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BROOKLYN TODAY SEPT. 30

Good morning. Today is the 273rd day of the year. The Brooklyn Daily Eagle of Sept. 30, 1902, carried the sensational news that Lt. Commander William Bronnough, assigned to the battleship Kearsage at the Brooklyn Navy Yard, had "blown out his brains" with a revolver. The Eagle speculated that Bronnough's promotion to executive officer of the ship was too much for him to handle. After other officers heard the shot and discovered his body, they were horrified and grief-stricken.

No one offered any motive, and indeed, Bronnough was happily married with a daughter in a local private school. However, one source told the Eagle there was a "wave of suicides" in the Navy.

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BRING ON THE BLING! Here's another step in the upscaling of the ever-popular Fulton Mall: Crystal king Swarovski quietly opened its doors Thursday, Sept. 26 at 490 Fulton St. The sparkly shop, as seen in photos here, is just up the street from Swedish powerhouse retailer H&M, which recently joined the growing roster of national and international credit-worthy tenants on Fulton mall, which through good and bad times has been Brooklyn's Numero Uno shopping street since the 1800s. See brooklyn eagle.com for more photos. Eagle photos by Lore Croghan



BROOKLYN'S SADAM ALI IS FINALLY READY FOR HIS MOMENT in the spotlight as the headliner for Monday night's nationally televised fight card at Downtown's Barclays Center. See sports, page 8.

Eagle file photo by John Torelli

BETTE MIDLER, FOUNDER OF the New York Restoration Project, recently unveiled the flood-prone Gowanus Garden as a transformed storm-resilient space. See story, page 2. Photo by Mia McDonald

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Photo by Seitu Ordone

Wine Country... In Bed-Stuy?

PARTYGOERS AT THE Toast of Brooklyn, which celebrated the history and potential of Bed-Stuy, where some hope a \$20 million revitalization project will spur an economic revival. See page 11.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL 20 President Laurie Windsor (left), pictured with District 20 Superintendent Karina Costantino at a Bay Ridge luncheon, is one of NIA's six award winners. See page 11 for story.



Eagle photo by Paula Katinas

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Group Seeks Library Sale Moratorium

By Mary Frost
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The Donnell Library, sold in 2007, is being shrunk by more than two-thirds, from 97,000 to 28,000 square feet. The New York Public Library is netting only \$39 million from the sale, while the penthouse

in the skyscraper replacing the library is priced at \$60 million.

Citizens Defending Libraries (CDL), a group pushing for a moratorium on library sales, says the deals appear to be structured to benefit the developers rather than the public.

More than 13,000 people have signed CDL's online MoveOn.org petition protesting the sales and the overall defunding of the city's libraries.

"Proposals to sell-off the Brooklyn Heights and Pacific library branches mean that Monday's oversight hearing is an important one for the people of the 33rd District," said City Councilman Stephen Levin, who represents Brooklyn Heights and parts of Greenpoint, Boerum Hill, Park Slope and other areas. "I encourage everyone to make their voice heard about the need for excellent libraries in our communities by attending or submitting testimony."

BPL says it needs to sell the valuable Brooklyn Heights and Boerum Hill properties because years of budget cuts have mired it in debt. The sale of the Heights' property "is intended to generate capital funds

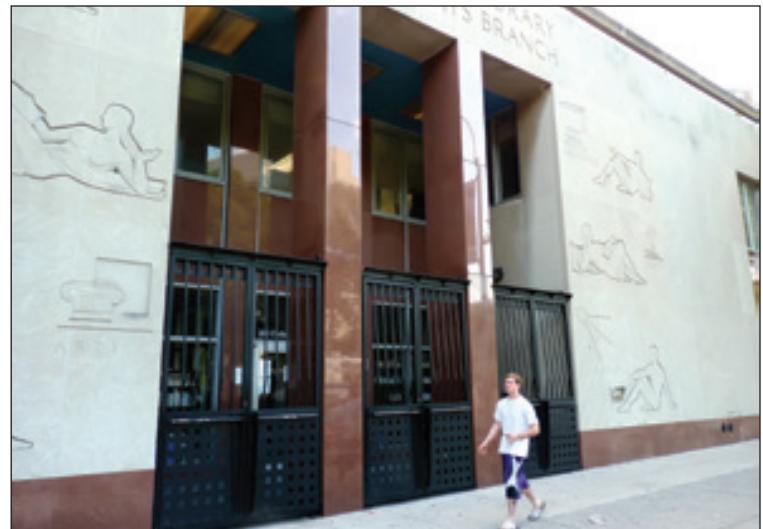
that can be invested in other BPL facilities to help address \$300 million in deferred maintenance across the borough," BPL said in a statement.

BPL said it wanted to lock in a contract in Brooklyn Heights before the end of the Bloomberg administration.

Library user Justine Schwartz says she is upset that the Business Library, which currently shares the building with the Brooklyn Heights branch, will be moved to Grand Army Plaza, far from its user base and inaccessible to the handicapped.

In a statement she has submitted to the City Council, Schwartz says, "I have filed a complaint with the ADA. The Grand Army Plaza library is not assessable by subway for the handicapped. There are no elevators at that stop. I am the voice for those who can't make it into the library because of their physical restrictions. I have trouble with my knee and climbing the subway stairs now is agony."

Schwartz says that while she is fortunate enough to be able to afford a car service if multiple staircases are involved, many people are not. "They won't be able to enjoy free career development classes, computers and WiFi," along with



The Brooklyn Heights branch library is one of several facing sale and redevelopment.

Photo by Mary Frost

to the Woolworth Building) in Manhattan, in the 16th Floor Committee Room. If you have any questions, please call Ms. Thompson at 212-788-7348 or 718-875-5200. Please arrive a half hour early (12:30 p.m.) to go through security, and bring valid photo ID with you.

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No Decision Yet About Public Advocate, Nurses, Healthcare Workers

By Mary Frost
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SUNY Downstate Medical Center, which has been stymied in its attempts to close LICH, had contested the legal standing of the groups, which include The Boerum Hill Association, Carroll Gardens Neighborhood Association, Cobble Hill Association, Brooklyn Heights Association, Wyckoff Gardens Association and Riverside Tenants' Association.

On Aug. 20, Justice Demarest found that SUNY Downstate had violated its contractual obligation to keep LICH open and ordered that its valuable assets be transferred back to either Continuum Health



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Partners or another willing operator.

Continuum removed itself from

consideration, but at least seven health organizations have indicated interest in the 155-year-old complex

in Cobble Hill. SUNY has refused to provide the names of these interested parties to stakeholders.

De Blasio and the civic groups filed a "Motion to Intervene" in the case as stakeholders in the hospital's future in late August.

"We are gratified that Judge Demarest rejected SUNY's attempt to quash the community's important role in this litigation, and the Community groups are equally grateful to the Public Advocate, Bill de Blasio, for paving the way for their successful motion to intervene in these law suits," said attorney Jim Walden of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher, who represents both the community groups and de Blasio.

Besides the community groups, the state Attorney General, "Old LICH" (represented by Continuum Health Partners administrators and board members), SUNY Downstate and the state Department of Health are also a party to the proceedings.

Justice Demarest is still mull-

ing over the standing of the Public Advocate and groups representing nurses and staff at LICH: the New York State Nurses Association and 1199 SEIU. "Those motions were argued, but she did not yet rule," Walden said.

"We're thrilled they have a seat at the table," said de Blasio spokesperson Wiley Norvell. "The judge is taking additional time to render a decision on the standing of the Public Advocate," he confirmed.

The legal proceedings could extend well past the Mayoral elections, where de Blasio, who long-ago committed to saving LICH, is the front runner.

Nurses and 1199 members said they hoped to be included, as members of the Coalition to Save LICH, which includes a broad spectrum of advocates from doctors, nurses and staff to patients, community groups and de Blasio.

Check brooklyneagle.com for updates on this developing story.

Flood-Prone Gowanus Garden Becomes Storm-Resilient Oasis

Bette Midler Unveils Transformed Space

The New York Restoration Project (NYRP) recently completed the renovation of its Gil Hodges Community Garden in Brooklyn's Gowanus neighborhood, thanks to support from Jo Malone London and a New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Green Infrastructure Grant.

The transformation turns the space into the first NYRP community garden with high-performance storm water infrastructure. The 3,140-square-foot garden is located at the flood-prone intersection of Carroll Street and Denton Place, an area regularly impacted by storm water runoff and industrial pollutants. NYRP resolved to address the immediate hydrological needs of

the neighborhood by retrofitting the garden with permeable pavers, flood-tolerant plants and a rain garden. NYRP also installed a DEP designed bioswale in the sidewalk adjacent to the garden that manages storm water runoff from Denton Place and the sidewalk. In total, these components will manage 150,000 gallons of storm water annually, thereby easing pressure on the city's sewer system and reducing overflows into the Gowanus Canal.

The design in and around the garden incorporates new elements that naturally absorb and filter rain water. On Denton Place, a DEP-designed street tree bioswale, which is a street tree in an enlarged bed with native plants and a low curb, diverts

and reuses about 65,000 gallons of storm water annually. Monitoring equipment has also been installed in the bioswale that will record data

for three years and be analyzed by the City College of New York. This data will supply helpful information about how the bioswale performs



Bette Midler, founder of the New York Restoration Project, unveiled the flood-prone Gowanus Garden as a transformed storm-resilient space. Photo by Mia McDonald

over time. A rain garden and permeable pavers will manage the nearly 85,000 gallons of stormwater that falls on the garden each year, making it a model for outdoor urban architecture and landscape design.

In addition, the garden plays a crucial role as a public community asset. A birch reading grove and patio provide quiet getaways for passive recreation. The garden also has an outdoor classroom area complete with blackboard, a composting station and raised vegetable beds. Together, these garden features make Gil Hodges a beautiful retreat for all ages and seasons.

Founded by Bette Midler in 1995, New York Restoration Project (NYRP) is a non-profit organization dedicated to transforming open space in under-resourced communities to create a greener, more sustainable New York City.

On This Day in History

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FROM THE ORIGINAL EAGLE AND OTHER SOURCES

Birthdays — September 30

Deborah Allen, singer ("Baby, I Lied"), songwriter ("Don't Worry 'Bout Me"), born in Memphis, TN.

Crystal Bernard, actress ("Wings"), born in Garland, TX.

Angie Dickinson (Angeline Brown), actress (Emmy for "Police Woman"; *Rio Bravo, Dressed to Kill*), born in Kulm, N.D.

Fran Drescher, actress ("The Nanny," *Jack*), born in Flushing, N.Y.

Jenna Elfman, actress ("Dharma & Greg," "Townies"), born in Los Angeles, CA.

Martina Hingis, tennis player, born in Kosice, Slovakia.

Johnny Mathis, singer ("It's Not For Me to Say," "Chances Are"), born in San Francisco, CA.

Marilyn McCoo, singer (Fifth Dimension; "Up, Up and Away," "One Less Bell to Answer"), actress, born in Jersey City, N.J.

Dominique Moceanu, gymnast, born in Hollywood, CA.

Eric Stoltz, actor (*Fast Times at Ridgemont High, Pulp Fiction*), born in Los Angeles, CA.



Johnny Mathis

Victoria Tennant, actress ("Winds of War," *All of Me, L.A. Story*), born in London, England.

Adventurous Brooklyn-Built Sloop of War



BROOKLYN — In the Brooklyn Navy Yard's 165-year history of building ships for the U.S. Government, most of the many vessels led exciting and often perilous lives. The 18-gun second-class sloop of war *USS Peacock*, launched at the Yard on September 30, 1828, was no exception although her life was comparatively short. She was reported wrecked on a bar on July 17, 1842 in treacherous waters. The crew was rescued by the *USS Oregon*. Fortunately no lives were lost.

In 1838 *Peacock* began her most important mission. Lt. Charles Wilkes was chosen to lead the United States South Sea Surveying and Exploring Expedition (aka The Great United States Exploring Expedition). His flagship was the *USS Vincennes*.

On August 18, *Peacock* under the command of Lt. William Hudson was one of five other ships to sail with the expedition. The other ships were (besides the *Vincennes*) *Porpoise*, *Relief*, *Flying Fish* and *Sea Gull*.

John Cleves Symmes, Jr. believed that "the earth is hollow and habitable

Illustration: U.S. Naval Institute

within ... and that it is open at the poles twelve or sixteen degrees." His theory had doubts but did create some curiosity. Congress finally decided to find out for sure. What was discovered was that the poles were frozen landmasses and not an entry into realms below.

As mentioned above, the *Peacock* was wrecked. The *Sea Gull* had been lost in a storm and *Relief* returned from the expedition early. The other ships returned to New York on June 10, 1842 after much additional exploration.

New whaling and sealing grounds were discovered, the North American Coast was charted from Puget Sound to San Francisco Bay, and Antarctica was visited twice to explore the northwestern coast of North America.

Truman Found Brooklyn Living 'Cheerfully Austere'

NEW ORLEANS — Truman Capote (whose given name was Truman Streckfus Persons) was born on September 30, 1924 in New Orleans, LA. His mother Lillie Mae moved with him to New York in 1931. Following a divorce from Truman's father his mother married Joseph Capote who adopted Truman renaming him Truman Garcia Capote. While attending Franklin School on Manhattan's Upper West Side Truman was employed as a copy boy at the *New Yorker* magazine. When he left the *New Yorker* he stayed with various relatives in the south while attempting to write a novel, *Summer Crossing*, which he never completed.

Truman rented a room in New Orleans where he wrote his first novel *Other Voices, Other Rooms* which was published by Random House in 1948. The "scandalous" homosexual theme helped launch the gadfly author's literary career. Some of his other works include *A Tree of Night, and Other Stories* (1949), *Local Color* (1950), *The Grass Harp* (1951), and *The Muses Are Heard* (1956). The

stage version of *The Grass Harp* opened on Broadway in 1952.

In one of his excursions to other shores Capote visited Haiti which inspired the writing of the script for the Broadway musical *House of Flowers* in 1954. At the time Truman had a pet raven named "Ole Crow" for whom he wrote a part in the play. The part had to be stricken out when Pearl Bailey, star of the show, proved allergic to birds at rehearsals. Also in 1954 Truman collaborated with John Huston on the screenplay for the movie *Beat the Devil* (1954).

In 1957 Truman visited the home of theatrical designer Oliver Smith at number 70 Willow Street in Brooklyn Heights. Truman was entranced by the house, which somewhat reminded him of the Southland where he was born. Capote convinced Smith to let him set up housekeeping in the five-room basement apartment. There was a bedroom that opened onto the garden, a kitchen with its floor painted lemon yellow and a Victorian parlor in which Capote installed his personal treasures.

Capote regularly took a walk that led past "a ghost hotel" (No. 1 Water Street) down to the waterfront. "In aggravated moments," Truman wrote of the hotel, "I imagine retiring there, for it is as secluded as Mt. Athos, remoter than the Krak Chevalier in the mountains of wildest Syria. Daytimes, the location, a dead-end Chirico-esque piazza facing the river, is a little disturbed; at night, not at all; not a sound, except foghorns and a distant traffic whisper from the bridge which bulks above. Peace, and the shivering glow of gliding-by tugs and ferries. From the locale of the hotel, Capote would walk along the waterfront past "silent miles of warehouses with shuttered wooden windows, docks resting on the water like sea spiders," past ships and the men who work on them. "Every kind of sailor is common enough here," he noted.

It was at the house on Willow Street that Capote wrote *Breakfast at Tiffany's* and *In Cold Blood*. The movie *Breakfast at Tiffany's* based on Truman's novella was a great success when released in 1961.

Truman Capote was one of several major American writers who resided during their productive years in Brooklyn. Capote lived on Willow Street in the Heights. He said life there was "cheerfully austere." The famous novelist was born on September 30, 1924. This photo shows him relaxing in his Brooklyn Heights apartment around 1956.

Photo: Library of Congress

starring Audrey Hepburn, George Peppard and Brooklyn's own Mickey Rooney. In the November 16, 1959 Truman read about the murder of the Clutter family in Holcomb, Kansas, and began research on his book *In Cold Blood*.

His writings were serialized in *The New Yorker* on September 25, October 2, 9, and 16, 1965 and published in hardcover in 1966. A film version of *In Cold Blood* was released in 1967.

In Neil Simon's film *Murder By Death* (1976) Truman played the role of Lionel Twain, who invites the world's greatest detectives to his home and involves them in a baffling whodunit.

For Capote, Brooklyn Heights was "cheerfully austere, as elegant and other-era as formal calling cards, these houses bespeak an age of able servants and solid fireside ease; of horses in musical harness ..." Truman Capote died in his sleep in Bel Air, California on August 25, 1984.

On This Day In Brooklyn History

September 30,
1910

Former Police Inspector O'Brien and 11 police plain-clothesmen are indicted for failing to suppress vice in Coney Island.



Bain News Service image shows revelry at Coney Island Mardi Gras, c. 1910.

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REVIEW AND COMMENT

How the U.S. Can Respond As College-Prep Test Scores Falter

In 2009, President Obama asked high school students to "commit to at least one year or more of higher education or career training." The goal was to improve America's global competitiveness. If there is a report card on how well the country has succeeded in this challenge, it can be found in the results of two tests that measure the readiness of students to do well in college.

Recent scores for the SAT and ACT reveal just how difficult Mr. Obama's challenge is to achieve. SAT scores were flat in 2013 after two years of decline, while the ACT scores were the lowest in five years.

For the ACT, which is now the more widely used test, nearly a third of students didn't meet any of the four benchmarks (English, reading, mathematics, and science). For the SAT, fewer than half of the test-takers were deemed college-ready.

In an echo of Obama's challenge, David Coleman, president of the College Board that administers the SAT, said the results were a "call to action," saying that even the SAT itself had to improve the way it measures skill levels. "We must dramatically increase the number of students in K-12 who are prepared for college and careers," he said.

On at least two other measures, public schools are succeeding: A higher percentage of students are graduating from high school, and the academic skills of those entering high school have improved. Both are a testament to the national efforts since the 1970s to raise education standards and to measure the quality of each school through state-level testing – despite the ongoing disputes over how to do each.

But training students to be prepared for a post-K-12 education is still a problem. One theme that runs through the many reforms is that parents and teachers need to have higher expectations of students, and not just by raising standards, redesigning curriculum, or conducting regular and rigorous testing. Students respond to a host of incentives, and the most important may be an adult's perception of how well a student can perform.

"One thing that's so striking is how students will often be surprised that they can do harder work than they thought they could," said Mr. Coleman, who was also instrumental in coming up with the Common Core standards now being implemented in most states. (Those standards were drawn up by the National Governors Association and the Council of Chief State School Officers, not the federal government.)

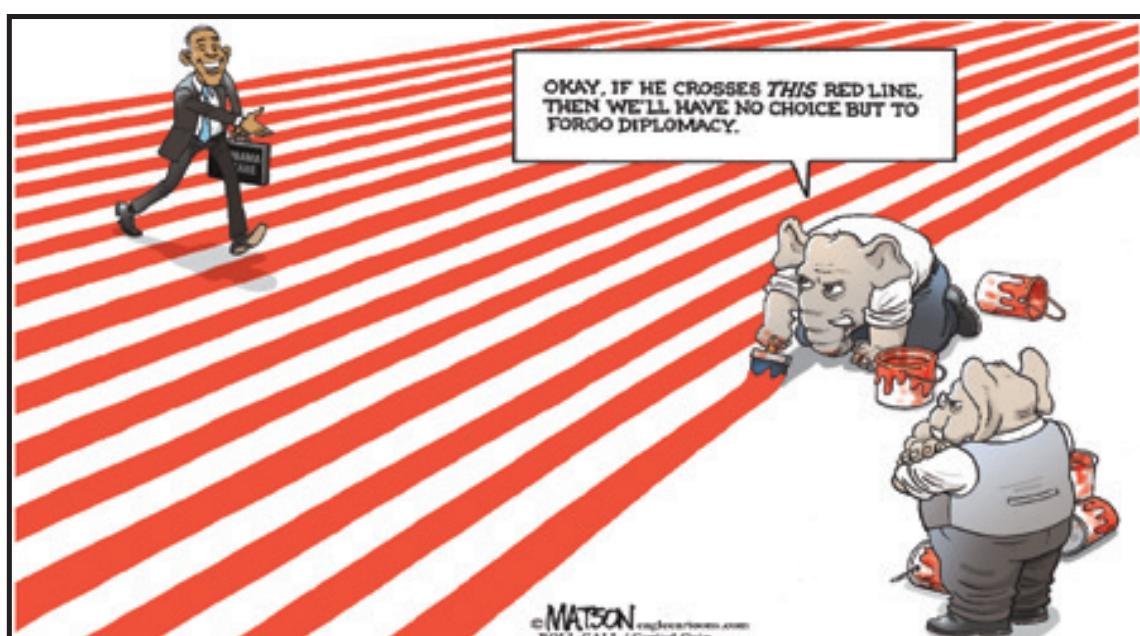
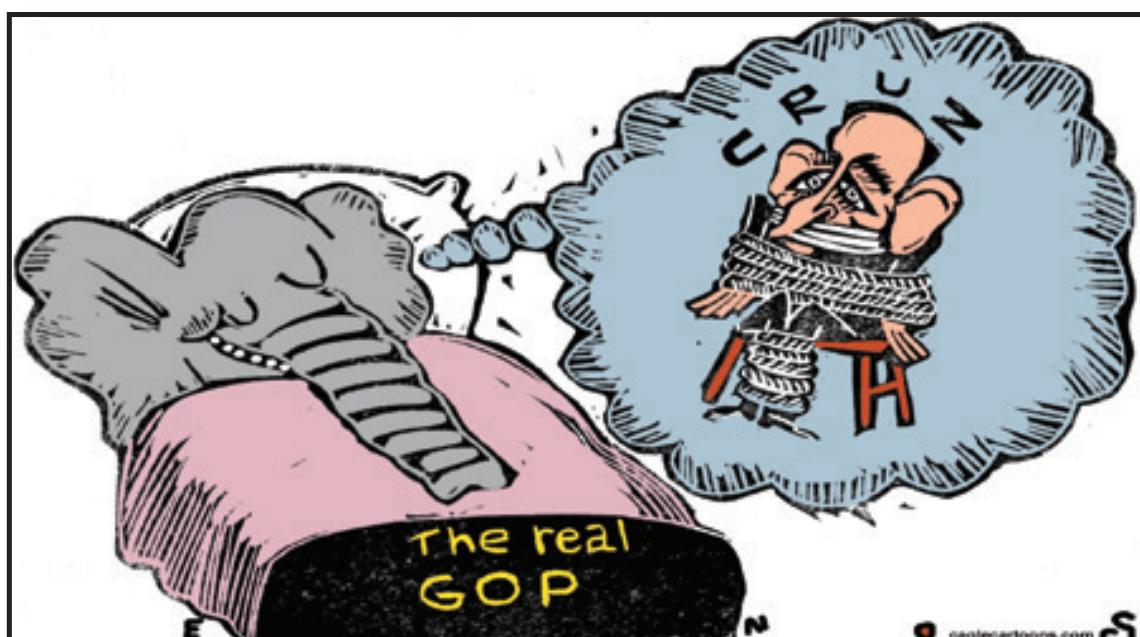
One leader in raising expectations has been Massachusetts, which has had two decades of success in raising student achievement. The state now ranks alongside Japan and Switzerland in educational quality. Its high school graduates met the Obama standard of being globally competitive.

The tyranny of low expectations also extends to teacher training. In a report this week, the advocacy group Education Trust cited the leading problem in teacher preparation as "low expectations for who is accepted and who graduates."

"In the same way that states and districts are increasingly holding individual teachers and leaders to higher expectations for performance, states must implement a real system of performance measurement and accountability that holds programs preparing those teachers and leaders to a high standard," the report stated.

Most students who went through school can cite a teacher who expected far more of them than they could imagine being capable of delivering. That teacher saw talents and qualities that others didn't. The real challenge for public schools is to expand the ability of all teachers, as well as many parents, to do the same.

—The Christian Science Monitor



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'This Facebook Posting Could Cost You Your Job!'

One of the Brooklyn Bar Association's most timely CLE-accredited offerings is set to take place at BBA headquarters on Oct. 1. On that night, starting at 6 p.m., according to CLE Director Meredith Symonds, a distinguished panel will probe "Social Media In The Employment Arena." The site is BBA headquarters, 123 Remsen St.

While many youngish barristers are fluent in digitalese, a large number of veteran practitioners and others are still struggling to keep up with the wonders of the web world. To law graduates of a prior generation, the now common concept of "e-filing" is almost akin to science fiction.

Additionally, this session (which provides three professional practice credits) will "teach how social media is viewed and treated in employment cases at the National Labor Relations Board and the Unemployment Insurance Board" as well as the "Private Sector and Public Sector."



Justice Patricia DiMango

Most significantly, the panel will detail the dangers of loose postings with the advance warning: "That Facebook Posting Could Cost You Your Job!" Internet-related lawsuits are blossoming everywhere, it seems, involving defamation, rights of privacy and the new avenues of approach now available to sexual predators.

Presenters will be barristers with real-time experience in this field, including Pamela Elisofon, BBA Employment Law Committee chair; Rhonda Epstein (of Hoey, King, Epstein & Marquez); private practitioner Joan C. Lenihan, Alan Podhaizer and Brigitte Rynaud as well as Hon. Katherine Levine and David Tukulsker.

Land Use, Zoning In New York City

The following week, on Oct. 9, another expert panel will delve into a vexing problem, especially for those who practice in historic and densely populated New York City – "Land Use

and Zoning in NYC: The Basics"

By basics, the BBA Real Estate Committee means they will "introduce attorneys to the fundamental building blocks of zoning and delve into the details of zoning calculations, CEQR requirements and development rights transfers."

Attorneys routinely perplexed when they deal with these arcane rules and regulations will also benefit when the panel discusses in detail "the various city agencies associated with land use, including the Department of City Planning & Buildings, the NYC Board of Standards and Appeals and the NYC Landmarks Preservation Commission." Each of these, lawyers agree, presents its own challenges in New York City, which unsurprisingly is regarded by real estate as unfriendly to new building development.

Heading the BBA this year is President Andrew Fallek, who generously lends his stage skills in the



Bay Ridge Lawyers President Joann Monaco

courtroom dramas rendered eight times annually since the Kings Inn of Court's founding 13 years ago. President Fallek is ably assisted by President-elect Rebecca Woodland; Arthur Aidala, first vice president; Hon. Frank Seddio, second vice president; Aimee Richter, secretary; and Treasurer Dave Chidekel. And, providing invaluable continuity, is Executive Director Avery Okin.

Kings Inn of Court Panel Eyes 'Difficult' Attorney

This past Monday night, the aforementioned Kings Inn of Court, led by President Justice Ellen Spodek, brought their members into the middle of the hotly contested, out-of-control situations that sometimes arise when attorneys clash at examinations before trial (EBTs).

The Kings Panel, guided by Federal Judge William Kuntz, Justice Carl Landicino and Director Dave Chidekel, endeavored to demonstrate true-

to-life dramas faced at EBTs calling on team members Administrative Justice Lawrence Knipel, Director Dave Chidekel, John Lonnuzzi (a past BBA president), Court Attorney Theresa Ciccotto, William Gentile, Andrea Hill, Court Attorney Joy Campanelli and an *Eagle* editor.

In the next PBB we'll go into the valued lessons offered to the packed Brooklyn Bar meeting room who gleaned vital CLE credits in the process. For the time being we will say that it was easy to identify with one combatant attorney — Vinnie G. — whose comment and behavior depicted the challenges faced when dealing with the "difficult attorney." Defending his performance, he claimed he was channeling the unique spirit of legendary trial lawyer Tony DeMarco.

Why Did Minorities Back De Blasio Over Thompson?

Following the news that former Comptroller Bill Thompson had



Administrative Justice Lawrence Knipel

conceded the Democratic Party's nomination for mayor to opponent Public Advocate Bill de Blasio, a colleague called to complain that this columnist had overstated the importance of saving Long Island College Hospital in de Blasio's victory.

"LICH gave de Blasio the wider exposure," he agreed. But, he added quickly that "what really turned minority voters to go out and vote for him was his willingness to include rescuing Brooklyn Interfaith Hospital as well. LICH is in one of the wealthiest neighborhoods in the city. Brooklyn Interfaith serves the most underserved and those neighborhoods, which came out strong for de Blasio," he correctly noted.

Many observers thought that de Blasio's relentless war against Mayor Bloomberg's stop-and-frisk policy was the key to his winning campaign, giving him a substantial edge over Thompson, who actually grew up in a neighborhood served

Pro Bono Barrister

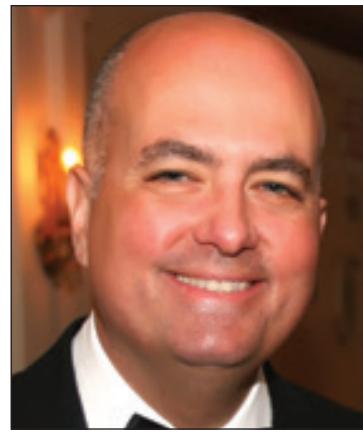
By Charles F. Otey, Esq.



real estate law with the firm of Caruso, Caruso and Branda, she joined the legal staff of the NYC Department of Education. It was during her DOE service in 2004 that she was initially diagnosed with Stage 1 Lymphoma.

Attorney Becker underwent successful radiation treatment. She then moved up to the Administrative Trials Unit, where she was in charge of prosecuting those who committed violations within the DOE. Now, she is a senior counsel advising principals, superintendents within the same system.

In May of this year, however, she learned that her lymphoma



Justice Carl Landicino



Attorney Lisa Becker



Federal Judge William Kuntz

condition had progressed, and she was given a Stage 4 diagnosis.

Fight Against Lymphoma Also Involves Fracture

For the last decade, Ms. Becker had been active with the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's Light the Night Walk. Her perseverance served her well and didn't diminish even after she endured a "pathological fracture" of her left femur in June. She spent three weeks in Staten Island Hospital, where a metal rod was emplaced. She now walks mainly with the aid of crutches.

Given the high esteem in which she is held by the Bay Ridge Lawyers Association, it seemed almost a given that President Monaco would call upon the organization to act on Lisa's behalf. So this past Saturday, Sept. 28, her friends and colleagues walked in her honor at the 2013 Light The Night Walk, which took place on the Midland Beach Promenade on Staten Island.

She reminded us Wednesday night that she is "forever grateful for the outpouring of love, support and prayers" she has received from her friends and family during this ordeal.

Schacks Lend Support to Parade



When the Bay Ridge Ragamuffin Parade Committee held their annual luncheon last Sunday – marking the popular tradition's 47th year – many community leaders turned out to support the Ragamuffin effort. Among them (right-left) were Justice Arthur Schack and Dilia Schack, a past president of the Ragamuffin Committee; Pro Bono Columnist Chuck Otey, Carlo Scissura, president of Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce; and Dyker Heights Civic Association President Fran VellaMarrone.

Our World in Pictures



IRANIAN MINISTER SPEAKS: Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif looks at his watch after a meeting of the five permanent members of the Security Council plus Germany during the 68th session of the United Nations General Assembly at U.N. headquarters on Thursday.



TOY SHOWCASE: Madysin Shipman shows off the toys named to the TimetoPlayMag.com 2013 Most Wanted list, a roundup of 20 items predicted to be the most in-demand this holiday season, during the TimetoPlayMag.com Holiday Showcase press event on Thursday in New York.



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WARM AUTUMN IN MICHIGAN: Friends play a game of volleyball on a warm day at Silver Beach in St. Joseph, Mich., on Wednesday. Temperatures in southwestern Michigan have maintained a summer warmth for the start of the autumn season.

AP Photos



TOWN WITH DARK HISTORY: La Crosse Public Library archivist Bill Petersen stands outside the Casino bar in La Crosse, Wisc. Petersen did the research for the upcoming Dark La Crosse event, a downtown walking tour of sites of grisly murders and other seedy events, including a suicide at a former barbershop at the site of the Casino.



SHOOTING PLOT FOILED: Jack Harry Stiles, left, stands with his attorney during his first court appearance at state court Thursday in Salt Lake City. Stiles, 42, was booked into jail Monday on terrorism threat charges. Tipped off by a hospital crisis worker, police learned in mid-August that Stiles planned to "randomly shoot and kill people" at the City Creek shopping center on Sept. 25, the anniversary of his mother's death.

FALSE ALARM: Security personnel keep pedestrians and cars out of a closed section of Second Avenue near United Nations headquarters in New York on Thursday. A section of the street was closed while a suspicious package was investigated. The package was harmless, and the area was opened soon afterward.

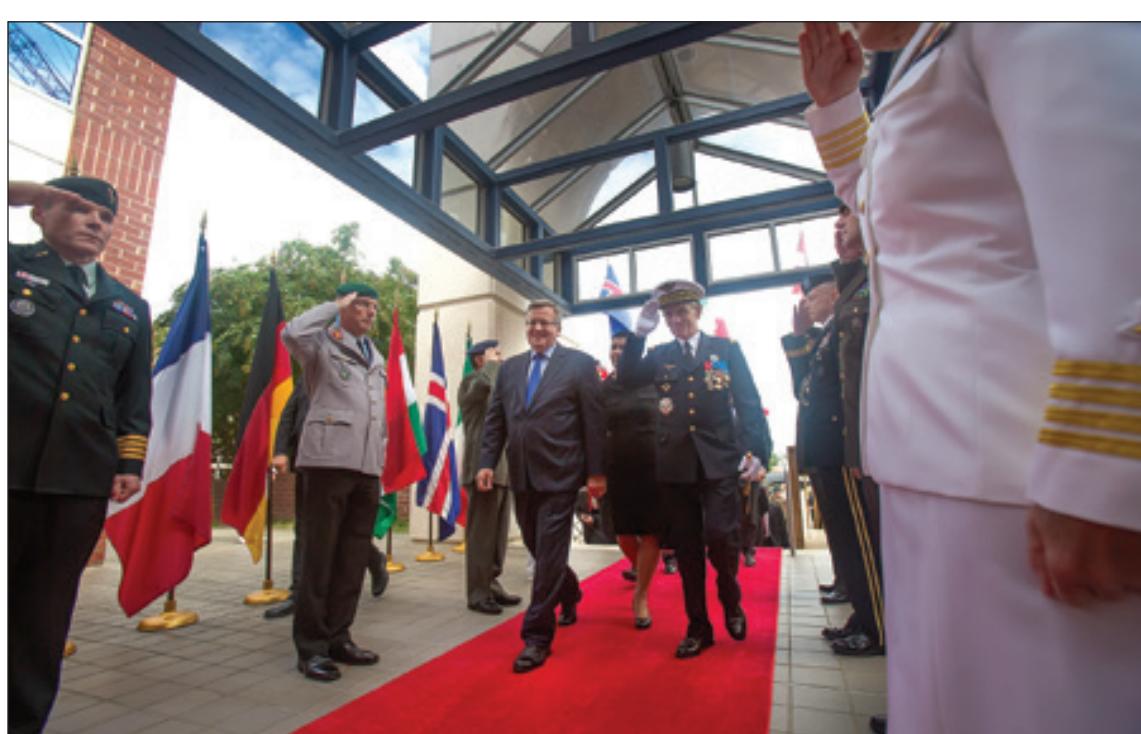
Our World in Pictures



REBELLION IN KASHMIR: Jammu and Kashmir state Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, center, pays tributes to Indian policemen killed in a rebel attack. Suspected separatist rebels stormed into a police station in the Indian portion of Kashmir on Thursday and shot and killed at least six people before attacking a nearby army camp, killing four soldiers, police said.



DRONE WITH A MISSION: The crew of a NASA Global Hawk pilotless aircraft, with the captain at right and the first officer at center, controls the aircraft remotely on its return from the East Coast after a science mission monitoring Tropical Storm Gabrielle. The crew is located at the NASA Dryden Flight Research Center at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif.



VISIT TO NATO: Bronislaw Komorowski, the president of the Republic of Poland, center left, and Allied Command Transformation's highest ranking military officer, French Air Force General Jean-Paul Paloméros, center right, are saluted by members of NATO as they walk into NATO Headquarters in Norfolk, Va.



SOUTH KOREAN MINISTER: Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea Yun Byung-Se, left, is guided into place by a member of protocol for a photo with United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, Thursday at United Nations headquarters.



HONDURAN PRESIDENT VISITS POPE: Pope Francis poses with Honduras' President Porfirio Lobo Sosa during a private audience at the Vatican recently.



PROTEST IN MOROCCO: Anti-government protesters shout as they hold up portraits of Moroccan editor Ali Anouzla in front of parliament. Editor Ali Anouzla's Lakome.com site is known for its trenchant criticism of the government. AP Photos

Sadam's Time to Shine

Brooklyn's Ali ready to strut his stuff in Golden Boy debut at Barclays

By John Torenli
Sports Editor
Brooklyn Daily Eagle

Brooklyn born and bred and thus-far unbeaten welterweight Sadam Ali was offered a delicious-looking chocolate cupcake to commemorate his 25th birthday Thursday afternoon at our borough's historic Gleason's Gym.

"After the fight, I'll eat it," said the main attraction for Monday night's headline bout at Barclays Center's Cushman and Wakefield Theater.

It was a prudent move by a serious and ever-gracious young man who has waited a very long time for a moment such as this.

Making his Golden Boy Promotions debut against "Smokin" Jay Krupp in Downtown Brooklyn, "World Kid" Ali (16-0), the first-ever Arab-American to fight for Team USA during the 2008 Beijing Olympics, wasn't

about to mess with his training regimen in advance of the biggest fight of his life.

"I'm very excited. I'm ready to perform in the big spotlight," noted Ali, who self-promoted his career in the ring with the help of his family before officially announcing that he'd joined the Golden Boy stable in June.

"I have everything it takes to be a champion and I'm ready to show it."

For all intents and purposes, Krupp isn't viewed as a serious obstacle in Ali's path to bigger and better fights on the Golden Boy circuit.

But after staging most of his previous bouts on undercards at Newark's Prudential Center before headlining a couple at Brooklyn's Aviator Sports Complex, the Yemini-American contender realizes the importance of making the most of this rare opportunity to be the featured fighter

on a nationally televised (Fox-Sports 1, 9 p.m. ET) boxing card.

"It's a great feeling to have all the media here," Ali admitted in advance of one of the final workouts before his big night. "I'm very excited about being the main event. I'm ready to shine."

Ali hasn't stepped in the squared circle since scoring his 10th career knockout against Ronnie Warrior Jr., at Aviator last October.

When he finally slides through the ropes Monday night before the millions watching on TV and thousands of local boxing enthusiasts in the arena, including hundreds of family members and friends, he'll finally have arrived on the big-time world boxing stage.

"The recently signed Sadam Ali is a perfect headliner, as he is a Brooklyn native and unbeaten former Olympian," said Golden Boy President Oscar De La Hoya.

With a win in his Golden Boy coming-out party against Krupp (17-5, 8 KOs), be it via knockout or an eight-round decision, Ali could potentially be in line for a co-feature bout at Barclays televised by SHOWTIME as soon as early next year.

"There's no place like home," Ali added. "I've seen some great fights at Barclays Center and I've waited for my name to be called to fight here. Now that day has come and I couldn't be more excited. This is going to be a performance and a win you won't forget."

Ring Notes: On the undercard of Monday night's Ali-Krupp fight will be unbeaten light-heavyweight contender

Marcus Browne (6-0, 6 KOs) vs. **Kevin Engel** (20-8, 16 KOs). It will be Browne's fourth appearance at Barclays. The 2012 U.S. Olympian credited Ali with inspiring him on his way to making the Olympic team for the London Games.



Brooklyn's Sadam Ali is finally ready for his moment in the spotlight as the headliner for Monday night's nationally televised fight card at Downtown's Barclays Center.

Eagle photo by John Torenli

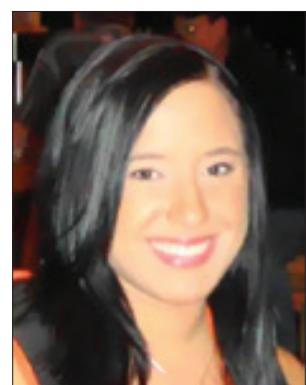
"He's the reason why I believed I could be an Olympian," Browne noted. ... Also fighting on Monday night will be Newark's **Michael "The Artist" Perez** (18-12, 10 KOs), who will take on **Miguel "Dinamita" Zuniga** (13-

Brooklyn Marathon Runner To Raise \$5,000 To Support Lung Association

On Saturday, Nov. 7, thousands will take to the streets of New York City as part of the 2013 ING New York City Marathon. The course, which starts in Staten Island, covers 26.2 miles through all five boroughs, finishing in Central Park.

Brooklyn resident Bonnie Ann Miller, 25, will run for the first time in 2013 in support of the American Lung Association of the Northeast. Her goal is to raise \$5,000.

Bonnie, originally from Sarasota, Florida, was born nine weeks premature with severely underdeveloped lungs



Brooklyn resident and marathon runner Bonnie Ann Miller, who has suffered from lung disease since birth.

and remained in the hospital for almost two months following her birth. She went on to play basketball in both middle school and high school. It is because she was so active that Bonnie started to notice difficulty breathing; she was diagnosed with asthma at the age of 12. When she experienced flare-ups, Bonnie used an inhaler prescribed by her doctor which she said worked effectively for her. She is among the 25 million Americans who suffer from asthma, including more than 8 million children.

"We are so pleased to have Bonnie and the four oth-

er runners that are supporting the American Lung Association of the Northeast through their participation in the ING NYC Marathon this November," said Jeff Seyler, president & CEO of the American Lung Association of the Northeast. "Bonnie is doing a real service by talking candidly about how her condition has affected her and by raising funds that will help so many through our research, education and advocacy efforts."

Bonnie describes her asthma as "mild" and has continued to work in conjunction with her doctors to

keep flare-ups at bay. A former co-worker, Ryan Graney, unfortunately did not experience the same kind of mild symptoms and has been hospitalized countless times because of her asthma. Ryan has been a longtime supporter of the American Lung Association and, recognizing that Bonnie is an avid runner, brought the challenge of running the ING NYC Marathon to benefit the American Lung Association of the Northeast to her.

Having lived with lung disease most of her life and having watched her grand-

mother struggle to breathe from chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), Bonnie felt it would be an ideal fit for her. Her grandmother ultimately lost her life to COPD, the third leading cause of death in the United States.

In the past couple of years, Bonnie's asthma has not posed a problem for her when it comes to her active lifestyle. Still, because of her condition, completing the ING NYC Marathon was something she never dreamed of. "I definitely never thought I would be running a marathon," said Bonnie.

Brooklyn Native Viola Introduced As Owner of the Florida Panthers

By Tim Reynolds
Associated Press

Vincent Viola's first event as owner of the Florida Panthers opened in a manner worthy of a West Point graduate like himself, with a color guard presenting a U.S. flag and an Army sergeant singing the national anthem.

Viola sang along and clapped at the end. His enthusiasm was evident, as he hopes it will be in his new role.

Viola, who grew up in Brooklyn, was formally introduced as the Panthers' principal owner, chairman and governor on Friday, after spending \$250 million for the team and the operating rights to the BB&T Center, where Florida plays its home games.



Brooklyn native Vincent Viola was formally introduced as the Florida Panthers' principal owner, chairman and governor on Friday.

(AP Photo/Virtu Financial, Mark Maxwell)

anything. The players sweat, sacrifice their health in later years to do well on the ice, to provide the right feeling and connection to the fans.

It's about the players and the fans and our service to those two respective groups that will determine our success. I really, truly believe that."

Viola also gets the Saveology.com Iceplex where the Panthers train, along with team's development partnership with Boyd Gaming, an effort to put a casino adjacent to that arena. His acquisition of the Panthers happened quickly, starting about a month ago when he asked NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman to have lunch.

"A very nice lunch," Bettman said.

Must have been, since Viola didn't wait around to complete the deal. He and his family — his sons are hockey-mad — plan to relocate to South Florida soon, and Viola said he's already assured general manager Dale Tallon that any resources the team needs to move closer to the

ultimate goal of winning a Stanley Cup will be available.

As part of the deal, Douglas Cifuentes takes over as the Panthers' vice chairman, partner and alternate governor. Team president Michael Yormark was promoted, now getting chief executive officer as part of his title.

"When you think back at the 20-year history of this team ... there has been one constant," Bettman said. "South Florida has always been an important, terrific hockey market for us and we've had passionate, loyal fans for the Florida Panthers. Well, today, we open a new chapter."

Viola is the chairman and CEO of Virtu Financial, an electronic trading firm with offices in the U.S., Singapore and Ireland. He's taking over a franchise that has been to the playoffs only once since 2000 and finished with the

fewest points in the NHL last season.

Then again, his resume shows he's never hidden from a challenge.

Viola is a graduate of West Point, once chaired the New York Mercantile Exchange and was so moved by the aftermath of the Sept. 11 attacks that he decided to found a center devoted to helping military officials combat terrorism.

Viola helped ensure that the mercantile exchange reopened quickly after the attacks on the World Trade Center, earning him a citation saying in part that "his actions embody the American Spirit in its most noble form."

"With Vinnie as the principal owner, we are going to be looking at an era where I think there will be unprecedented commitment," Bettman said. "Vinnie represents a focus and a determination to bring out excellence, com-

mitment, hard work, teamwork, and he'll make sure that the resources that this club needs — not only to be competitive, but to be a winning, successful team — will be available to the club and to the players."

Viola said he has a long hockey background, as a fan. The Brooklyn native was a New York Rangers fan going back to the early 1960s, when he couldn't afford a good seat at their games, or really one that allowed him any decent view of the ice.

Eventually, his seat kept getting better.

And he said watching the Panthers at the end of last season provided him with the intuition that the time was right to call Bettman and start thinking about getting a view from an owners' suite.

"It's poised to win," Viola said of the Panthers. "And I'm committed."

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Community Board Chairman Demands Curb Cut Crackdown Says City Should Fix Curb, Then Bill Homeowner

By Paula Katinas
Brooklyn Daily Eagle

Bill Guarinello wants homeowners who install illegal curb cuts to be hit by the city where it hurts: in the pocketbook.

Guarinello, chairman of Community Board 11 in Bensonhurst, has an outside-the-box idea on how the city could crack down on illegal curb cuts in his neighborhood and elsewhere. "The same way the city fixes a sidewalk that's in violation and then sends a bill to the homeowner, the city should fix the curb and then bill the homeowner," he told the Brooklyn Daily Eagle.

Guarinello recently announced that he is organizing a task force to look into solutions to the curb cut problem and said his idea to step up enforcement would be discussed by the new panel. He has reached out to leaders of Community Board 10 in Bay Ridge to join the task force. Both Bensonhurst and Bay Ridge have seen an increase in the number of illegal curb cuts over the years, he said.

"Here's my dilemma. The city goes after homeowners for a crack in the sidewalk, why not curb cuts?" he asked.

A curb cut is a break in the curb that allows access



Community Board 11 Chairman Bill Guarinello and District Manager Marnee Elias-Pavia are calling on the city to step up enforcement of illegal curb cuts.

Eagle file photo by Paula Katinas

from the street and across the sidewalk to a legal parking space within the property line.

The city's Department of Transportation (DOT) regularly inspects sidewalks to ensure that they do not contain cracks, holes or other trip hazards. If a violation is found, the homeowner is notified and is granted 45 days to repair the sidewalk. If the homeowner ignores the notice, DOT comes in, repairs the sidewalk to remove the violation and then sends the bill to the homeowner.

Guarinello said the city should do the same thing to homeowners who put in curb cuts where they don't belong.

Curb cuts are a sensitive issue in many communities across Brooklyn because they take away on-street parking spaces. Many homeowners seek to install them in order to create driveways next to their houses and have permanent parking spaces, eliminating the need for them to hunt for a spot on the street.

Homeowners are required to obtain a permit from the city's Department of Buildings (DOB) before installing the curb cut.

But not every permit request is granted by DOB. For example, a curb cut cannot go in too close to a fire hydrant, a tree, or a utility pole and a homeowner cannot install a curb cut if the house is located close to an intersection where a car coming in and out of a driveway would interfere with oncoming traffic.

"If you have been denied a curb cut, there is a reason," said Community Board 11 District Manager Marnee Elias-Pavia. "It might be because there isn't enough clearance from the house to the property line," she told the Eagle.

The illegal curb cuts take away so many parking spaces, it's ridiculous. If you go to 75th Street between 13th and 14th Avenues, there are only about six spaces for the general public on that whole block.

And that's a long block near a commercial zone," he said, referring to the 13th Avenue shopping strip.

Homeowners who deliberately ignore the law should have to pay a penalty, he said.

Elias-Pavia said that the mayoral election makes this the right time to suggest such a change. "We are coming to a new administration. It's important for new ideas to be presented," she said.

It's not clear if the city would take up Guarinello's suggestion. A spokeswoman for DOB referred a reporter to DOT. Representatives from DOT did not respond to an email.

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NIA Hands Out Awards to Police Chief, Principal, Other Leaders

By Paula Katinas
Brooklyn Daily Eagle

The Neighborhood Improvement Association, a Dyker Heights-based organization that has won praise for its outreach efforts to schoolchildren and senior citizens, will hand out some praise of its own when it honors six southwest Brooklyn law enforcement, business, and educational leaders at its 15th Annual Community Recognition Awards Dinner.

Assistant Police Chief Owen Monaghan, commanding officer of Patrol Borough Brooklyn South, is one of the honorees who will receive an award at the dinner, which will take place on Thursday, Oct. 3, at Gargiulo's Restaurant at 2911 West 15th St., in Coney Island, at 6 p.m.

Monaghan will be presented



Community Education Council 20 President Laurie Windsor (left), pictured with District 20 Superintendent Karina Costantino at a Bay Ridge luncheon, is one of NIA's six award winners.

Eagle photo by Paula Katinas

with the Outstanding Law Enforcement Award by the Neighborhood Improvement Association (NIA).

Harry Nespoli, president of Local 831 of the Uniformed Sanitationmen's Union, has been named NIA's Man of the Year.

NIA is giving its Distinguished Brooklynite Award this year to lawyer Joseph Seminara of the law firm Grimaldi &

Yueng. "Joe was our lawyer when NIA was first starting out back in 1981," NIA Executive Director Rosa Cassella told the *Brooklyn Daily Eagle*. "Even today, we still call on his expertise," she said.

The Leadership in Business Award will go to Rosario Gangi, owner of Gangi Heating and Plumbing in Dyker Heights.

Two women involved in

education, Laurie Windsor, president of the Community Education Council of School District 20, and Nancy Tomasuolo, principal of PS 204 in Bensonhurst, will be given the Community Service and Educational Leader awards respectively.

"I'm very honored. I've had a close relationship with NIA for many years," Windsor told the *Eagle*. "I've worked with them on a lot of projects," she said.

"We like to give awards to people who have done a lot for the community and who have been supportive of the NIA," Cassella said.

The annual dinner also serves as a fundraiser for the NIA. The group also receives grants, donations, and other sources of funding.

Under the leadership of its president, Michael Bove, CEO Mary Ann Cino, and Cassella, NIA has grown over the past three decades from a small group of community do-gooders cleaning up graffiti to an organization employing 30 full time employees and 300 part-time workers. The headquarters is located at 6614 11th Ave. in Dyker Heights.

NIA sponsors after-school programs in 16 schools, offering thousands of children the chance to take drama classes, take part in writing workshops, play basketball, and get homework help. "The after-school program is not a baby-sitting service," Cassella said. "We don't just want to

watch them. We want to enrich their lives. We consult with teachers to find out what lessons they're doing in the classroom so that we can continue that after-school in case the child needs some extra help," she said.

At one school alone, PS 186 in Bensonhurst, 585 children are enrolled in the NIA after-school program.

"We also have parenting workshops. We go to schools to talk to parents," Cassella said.

NIA offers social service referrals, sponsors graffiti cleanups, and works closely with the three police precincts in its service area, the 62nd in Bensonhurst, the 66th in Borough Park, and the 68th in Bay Ridge.

NIA also sponsors health and wellness programs for senior citizens, offering advice on how to exercise and eat healthy foods. NIA assists Assemblyman Peter Abbate (D-Bensonhurst-Dyker Heights-Sunset Park) at the lawmaker's annual senior picnic, an annual event that takes place at the Fort Hamilton Army Base in Bay Ridge.

"They're one of the premiere organizations in the community. They're a vital part of the community," Abbate said.

In recent years, NIA has expanded its coverage area to offer programs in Crown Heights and State Island.

Tickets for the dinner are \$125 each. For more information, call NIA at 718-236-5266.

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Wine Country ... in Bed-Stuy?

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This month's Toast of Brooklyn, the food-and-wine focused celebration of Bed-Stuy's culture and history, marked the culmination of the \$20 million revitalization project that transformed Restoration Plaza and the adjacent Marcy Plaza—which now has green space, benches, public art and Wi-Fi.

The hope is the revitalization spurs something of an economic revolution in the area; indications are that may have already taken effect: Officials say that the city's investment brought in nearly \$100 million in private funding that will bring 300 mixed-income housing units to the area. The project was seven

years in the making.

Officials hope the beautification project attracts new businesses, and makes the area safer for people who call the strip of Fulton St. home. A public art installation—"Mathematical Star" by local artist Ellen Harvey—was funded through the Department of Cultural Affairs Percent for Art Program.

Held earlier this month at Bed-Stuy's newly-renovated Restoration Plaza, Toast of Brooklyn organizers told just about anyone who'd listen about their aim to transform the plaza—renovated as part of Mayor Bloomberg's PlaNYC—into "beautiful wine country."

But business and community leaders from the Bedford Stuyvesant Restoration Corp.,



Partygoers at the Toast of Brooklyn, which celebrated the history and potential of Bed-Stuy, where some hope a \$20 million revitalization project will spur an economic revival.

Photo by Seitu Oronde
Bridge Street Development Corp., Bed-Stuy Gateway Business Improvement District (BID) and Brooklyn Community Board 3, it seems, would settle for an improved local economy.

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St. Francis College Celebrates St. Clare and St. Francis Week

From St. Francis College

In celebration of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, St. Francis College, 180 Remsen St., Brooklyn Heights, is reaffirming its belief in the ideals and values of the college's patron saint with a series of events under the umbrella of St. Clare and St. Francis Week beginning Monday, Sept. 30, and running through Friday, Oct. 4, the day of the feast.

St. Clare and St. Francis Week focuses on Franciscan tenets such as respect for others, service to the community, social justice and care for the environment, and is a way to recognize the life and legacy of the two people who served as living models to others and inspired a worldwide movement for good that continues to thrive more than 800 years later.

Throughout the week, all are encouraged to bring in canned

goods for a food drive the College is conducting with C.H.I.P.S. Soup Kitchen in Park Slope.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Monday, Sept. 30 at 12:30 p.m., Founders Hall, Astrophysicist Neil deGrasse Tyson

St. Francis College is proud to welcome astrophysicist Dr. Neil deGrasse Tyson as the 2013 Thomas J. Volpe Lecture Series speaker on Monday, Sept. 30 at 12:30 in the College's Founders Hall. DeGrasse Tyson is the Frederick P. Rose Director of the Hayden Planetarium and is well known on TV and in print for his work in spreading science to a larger population. For more information, see www.brooklyneagle.com.

Tuesday, Oct. 1 at 12:30 p.m., F. Hall, An Inconvenient Truth

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This 2006 documentary, directed by Davis Guggenheim, is about former Vice President Al Gore's campaign to educate people about global warming.

Wednesday, Oct. 2 at 12:30 p.m., F. Hall, The Saint and the Sultan

Paul Moses, author of "The Saint and the Sultan: The Crusades, Islam, and Francis of Assisi's Mission of Peace," will offer a special presentation and discussion on the trip St. Francis of Assisi took during the Crusades to visit Sultan Malik al-Kamil of Egypt.

Thursday, Oct. 3 at 11:10 a.m., Callahan Center, Interfaith Prayer Service

Students, faculty and administrators from a variety of ethnicities and religions will come together to share their common goal of

improving the world around them.

Friday, Oct. 4 at 8 a.m., Steps of St. Francis College, Blessing of the Animals

On the Feast of St. Francis, the College welcomes all animal lovers to attend the college's first annual Blessing of the Animals.

Friday, Oct. 4 at 12:30 p.m., Franciscan Brothers Chapel, Mass for Feast of St. Francis of Assisi

The Mass for the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi will be celebrated by Fr. Brian Jordan, OFM, Director of St. Francis College's Campus Ministry.

In addition, a Franciscan Photo Gallery will be on display in the Mcardle Hall through Oct. 7. The images feature a collection of Franciscan sites and scenes.

Seven Brooklyn Residents Charged in DMV Fraud Case

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Attempting to obtain commercial drivers licenses, 11 individuals, including seven Brooklyn residents, were charged in Brooklyn Federal Court with conspiracy to commit mail fraud as part of an extensive scheme to enable applicants for New York State commercial drivers licenses to cheat on required tests.

New York requires drivers of commercial vehicles, such as transport buses and large semi-trailer trucks, to obtain a commercial drivers license (CDL) issued by the state and regulated by the United States Department of Transportation. In order to obtain a CDL, an applicant must pass a series of tests—including written and audio examinations, both requiring applicants to fill out a paper answer sheet—often taken under the supervision of Department of Motor Vehicles security officers.

It is alleged that in exchange for cash, DMV security guards signaled to applicants the appropriate time to leave the DMV testing location, blank tests in hand. The applicants would then meet with the defendants who completed the CDL tests on the applicants' behalf.

Another cheating scheme, according to the charging papers, was the alleged use of a coded pencil that contained a series of dots and dashes inscribed on the sides of the pencil. These symbols reflected the correct true or false answers to the audio version of the CDL exam.

"As alleged in the complaint, with their wide-spread cheating scheme the defendants enabled unqualified drivers to take to our roads and highways behind the wheel of large buses and heavy trucks," said United States Attorney General for the Eastern District



DMV SECURITY OFFICER ALLEGEDLY RECEIVING A CASH BRIBE TO ALLOW Commercial Driver License applicants to leave the DMV testing site with blank CDL tests to be completed by outside persons.

Photos courtesy of United States Department of Justice



DMV SECURITY OFFICER AND BROOKLYN RESIDENT LATOYA Bourne outside of A New York State DMV testing facility.

Loretta Lynch. "In doing so, they jeopardized the safety of other drivers, their passengers and even pedestrians."

Investigators contend that the defendants charged each applicant anywhere between \$1,500 to \$2,500 for assistance in cheating on the CDL exam and that between April 2013 and September 2013, the defendants enabled over 60 people to fraudulently obtain or attempt to obtain CDLs.

"Truck drivers — many of whom are charged with transporting hazardous chemicals — are trained to drive several tons of cargo often through busy streets and highways. Bus drivers take our children to school every day," said New York State Inspector General Catherine Leahy Scott. "These are among the serious responsibilities of anyone who acquires a commercial drivers license... and we will take all steps to ensure that everyone who has gamed the system will be off the road."

If convicted, the defendants each face a maximum sentence of 20 years' imprisonment and may be fined up to \$250,000.

B'klyn Judge Named to Head New Human Trafficking Part

By Charisma L. Miller, Esq.

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Chief Judge Jonathan Lippman of the New York State Court of Appeals, the highest court in the state, has recently taken steps to assist one of the nation's most victimized groups: human trafficking victims. Creating a statewide Human Trafficking Intervention, Lippman has powered the New York State court system to create special parts, within its criminal courts, to specifically handle defendants linked to prostitution and other prostitution-related crimes.

"We cannot tolerate this practice [of human trafficking] in a civilized society, nor can we afford to let victims of trafficking slip between the cracks of our justice system," Lippman said as he unveiled his new initiative.

Judge Lippman has proposed a bold and unprecedented judicial response to the problem of human trafficking which is, in every sense, a form of modern-day slavery," noted Administrative Judge for Criminal Matters for the Second Judicial District and Brooklyn Supreme Court, Judge

Barry Kamins. "We are pleased that, as part of the state-wide plan, our Criminal Courts, in all five counties, and beginning on October 7th, will be helping to implement the plan."

Brooklyn Criminal Court Judge John Hecht will oversee Brooklyn's new human trafficking part. Hecht was first appointed as an Interim Civil Court Judge in January 2011 and has since been serving in Criminal Court. Receiving his undergraduate degree from Yale College and his J.D. from Boston University School of Law, Hecht served as a principal court attorney in Supreme Court, Criminal Term and was a supervising attorney for the Legal Aid Society.

"We now recognize that the vast majority of individuals charged with prostitution offenses are commercially exploited or at risk of exploitation," Lippman noted. "By offering vital services instead of punishment to these defendants, the Human Trafficking Intervention Initiative will act to transform and save lives and in turn, enable law enforcement to identify, investigate and punish the traffickers."



120 SCHERMERHORN STREET, KINGS COUNTY Criminal Court.

Photo courtesy of nyc.gov

Federal Court of Appeals Follows in B'klyn's Footsteps: Holds Court In Local Law School

On Monday, Sept. 30, the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit will harken back to its itinerant origins, bringing together lawyers and litigants at New York Law, in Lower Manhattan, instead of at the courthouse, allowing an opportunity for jurists to honor the court's roots, and for law students to observe due process at work.

Brooklyn's Appellate Division, 2nd Department held its first ever sitting at a law school in April at St. Johns University School of Law. Presiding Justice Randall Eng announced at the time that he hoped the visit would "be the first of many occasions the Appellate Division, Second Department has to hold sessions in law schools located within its jurisdiction."

Alleged International Terrorist Arraigned in Brooklyn Federal Court

Lawal Olaniyi Babafemi, a Nigerian citizen charged with providing material support to the designated foreign terrorist organization al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula ("AQAP"), and with using firearms in furtherance of that crime, was arraigned Friday before United States District Judge John Gleeson at the federal courthouse in Brooklyn. At this initial appearance in court in the United States after his extradition from Nigeria, Babafemi was ordered held without bail.

According to court documents, between approximately January 2010 and August 2011 the defendant traveled twice from Nigeria to Yemen to meet and train with leaders of AQAP, the Yemen-based branch of al-Qaeda. Babafemi assisted in AQAP's English-language media operations, which include the publication of the magazine *Inspire*. At the direction of the now-deceased senior AQAP commander Anwar al-Aulaqi, Babafemi was provided by AQAP leadership with the equivalent of almost \$9,000 in cash to recruit other English-speakers from Nigeria to join that group. While in Yemen, Babafemi also received weapons training from AQAP.

AQAP claims many terrorist attacks including the 2009 attempted bombing of a Northwest Airline flight from Amsterdam to Detroit by a Nigerian with explosives hidden in his underwear.

"As alleged in the indictment, the defendant was a member of a violent terrorist organization bent on doing harm to the United States and its allies," said United States Attorney General for the Eastern District Loretta Lynch.

On February 21, 2013, a Brooklyn federal grand jury indicted Babafemi with unlawful use of machineguns, conspiracy to provide material support to a terrorist organization, and other related charges. He was extradited to the United States in September.

If convicted, Babafemi faces up to 15 years in prison on each of the material support charges and up to life on each of the firearms charges.

B'klyn Couple Pleads Guilty To Asian Immigrant Ripoff

Kings County District Attorney Charles J. Hynes on Friday announced the guilty pleas of Patrick Panettieri, 63, and his wife, Joanne Panettieri, 59, who admitted defrauding Asian immigrant families out of thousands of dollars each in tuition fees paid for their children to attend schools for English as a Second Language.

The defendants plead guilty to the felony charge of Scheme to Defraud in the First Degree, the top count of the indictment and Petit Larceny. The defendants must make full restitution of the stolen money, which includes tuition and back-pay owed to teachers, totaling over \$50,000, or face 1 1/3-4 years in prison.