C-Bay Ridge-Staten Island), took place on the corner of Third Avenue and Senator Street in a tent that was hastily erected to keep the participants dry during a downpour. Malliotakis and Savino led a bipartisan group of elected officials that included state Sen. Marty Golden (R-C-Bay Ridge-Southeast Brooklyn); Assembly Members Felix Ortiz (D-Sunset Park), Alec Brook-Krasny (D-Bay Ridge-Dyker Heights-Coney Island) and Joan Millman (D-Brooklyn Heights); and Councilman Vincent Gentile (D-Bay Ridge-Dyker Heights-Bensonhurst).

Members of the Restore the B37 Coalition, the Transit

Riders Alliance, the United Puerto Rican Organizations of Sunset Park (UPROSE), the Merchants of Third Avenue, the Bay Ridge Community Council, the AARP, and the Transport Workers Union attended the rally.

Elizabeth Yeampierre, executive director of UPROSE, said it’s important for the MTA to make sure that all bus lines are operating in the event of another Hurricane Sandy type of storm. The hurricane knocked out several subway lines for days.

“We need to support surface transit. It’s a matter of transportation justice,” she said. “We need this bus line, especially in weather like this,” Brook-Krasny said.

“We are sick and tired of paying more and getting less in terms of service,” Malliotakis added.

Millman, who said riders miss being able to travel from Bay Ridge to Downtown Brooklyn, called the B37 “our crosstown bus.”

‘Ready’ for the World Champs

Brooklyn Hoops Legend Stephenson Buries Knicks; Heat Up Next

By John Torenli
Sports Editor
Brooklyn Daily Eagle

The player they called “Born Ready” was more than prepared to be a New York Knick on June 25, 2010, at Madison Square Garden.

Brooklyn high school basketball legend Lance Stephenson was the Big East Freshman of the Year coming out of the University of Cincinnati at that night’s NBA Draft.

And he had told the *Eagle*, and anyone else who would listen, in the days leading up to the league’s annual selection extravaganza that he was eager and willing to ply his trade within the familiar confines of “The World’s Most Famous Arena.”

“I always wanted to play in the Garden,” Stephenson noted nearly three years ago, a season removed from winning an unprecedented four consecutive PSAL championship for Lincoln High School, where he also became the highest-scoring player in the history of NYC scholastic hoops. “I grew up playing in the Garden since high school. If the Knicks pick me, it would be a dream come true to play my home games here.”

The Knicks had not one, but two chances to pick Stephenson in the second round that night.

But they instead opted for Syracuse shooting guard Andy Rautins with the 38th overall pick and Landry Fields out of Stanford with No. 39. One selection later, buoyed by the insight of team president and



After the best game of his three-year NBA career, former Lincoln High School star Lance Stephenson will go up against LeBron James and the defending NBA champion Miami Heat Wednesday night in Game 1 of the Eastern Conference Finals.

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During his playing days in Brooklyn, Lance Stephenson became New York’s all-time leading scholastic school scorer.

AP Photo



Lance Stephenson and the Railsplitters celebrated an unprecedented four PSAL titles at Madison Square Garden.

NBA Hall of Famer Larry Bird, the Indiana Pacers took a chance on Lance.

Rautins is currently struggling to find his way back into the NBA, while Fields is a reserve for the Toronto Raptors after the Knicks chose not to re-sign him following a fairly productive season off the bench during the 2011-12 campaign.

As for Stephenson, he’s getting ready to take on LeBron James and the defending world champion Miami Heat in Game 1 of the Eastern Conference Finals on Wednesday night after burying the Knicks’ play-off hopes with the best performance of his three-year career Saturday.

“I just didn’t want to go back to New York and play Game 7,” Ste-

phenson said after scoring 25 points on 9-of-13 shooting, ripping down 10 rebounds and making virtually every big play down the stretch for the Pacers during their series-ending Game 6 win at Bankers Life Fieldhouse. “Just get it done with now and I’d do whatever it takes to do that. It showed tonight.”

It’s easy, three years removed from that fateful evening in Manhattan, to hem and haw about how misguided the Knicks were in passing on one of the finest all-around players our borough has produced in recent memory. It’s even easier to point at the irony that it was Stephenson who played a major role in ending the Knicks’ best season in two decades.

But it’s more than worth noting that Stephenson, dubbed “The best I’ve ever had,” by long-time Lincoln coach Dwayne “Tiny” Morton, carried some extra off-the-court baggage with him into the draft room that night. And was considered less than “Ready” to jump into the NBA and dominate the way he did Saturday night.

More than a year before he was drafted by Indiana, Stephenson was suspended from school and missed two games for the Railsplitters due to an altercation with a teammate. That same year he was also arrested for groping a 17-year-old girl at the Coney Island school, resulting in a Class B misdemeanor charge.

Even after he turned pro, Stephenson was arrested for third-degree assault after allegedly shoving his girlfriend down a flight of stairs, though the case was eventually dismissed. In 2011, shortly after making his NBA debut with the Pacers, the 6-foot-5, 220-pound dynamo was demoted to the D-League for what the organization called “maturity issues.”

Now all of 22-years-old, Stephenson, appears to finally be “Ready” for a long and productive career in the NBA, one that could see him make his first Finals appearance in two weeks time if the Pacers can stun the Heat.

In a recent interview with Yahoo! Sports, Stephenson intimated the most valuable lesson he received from Bird, the man who

believed right from draft night that the Brooklyn native could thrive in the world’s most competitive basketball league.

“Learn everything, learn, learn, learn,’ Larry used to say to me,” Stephenson recounted. “ ‘Watch the games,’ he would tell me. ‘Don’t just sit and take these games for granted.’ I listened to him. I watched the other players that were in front of me, and I took what they did and tried to put in my swag. ... I owe Larry Bird so much.”

The kid from Coney Island is beginning to pay back that debt during these playoffs. And the Knicks, much to their chagrin, can only sit back and watch.

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PUBLIC LEGAL NOTICES

EMIGRANT BANK V. HAZ & DA PROPERTIES, LLC

NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS, EMIGRANT BANK, PLAINTIFF, VS. HAZ & DA PROPERTIES, LLC, ET AL., DEFENDANT(S). PURSUANT TO A JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE AND SALE DULY FILED ON MAY 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 JUNE 20, 2013 AT 2:30 PM, PREMISES KNOWN AS 2306 EAST 3RD 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 CITY AND STATE OF NEW YORK, BLOCK 7154 AND LOT 33. PREMISES WILL BE SOLD SUBJECT TO PROVISIONS OF FILED JUDGMENT INDEX # 33772/08. ROY A. MCKENZIE, ESQ, REFEREE STAGG, TERENCE, CONFUSIONE & WABNIK, LLP, 401 FRANKLIN AVENUE SUITE 300, GARDEN CITY, NY 11530, ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF

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Michael Gerstein, Hon. Margarita Lopez-Torres, Hon. Juanita Bing Newton and Hon. Desmond Green.



ABOVE: Hon. William Miller, Hon. Priscilla Hall and Hon. Larry Martin

RIGHT: Lisa Schreibersdorf and Hon. Alex M. Calabrese

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my time in Criminal Court,” Miller once told the *Brooklyn Daily Eagle*. “It was all a collaborative effort. I was merely a part of the collaboration.”

Brooklyn Law School Dean Nick Allard admired the “respect and admiration” Miller received from his peers. “Respect and admiration of peers is the most difficult to earn, and judging by the friends here, [Hon. Miller] is a wealthy man.”

Allard acknowledged the judges, lawyers, and court staff in the room. He said, “[BLS] students hold you in awe. They have great respect for what you have done. You are the beacon for them.”

Miller was genuinely moved by the words and remarks of celebration of his tenure. “I want to thank all of you,” he said to the crowd. “If it were not for you, I would not be here. Where I would be, I do not know,” Miller concluded with a smile.



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Brooklyn Judicial Community Celebrates Judge's 30-Year Tenure

By Charisma L. Miller, Esq.
Associated Press

The judicial and legal community commemorated Brooklyn Supreme Court Justice William Miller's 30-year tenure as supervising judge of Kings County Criminal Court with an event on Monday at Brooklyn Law School's Forchelli Conference Center.

"Tonight we honor a man of character, integrity, and dignity," Acting Supreme Court Justice Joseph Gubbay said, setting the tone for the evening. In 1983, the late NYC Mayor Edward Koch appointed Miller to the Criminal Court bench after a stint in the Brooklyn District Attorney's Office.

Miller quickly rose up through the ranks, becoming Brooklyn



Nicholas Allard, Dean of Brooklyn Law School; and Hon. William Miller.

Criminal Court's Supervising Judge in 1985. In 2012, Miller relinquished his role as Supervising Judge when he was elected to Brooklyn Supreme Court, Criminal Term, allowing him to remain on the bench past the age of 70.

Miller, who has spent the majority of his legal career at Criminal Court, "love[s] being at Supreme Court," but has not lost his love for Criminal Court. While Miller has a "beautiful office" at 320 Jay St., it has not diminished his affinity for the staff and personnel at Criminal Court.

"Criminal Court is not an institution," Miller said. "It is not a building. It is a way of life."

"We accomplished a lot during

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Former High-Ranking Official at HPD Sentenced to 18 Months in Prison

From U.S. Attorney's Office

Michael Provenzano, former director of construction services for the New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD), was sentenced on Tuesday by Brooklyn Federal Judge Nina Gershon to 18 months in prison followed by three years of supervised release.

He was also ordered to pay \$30,000 restitution to the City of New York and a \$5,000 fine following his corruption conviction for taking bribes. As part of his sentence, Provenzano, 49, also was ordered to forfeit the \$30,000 in bribery money to the government, representing the proceeds of his crime.

From approximately January 2007 through December 2009, Provenzano solicited and received \$30,000 in bribe payments from a contractor who had extensive construction contracts with HPD, the largest municipal developer of affordable housing in the United States. The contractor paid

Provenzano the bribes in return for, among other things, Provenzano leaking to the contractor confidential HPD inspection reports.

The contractor was regularly and illegally employing additional workers at different work sites and paying them less than the legally required prevailing wage. With these leaked inspection reports, the contractor was able to conform his invoices to match the reports, thereby avoiding detection by HPD for his illegal conduct in paying those additional workers less than the prevailing wage.

"Provenzano admitted taking bribes to provide a developer with confidential information that helped that developer exploit his workers," said Loretta Lynch, U.S. attorney for the Eastern District. "[His] sentence sends a clear message: any public servant, whether a legislator or an appointed official, who dips his hand in the public till will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law."

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Loretta Lynch, U.S. attorney for the Eastern District of N.Y., based in Brooklyn

Man Gets 31 Months For Fleeing To Evade \$1M in Child Support

United States District Judge Joseph F. Bianco sentenced Robert D. Sand, the nation's "Most Wanted Deadbeat Parent" according to law enforcement, to 31 months in prison followed by one year of supervised release. The sentence was handed down late Tuesday afternoon at the federal courthouse in Central Islip, N.Y.

Sand, 51, previously pleaded guilty to two counts of traveling in interstate and foreign commerce with the intent to evade court ordered child support obligations totaling over \$1 million including interest and penalties. Sand was also sentenced to restitution in the amount of his unpaid support obligations – \$903,789.

At the time of his plea, Sand admitted that he initially relocated from New York to Florida and then fled the United States, spending much of the past decade in the Kingdom of Thailand, in order to evade his support obligations.

In January 2012, OIG-DHHS launched a child support enforcement web page to seek the public's help in ongoing federal efforts to bring fugitive "deadbeat parents" to justice. Sand was listed on the site as the number one "Most Wanted Deadbeat Parent" based upon his child support obligations totaling more than \$1million.



Hon. Betty J. Williams and Richard Johnson.

Eagle photos by Rob Abruzzese.

Mexican Brothers, in B'klyn Court, Plead Guilty to Sex Trafficking

From U.S. Attorney's Office, Eastern District

On Monday, at the federal courthouse in Brooklyn, New York, Benito Lopez Perez, Anastasio Romero-Perez and Jose Gabino Barrientos-Perez, brothers and citizens of Mexico, pled guilty to sex trafficking charges. According to the 25-count indictment and other court filings, the defendants were charged with sex trafficking, interstate prostitution, alien smuggling and money laundering offenses, involving victims as young as 14 years old.

The defendants were extradited from Mexico in December 2012, as part of the office's comprehensive anti-trafficking program, which has to date indicted 52 defendants in sex trafficking cases and rescued over 100 victims, including 17 minors. At the court proceeding before Brooklyn District Judge Carol B. Amon, each defendant pled guilty to a sex trafficking charge that carries a mandatory minimum sentence of 10 years in prison, with a maximum sentence of life in prison.

As part of their agreement with

the government, two of the defendants, Benito Lopez-Perez and Anastasio Romero-Perez, stipulated that they would not advocate for a sentence less than 188 months in prison.

In July 2005, Lopez-Perez, Barrientos-Perez and Romero-Perez began smuggling the victims into the United States illegally to work as prostitutes. The defendants housed the victims in New York City. Each day, the victims were driven to locations throughout New York City to engage in prostitution. The three defendants worked together, frequently relying on each other to watch over the victims when any of the brothers returned to Mexico.

"The defendants not only pretended to embody these young victims' dreams of romance and security, but also used violence to recruit a victim, all for the purpose of selling the victims into a nightmare of sexual slavery. The trafficking of innocent women and girls for sex is one of the most heinous crimes that we prosecute," said U.S. Attorney Loretta E. Lynch.

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