Showtime at TCA press tour: Reinvention, with accolades

With 'Weeds' ending and the success of 'Homeland,' the network is weathering a period of transition ▶ New documentaries on the way

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Showtime is having a "transformative" year, the network's president of entertainment, David Nevins, told reporters gathered at the Television Critics Association press tour in Beverly Hills, Calif., on Monday. As the channel prepares to say goodbye to "Weeds," the edgy sitcom that put Showtime on the map for scripted programming on Sept. 16, it has also borne the gripping political drama "Homeland," which, in its first season, won two TCA awards (for Outstanding New Program and Individual Achievement in Drama, given to star Claire Danes), has been nominated for several Emmys, and touched off a national pop culture conversation.

Who is watching Showtime today? Well, even President Obama is a "Homeland" fan. Star Damian Lewis told critics he was invited to a state dinner when British Prime Minister David Cameron was visiting the White House, and, surprised that he was even on the president's radar, asked Obama when the leader of the free world managed to find any downtime to watch TV.

"He said, 'Saturday afternoons, Michelle and the two girls, they go play tennis,' Lewis relayed. "'I go into the Oval Office. I pretend I'm going to work, and I switch on 'Homeland.'"

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SHOWTIME

▶ Claire Danes stars in "Homeland."

Other Showtime must-sees:

- The network will premiere a number of documentaries next year under the new banner "Closeup." The first film, "The World According to Dick Cheney," by R.J. Cutler, takes an unprecedented look at the former vice president. Director Antoine Fuqua examines the life and career of rap legend Suge Knight. "Richard Pryor: Omit the Logic" is directed by Emmy-winner Marina Zenovich. And Brett Ratner will direct a documentary on music mogul Tommy Mottola.
- Oliver Stone's "Untold History of the United States," a 10-part series narrated by Stone himself, premieres Nov. 12.
- The intimate interview series "Inside Comedy" returns this fall with 10 episodes, featuring host David Steinberg sitting down with comedians Ben Stiller, Tina Fey, Judd Apatow, Will Ferrell and Albert Brooks, among others.

TV watch list

'Louie'

COMEDY. Louie has a bad day. Dealing with a terrible kid, a guy dying and meeting another comedian are all possible contributing factors.
10:30 p.m., FX

'Project Runway'

REALITY. "Don't Trust the B— in Apt 23" star Krysten Ritter serves as guest judge. The egotistical alter ego of James Van Der Beek will not be making a cameo appearance.
9 p.m., Lifetime

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▶ Louis C.K. deals with a bad kid (Jeremy Shinder) on "Louie."

'Awkward'

DRAMA. After Jake confesses his love, Jenna considers sleeping with him to sort out her own feelings. How very screwed-up adult of her.
10:30 p.m., MTV ● AMBER RAY

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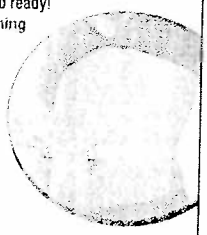

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Dixon Place to make LES Music Fest an annual happening

BY **SCOTT STIFFLER**

You know how it is. All day long, the August sun broils and bakes the steamy concrete of the Lower East Side — and by the time you arrive at that sweaty dive bar, you barely possess enough energy to navigate the punk rock moshing frenzy that precedes the contemplative acoustic act you showed up for.

Cover charges, short sets that leave you wanting more, drink minimums and bills full of musicians with wildly contrasting styles: It's not so bad if you're feeling adventurous, pleasantly buzzed or on a mission to support a friend's band. But imagine how much better your summertime music experience would be in an air-conditioned concert setting with comfortable seats, great acoustics, likeminded performers and the promise of free booze for early birds (the first 25 to show up get a free Pabst Blue Ribbon).

This isn't a theoretical scenario. It's happening from August 9-26, when Dixon Place hosts the First Annual Lower East Side Music Festival.

Having long functioned as a Downtown theater and dance incubator, Dixon Place's 2009 move from the Bowery to its current Chrystie Street incarnation occurred at the tail end of a decade-long seismic shift that rocked the Lower East Side performance circuit. As the formerly dicey area became highly desirable, skyrocketing rents caused many longtime venues to shutter or move to Brooklyn (as did The Knitting Factory). With Dixon Place's new digs came a larger space and better equipment — which inspired more music programming.

Curator of the Dixon Place series "Writer's Bloc," which pairs songwriters up and tasks them with finishing each other's uncompleted works, Jonny B. Goodman has brought that same flair for unconventional thinking to his role as Director of the Lower East Side Music Festival.

"The Lower East Side," notes Goodman, "has a very high concentration of music venues: Pianos, the Living Room, Arlene's Grocery." The economic necessity of packing in as many customers as possible on any given night almost always translates into a long list of acts performing a short list of songs. "You might play for a handful of friends and fans," says Goodman. "You'll be an indie folk band that goes on at 9pm. Then you have a death metal band at 10, and none of your friends stick around for that." Good news for the folk act...but for the death metal band, having a full house exit the room as their set begins is a demoralizing experience (and bad business; bands who can't draw aren't likely to be asked back).

Photo courtesy of Dixon Place

Acoustic indie folk band More Than Skies takes the genre into a dynamic new direction (August 17).

"At Dixon Place," says Goodman, "what they're trying to do is create a setting where people pay attention to your music. They're doing their best to market this as an intimate space where people will see the band they came for, and also stick around."

To retain audiences, the festival evenings are programmed with stylistic consistency in mind. So whether you gravitate towards jazz, folk, pop/rock, R&B/soul, indie or alternative classical, that's exactly what you're going to get. Although scheduled by genre, says Goodman, "Within that, we're trying to represent a true spectrum. On the folk night [August 17], we've got Sarah Banleigh who has, over the last few years, sung modern original arrangements of ancient British Isles folk music. This will be her debut as a songwriter. She's followed by Stacy Rock, whose influences include Tom Waits and Tori Amos. But there's a very folk narrative to her lyric writing. Personally, as a musician, I'm very motivated by strong lyric writing. So some of the curation of these lesser-known performers is based on my taste, my opinion that they are really stellar songwriters."

Asked what accounts for so many under the radar performers in a festival whose talent comes from the city's most music-friendly neighborhood, Goodman says that "some of it is their work ethic. They're so perfectionist about their craft that they've not gotten out [to play live] much, because they've been at home honing their craft; sometimes for years."

Noise & Rhythm (August 18), Mary Westlake (August 10) and A.C. Lincoln (August 16) all fit that profile. "He's very craft-driven," says Goodman of Lincoln. "And Danny Chait [August 23], too. He's recently been honing the same catalog for years and all of a sudden he's starting to get noticed."

Firmly established festival acts that have a solid following include Corn Mo (August 24) and The Nat Osborn Band (August 25). "And some of the alternative classical acts," notes Goodman, "have already had their Carnegie Hall debuts." Although they've got bills of their own to pay, Dixon Place isn't as interested in their bottom line as they are in expanding their creative boundaries. "We want to have folks who can bring their own draw," admits Goodman, "but we don't want to be 100 percent business about that."

In a further nod to altruism, Goodman didn't require much prodding to rhapsodize about other LES venues worth patronizing. "The one that I most frequently cite as an example of a place that's really committed to quality programming," says Goodman, "is Rockwood Music Hall. They've set themselves up in a great way by working with artists regularly and giving them residencies. You can go there any night and be pretty sure you're going to see a great show."

The First Annual Lower East Side Music Festival takes place Aug. 9-26, Thurs.-Sun., at 161A Chrystie Street (btw. Rivington & Delancey Sts.). For reservations ($15), dixonplace.org. At the door, tickets are $18 ($15 for students/seniors). For a full schedule of performances, visit lesmusicfest.tumblr.com (podcasts available for download).

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Несмотря на нажим со стороны деловых кругов США, призывающих Конгресс отменить наконец поправку Джексона-Вэника и установить с Россией «постоянные нормальные торговые отношения» (ПНТО), финальное голосование по соответствующим законопроектам уже практически наверняка не состоится на этой неделе. Это значит, что дело откладывается на неопределенное время.

Поскольку на следующей неделе Конгресс уходит на 5-недельные августовские каникулы, ПНТО для России (и для Молдавии) не будут утверждены как минимум до сентября. В сентябре Конгресс будет заседать в общей сложности всего 8 дней, которые будут посвящены более неотложным делам.

Дальше все будут поглощены выборами, которые предстоят 6 ноября президенту, трети сената и полному составу Палаты представителей. Поговаривают уже о том, что ПНТО отложатся на время после выборов, когда ими займется доживающий свой век Конгресс нынешнего созыва. Возможно, этот вопрос достанется даже следующему Конгрессу, который заступит на вахту в начале января.

Вероятно, в США сменится и президент. Новый, как и «старый», вступит в должность 20 января.

Как предупреждает на сайте Национального совета по внешней торговле его вице-президент Дэн О'Флэрти, если дело затянется до будущего года, то «нам придется начинать все сначала, а между тем коммерческие возможности в России будут все больше доставаться нашим европейским и азиатским конкурентам».

Деловые круги Америки напоминают, что 22 августа Россия должна официально вступить во Всемирную торговую организацию (ВТО). Американские экспортеры надеялись воспользоваться этим для проникновения на российский рынок, однако, не получив от Вашингтона статуса наибольшего благоприятствования, Москва будет иметь право наказать американцев высокими тарифами. В результате экспортеры из других стран получат перед ними преимущество и застолбят открывшиеся участки рынка России.

«Американские компании не получат никаких преимуществ, которых в течение 19 лет добивались

для них наши переговорщики», - пишет О'Флэрти.

«Мы продолжаем оказывать нажим на Конгресс с тем, чтобы он утвердил ПНТО для России на этой неделе и США смогли конкурировать в России на тех же условиях, что и наши конкуренты», - заявил выпускаемой Конгрессом газете Hill Дэвид Томас, вице-президент влиятельной организации «Круглый стол бизнеса».

К середине июля профильные комитеты обеих палат Конгресса утвердили установление ПНТО, отмену знаменитой поправки и сменяющий ее Закон Магнитского, предусматривающий санкции против нарушителей прав человека.

По настоянию Белого дома, который хотел подсластить россиянам пилюлю, сенатский вариант Закона Магнитского охватывает нарушителей во всем мире. В отличие от Сената, Палата представителей контролируется республиканской оппозицией, и ее вариант нацелен только на российских чиновников.

Пока это разночтение так и не дошло до согласительной комиссии Конгресса.

Еще в начале прошлой недели почти все были уверены, что три указанных законопроекта будут приняты полным составом Конгресса до августовских каникул. Но тут вмешались влиятельные американские профсоюзы, уставшие бороться с Китаем, который вступил в ВТО десятилетие назад и с тех пор, по их словам, постоянно нарушает данные ей обещания.

Обжегшись на китайском молоке, юнионы теперь дуют на российскую воду и требуют, чтобы Конгресс присовокупил к установлению ПНТО резолюцию, которую внесла группа законодателей-демократов. Она предписывает канцелярии официального торгового представителя США в течение 90 дней представить Конгрессу справку с перечислением всех обязательств, которые берет на себя Россия в связи со вступлением в ВТО, и указанием сроков, в которые эти обязательства должны быть выполнены.

Резолюция также требует, чтобы торговый представитель США представлял Конгрессу ежегодный отчет об усилиях, которые предприняты им для того, чтобы заставить Россию выполнить указанные обязательства.

Как заметила во вторник газета Wall Street Journal, после того, как профсоюзы послали письмо со своими требованиями каждому члену Палаты представителей, ее демократическая фракция, тесно связанная с юнионами, засомневалась по поводу ПНТО.

Газета обвиняет президента Обаму и госсекретаря Хиллари Клинтон в том, что они не лоббируют в Конгрессе принятие ПНТО, и отчасти объясняет это тем, что администрация с самого начала была против Закона Магнитского, который вместе с ПНТО и отменой поправки Джексона-Вэника образует тройку законопроектов.

Лидер республиканцев в нижней палате Джон Бейнер тоже валит на Обаму и пока не назначил дебатов по ПНТО. Сенат же заявил, что поставит этот вопрос на голосование лишь после того, как это сделает Палата представителей.

В результате законопроект о ПНТО под занавес забуксовал. «Единственным, кто выиграет из-за его провала, - замечает Wall Street Journal, - будет путинский режим, который отчаянно желает Закону Магнитского смерти и не очень расстроится, если ко всему прочему пострадает американский бизнес».

Владимир КОЗЛОВСКИЙ

egislator Has His Fill Of Chik-fil-A

MEGAN MONTALVO

After [illegible] Baker's foot [illegible] chicken sandwiches [illegible] the people of Queens [illegible] bark [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] talk of chicken [illegible] [illegible] months of [illegible] [illegible]

Cathy [illegible] with fast food chain Chick-fil-A [illegible] of extensive [illegible] attention after President Dan Cathy [illegible] gay marriage [illegible] in an interview with a radio [illegible]

"We [illegible] God's statement [illegible] when we chose our [illegible] we're better [illegible] institution a marriage," Cathy said [illegible] the interview.

While [illegible] statement sparked [illegible] nationwide protests from [illegible] on both sides of the gay [illegible] argument, on the local [illegible] more demure backlash has [illegible] made.

The [illegible] Chick-fil-A in New York City resides at the campus of New York University. In light of Cathy's statement, Council Speaker Christine Quinn (D-Manhattan) and [illegible] Comrdinan Daniel Dromm (D-Jackson Heights) sent letters to NYU President John Sexton requesting the removal of the restaurant from campus premises.

"Simply put, NYU is free to choose which companies it supports. With respect to Chick-fil-A, that choice is clear. According to a recent report, Chick-fil-A directed $2 million in ostensibly charitable donations to anti-gay groups in 2010. By maintaining a business relationship with Chick-fil-A, NYU is subsidizing anti-LGBT hate," Dromm said in the letter.

While NYU representatives say that the president has yet to receive Dromm's letter, which was issued on July 30, the University did release the following statement last week in address a similar toned letter written by Quinn:

"The recent remarks attributed to Chick-fil-A President Dan Cathy about gay marriage are out of step with NYU's views on this matter and with our practices. The University is well known for its strong and long-standing support for the LGBT community, and NYU voluntarily provided partner benefits long before it was legally required."

The statement further outlined that the administration will ask the university senate to take up the issue of Chick-fil-A's status on campus when it reconvenes this fall to make a recommendation on how to proceed.

For Dromm, the wait for fall is too long.

"I would hope that the President of the University would stand up and have the courage to remove the business before the students return in September," said Dromm. "NYU is better than this."

Since Cathy's interview aired, Quinn has launched an online petition on Change.org to demand an apology from Cathy for his remarks, which has reached a total of 750 signatures.

In addition to Quinn's petition, a total of 15,000 signatures have been made to a petition created on the same site by NYU student Hiliary Dworkoski, who also urges Sexton to remove Chick-fil-A from the university grounds.

"NYU prides itself on being a diverse, open and inclusive campus community. That's one of the main reasons why I enrolled at NYU as a freshman last fall," Dworkoski said in her petition. "Unfortunately, maintaining a contract with an anti-gay vendor like Chick-fil-A undermines what makes this University so great."

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Scratch-Off Proposed To Raise Community Funds

By WAYNE DEAN DOYLE

State Sen. Tony Avella (D-Bayside) joined various community groups such as veterans, youth sports groups and historical preservation groups at College Point to call for a new lottery scratch-off game, with the funds dedicated to a new community grant fund.

Money from the scratch-off, Avella said, would help fund local community programs that have been hurting since the elimination of discretionary funds in 2010.

"This loss is on top of already draconian budget cuts that occurred in 2011 and the loss of private funding sources that began to disappear as a result of the national economic crises in 2008," said Avella.

Paul Narson, president of Queens Chapter 32 of The Vietnam Veterans Of America reiterated the importance of this initiative, but also voiced the need for more of these types of programs.

The scratch-off lottery game cards would be purchasable through convenience stores with all proceeds going to the local groups within that particular area in which the game card was purchased.

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BROOKLYN **Monday, August 13th** **5PM - 9PM**	Brooklyn Borough Hall 209 Joralemon street New York, NY 11209
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QUEENS **Tuesday, August 21st** **5PM - 9PM**	Queens Library at Flushing 41-17 Main Street Flushing, NY 11355
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АМЕРИКА

Наргис Шекинская

НА ЭТОТ РАЗ ОБОШЛОСЬ

Соединенные Штаты избежали повторения прошлогодних бюджетных баталий, поставивших страну на грань государственного дефолта. Перед уходом на летние каникулы лидеры демократов и республиканцев в Конгрессе сумели достичь компромисса о временном продлении финансирования федерального правительства.

Редкий в последние годы межпартийный компромисс на Капитолийском холме, как подчеркивают аналитики, стал результатом партийного же расчета: бюджетная конфронтация с угрозой остановки деятельности федерального правительства в разгар избирательной кампании была бы в равной степени невыгодна и демократам, и республиканцам. По условиям соглашения, достигнутого лидером демократического большинства в Сенате Гарри Ридом и республиканским спикером Палаты представителей Джоном Бэйнером, бюджетное финансирование, которое должно было прекратиться с окончанием текущего финансового года 30 сентября, будет продлено до 31 марта 2013 года из годового расчета в 1,47 трлн. долларов - то есть на том же компромиссном уровне, который был установлен прошлым летом.

"Спикер Палаты представителей, я и президент договорились о том, как финансировать правительство до конца первого квартала 2013 года, - заявил Рид. - Это соглашение обеспечит стабильность и позволит нам вернуться к обсуждению насущных проблем страны после выборов. Мы бы хотели проголосовать по этому вопросу до ухода на каникулы, но это технически невозможно: написать такую резолюцию занимает время. Голосование состоится в сентябре. Главное, что мы пришли к согласию. Я благодарен спикеру Бэйнеру за сотрудничество и надеюсь, что и в будущем мы сможем находить компромиссы".

Пресс-секретарь Белого дома Джей Карни приветствовал межпартийное соглашение и подтвердил, что Обама подпишет бюджетную резолюцию, как только она окажется у него на столе.

Напомним, в июле глава Федерального резерва Бен Бернанке предупреждал, что если Конгресс не придет к согласию в бюджетном вопросе, Америку может ждать вторая волна экономического кризиса.

"НАЛОГОВАЯ" ВОЙНА ПРОДОЛЖАЕТСЯ

Перед уходом на августовские каникулы нижняя палата Конгресса США приняла решение о продлении до конца 2013 года срока действия так называемых "бушевских налоговых льгот".

Республиканский законопроект продлевает льготы для всех категорий налогоплательщиков, включая людей с высокими доходами. Шансов на вступление в силу у закона нет - демократическое большинство Сената и президент Обама выступают против льгот для наиболее состоятельных американцев. Противоборствующие лагеря обвиняют друг друга в политической игре.

В поддержку законопроекта о продлении срока действия пониженных налоговых ставок высказались 256 членов Палаты представителей. К мнению республиканского большинства этом вопросе присоединились 20 законодателей-демократов. Законопроект продлевает срок действия льгот для всех шести существующих категорий налогоплательщиков до 31 декабря 2013 года. Напомним, пакет налоговых льгот, введенный в 2001 и 2003 годах по инициативе администрации Джорджа Буша-младшего, сократил максимальную ставку подоходного налога с 39,6 до 35 процентов, а максимальную ставку налога на прирост калитала - с 23,8 до 15 процентов. Срок действия льгот истекает 31 декабря нынешнего года. Если не предпринимать никаких действий, налоги для среднестатистической американской семьи в следующем году возрастут на 2 тысячи долларов. В начале июля Барак Обама обратился к Конгрессу с предложением продлить срок действия льгот для американцев, зарабатывающих менее 200 тысяч долларов в год и для семей, чей совокупный доход не превышает 250 тысяч долларов, то есть для 98% налогоплательщиков. Именно эту меру на прошлой неделе с минимальным перевесом одобрил Сенат. По мнению демократов, сохранять налоговые льготы для наиболее состоятельных американцев - непосильная ноша для федерального бюджета. Республиканцы изначально настаивали на продлении срока действия льгот для всех категорий налогоплательщиков и заявляли, что повышение налогов на состоятельных американцев ударит по инвесторам, работодателям и малому бизнесу, что еще больше замедлит экономический рост. "Повышение налогов при нынешнем состоянии экономики - большая ошибка", - заявил спикер Палаты представителей Джон Бэйнер после голосования. Налоговая тема уже стала одной из главных в президентской кампании.

"Мой оппонент предлагает не только продлить срок действия бушевских льгот, но и ввести новые сокращения налогов на 5 трлн долларов, которые коснутся главным образом богатых американцев, - говорит Обама, - Например, налоги для людей, получающих более 3 млн долларов в год, - а это 0,1% населения страны, - будут снижены на 250 тысяч долларов. А платить за это придется вам, среднему классу. Это будет сделано за счет сокращения налоговых льгот на ипотеку, на медицинскую страховку, на университетское образование. В результате налоги для среднестатистической семьи с детьми повысятся на 2 тысячи долларов в год".

"Президент пытается уязвить людей, которые добились успеха в той или иной области, - настаивает Ромни. - Это неправильно. В Америке так не делается".

И республиканцы, и демократы предельно ясно очертили линию своих аргументов: правые обвиняют действующую администрацию в нападках на работодателей, Белый дом говорит, что Республиканская партия держит средний класс в заложниках ради интересов миллионеров. В обеих партиях надеются, что 6 ноября американские избиратели прислушаются к их доводам.

РОСТ ЭКОНОМИКИ ЕЩЕ БОЛЕЕ ЗАМЕДЛИЛСЯ

Рост американской экономики во втором квартале текущего года замедлился до полутора процентов. Такие данные содержатся в докладе министерства торговли. По оценкам экономистов, столь низкий уровень роста не позволяет рассчитывать на серьезное сокращение безработицы. Лидеры Республиканской партии уже заявили, что улучшение состояния экономики будет зависеть от смены хозяина Белого дома.

Снижение потребительских расходов, сокращения бюджетов на федеральном и местном уровне и рост импорта привели к серьезному замедлению темпов экономического роста в США. По данным министерства торговли, во втором квартале валовой внутренний продукт вырос всего на 1,5% в годовом исчислении. Для сравнения: в первом квартале текущего года рост ВВП составил 2%. Основным фактором замедления экономисты называют низкий уровень потребительских расходов, который во втором квартале вырос только на 1,5% - против 2,4% за первый квартал. Отметим, что по оценкам экономистов для того, чтобы рассчитывать на заметное снижение безработицы, которая сейчас составляет 8,2%, и ВВП, и уровень потребительских расходов должны расти на 3% в год. Республиканцы воспользовались докладом, чтобы вновь обвинить Белый дом в некомпетентности. Уже 41 месяц подряд уровень безработицы в США превышает 8%, напоминают они, подчеркивая, что экономика будет главной темой осенних выборов, а президентом должен стать республиканец Митт Ромни.

Опубликованный на прошлой неделе опрос показал, что экономическую политику Обамы поддерживают лишь 39% американцев. 55% опрошенных заявили о своем неодобрении.

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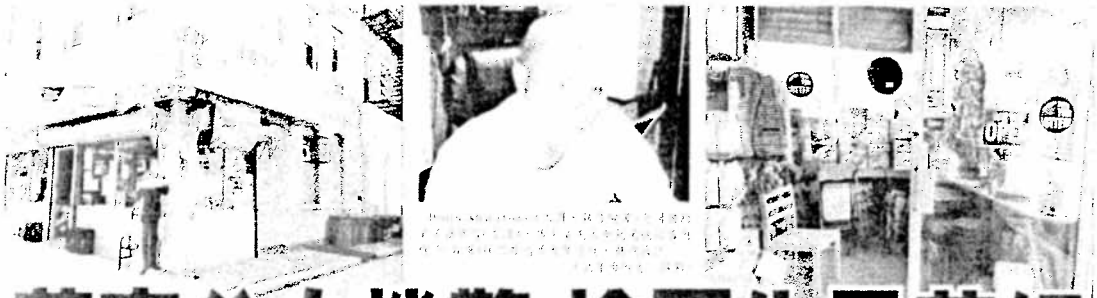

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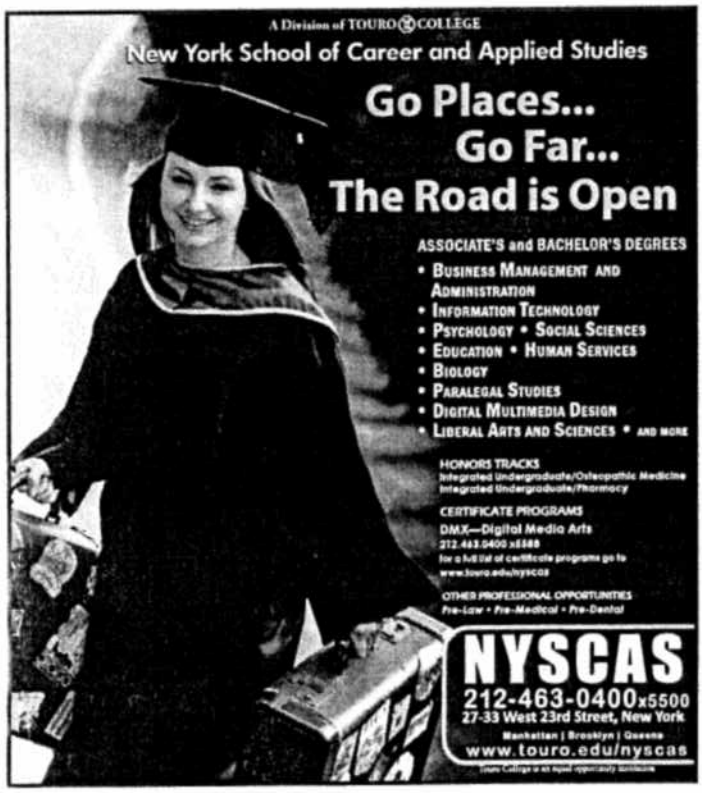

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St. Mary's union workers rally for a new contract

BY PHIL CORSO

Outcries from St. Mary's Children's Hospital union workers were met with political support last week as members organized outside the facility to rally for a new contract.

Member nurses and other caregivers of 1199SEIU from St. Mary's Children's Hospital in Bayside, draped in yellow rain ponchos, chanted "Be fair to those who care" and "No contract, no peace" as they marched near the hospital entrance Aug. 1.

The protestors, who said they represented more than 300 employees, unified in support of a renewed agreement with the hospital for better benefits, including health insurance and access to education opportunities.

Claire E. Thompson, a registered nurse, vice president and area director of 1199SEIU's Registered Nurse Division, grabbed a megaphone as the workers gathered around her in the pouring rain.

"We always have to twist the wrists of greed," Thompson said. "This is a serious fight."

The union said St. Mary's' recorded operating revenues were $93 million in 2010 and $4.3 million in profits, according to its most recent tax filing.

And while the workers rallied outside, the hospital was in the middle of undergoing a major expansion project.

A spokeswoman at St. Mary's Children's Hospital said contract discussions were ongoing and kept the workers' best interests as a top priority.

"St. Mary's continues to negotiate in good faith with 1199," the spokeswoman said. "Our end goal is to make certain that we continue to provide care with New York's sickest children while we remain financially sustainable."

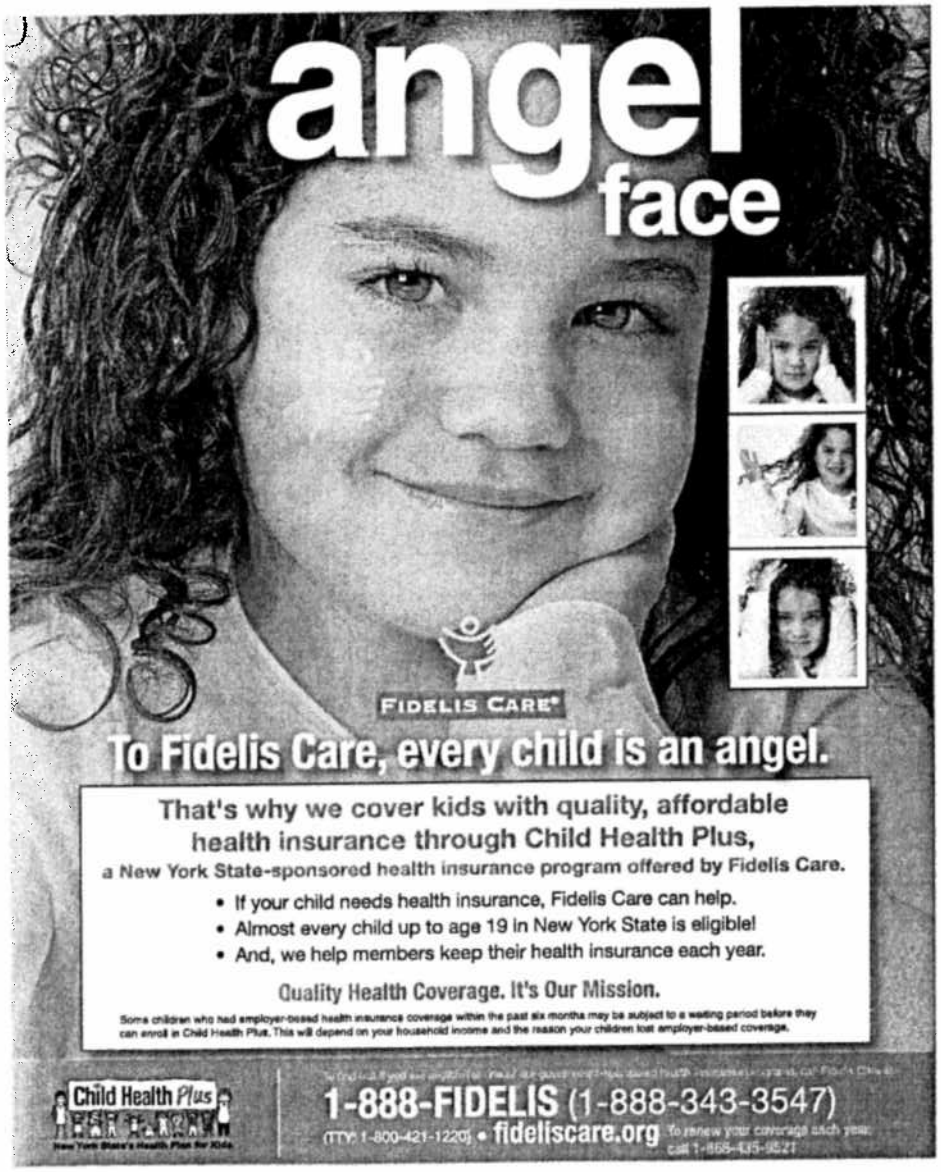
Joining the workers and braving the rain were state Sen. Tony Avella (D-Bayside), Community Board 11 Chairman Jerry Iannece and state Assemblyman Ed Braunstein (D-Bayside), who opted out of hiding under an umbrella to show his support in telling the workers they were "doing God's work."

"The 1199 members at St. Mary's deserve a fair contract, plain and simple," Avella said over the megaphone. "Nurses and caregivers serve my district's most-severely ill children, and to deny them affordable health care for themselves and their own children or training that would allow them to better care for our young patients is outrageous."

Assemblywoman and congressional candidate Grace Meng (D-Flushing) also expressed support for the workers, praising their value to the community.

"The nurses and other caregivers at St. Mary's care for our sickest children and deserve quality health care for themselves and their families," said Meng. "I fully support their efforts today and will continue to stand with them until they get the contract and benefits they need and deserve."

Lisa Leonard, a single parent from Flushing, has worked at St. Mary's for eight years and her last raise was for 30 cents an hour in 2008, she said. She said she was pressing for more affordable health care because her current insurance was not cutting it.



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Literature stolen in home invasion

94TH PRECINCT

Greenpoint–Northside

Police arrested one of two men who they say broke into Jewel Street apartment, attacked the resident, and stole his copy of a classic work of Russian literature on July 28.

The victim told police he entered his apartment between Norman and Meserole streets at 4 am and was attacked by two strangers who were already inside.

The crooks beat him on the head, face, and arm, then stole his Herschel bag, which contained his apartment keys, a shirt, and the book "The Idiot" by Fyodor Dostoyevsky.

Jag snagged

Two thugs attacked a woman on N. Ninth Street on July 27 — and drove off in her $60,000 car.

The victim told police she was getting out of her 2009 black Jaguar between Berry Street and Bedford Avenue at 9 pm when the brute came up behind her and put her in a chokehold.

A second robber pointed a black handgun at her head and demanded her car keys. She gave them the keys and they drove off in her vehicle.

Strong-armed

Two thugs attacked a man on Havemeyer Street on July 29 and took off with his wallet, driver's license, credit card, and cash.

The victim told police he was near N. Seventh Street at 4:30 am when two men approached and began throwing punches. When the victim fell to the ground, the robbers put their hands in his pockets and took his belongings. The victim was left with bruising to the side of his face and the purple fluid.

Teen thugs

A pair of teenaged boys attacked a woman on Conselyea Street on July 30 — and ran off with her iPhone.

The victim told police that she was near Humboldt Street at 4:20 pm when one of the boys pushed her and the other grabbed her cellphone. The victim and the perp played tug-of-war over the phone, but the thug eventually won.

Fast thief

An agile thief tore a L train strap hanger's bag off of his leg as the train pulled into the Bedford Avenue station on Aug. 3.

The victim told police that he was on the train near N. Seventh Street at 8:30 am when the crook grabbed his bag and jumped onto the platform as the doors were closing. The victim managed to pry the doors open before they closed all the way. He chased the thief, but the bandit blended into the crowd and got away.

Ransacked

Burglars broke into an apartment on Engert Avenue on Aug. 3 and stole several pieces of jewelry.

The victim told police the bandits broke into the apartment between Graham Avenue and McGuinness Boulevard sometime between 7 am and 4 pm and tore the place apart, stealing a diamond ring, an 18K wedding band, gold earrings, a gold chain with a medallion, and a gold bracelet.

90TH PRECINCT

Southside–Bushwick

Mailbox melee

Someone broke into a Metropolitan Avenue apartment building — and then broke into multiple mailboxes in the lobby — on Aug. 4.

A witness told police that he saw a man smash a window to get into the building between Olive and Catherine streets at 7 am, and saw the man run out a few minutes later.

When police arrived, they found mail scattered all over the lobby.

Cash snatched

Crooks held up two Humboldt Street businesses as employees were counting cash for the night on Aug. 5.

An employee of Nine Dragons Chinese food restaurant between Seigel and Moore streets was checking out the earnings behind the counter at midnight when a man barged in.

"Give me your money or I'll kill you when you go outside," the crook said.

The perp then mimed having a gun and the victim handed over about $300. Police arrested a suspect and recovered the money.

That same night a woman was counting cash behind the counter of a laundromat between Whipple and Bartlett streets at 8:20 pm when three rude robbers swarmed the counter and grabbed about $50 right out of her hand, she told police.

They fled the business and have not been found.

Hot cart

Someone managed to rolls off with a hot dog cart that was parked in the back of a Grand Street building on July 20 — but cops retrieved the food stand and returned it to the victim.

A vendor told police he left his $6,000 cart between Graham Avenue and Humboldt Street, and his friends saw someone making off with it at 4 pm. Police found the cart at a nearby scrap metal junkyard and returned it to the hot dog vendor.

Playground pry

An opportunistic thief ripped an iPod out of a man's hand at the Marcy Avenue playground on Aug. 5.

The victim told police he was sitting on a bench in the park between S. Ninth and Division streets at 3:40 pm, talking on his cellphone and playing with his iPod, when a jerk snatched the iPod right out of his hand.

"I'm gonna sell it," the robber yelled as he ran off. The victim chased the man, but lost him near the corner of Marcy Avenue and Division Street.

Bags grabbed

A crook smashed the window of a car parked on S. Sixth Street on Aug. 4 and took off with the owner's designer bags, which were inside the car.

The victim told police that she parked her car near Wythe Avenue that night, and returned to find the driver's-side window broken and a $350 Michael Kors bag, a $150 Dooney and Burke change wallet, and a $50 Chanel makeup bag missing.

Batty

Police arrested two women who they say tried to attack a woman with baseball bats inside a Humboldt Street building on Aug. 5.

The victim told police she entered the lobby of the building between Bogart and Seigel streets at 5:50 pm, and found the two waiting for her.

The three exchanged words and one of the suspects took a swing at her.

"I'm going to kill you with this bat," the perp told the victim, according to police.

The woman managed to dodge it and was not injured.

— *Danielle Parfare*

84TH PRECINCT

Brooklyn Heights–DUMBO–Boerum Hill–Downtown

Cabinet caper

A burglar broke into a woman's Henry Street home on July 31 — and took off with several diamond rings and bracelets worth a total of $71,000.

The crook entered the home between Pierrepont Place and Love Lane at 8 pm, got into a locked wooden cabinet housing the pricey jewelry, and fled, officers say.

Metro mugging

A jerk snatched a strap-hanger's iPhone out of her hands when her train entered the Hoyt-Schermerhorn streets station on July 31.

The victim told police that she was on the A train at 4:30 pm when the robber ripped the phone out of her hands and dashed off the train.

Steel stolen

Thieves stole five tons of construction materials from Brooklyn Bridge Park on July 30.

The site manager told police that the construction bars were last seen on Joralemon Street near Furman Street at 7 am on July 27. The metal rods are valued at $15,000, and police say they suspect the theft as an inside job.

Park sharks

Five teenage jerks stole iPhones from another group of teens at Brooklyn Bridge Park on July 31.

The three teens told cops they were in the park near Atlantic Avenue and Furman Street at 9:40 pm when the muggers approached them.

"I have a gun in my bag," one threatened as the bullies demanded the victims' smartphones.

Police have used the iPhones' tracking apps to trace the cellphones to Smith and Baltic streets, but no arrests have been made.

Pedal perp

A cycling crook snatched an iPhone out of a woman's hands on Bergen Street on Aug. 2.

The victim said she was waiting for the bus near Third Avenue at 10:30 pm when the thief rolled by, grabbed the phone, and zoned off.

Fruit pursuit

Two thieves snatched a woman's Apple phone on Orange Street on July 30 — and managed to evade an off-duty cop who gave chase.

The victim was between Hicks and Henry streets at 12:53 am when the jerks grabbed her iPhone and ran down toward Pineapple Street. An off-duty police officer dashed after the two thugs, when one turned around and threatened the officer with a broken bottle, reports say.

The thieves got away, and phone-tracking apps have been unsuccessful in locating them.

— *Alfred Ng*

78TH PRECINCT

Park Slope

I don't

A crook swiped a $10,000 engagement ring from a house on Fifth Street on July 29.

The 43-year-old victim told cops she left her diamond ring, a watch, and gold bracelets in a drawer in her bedroom near Eighth Avenue at 10 pm.

She came back at 9 pm the next day, discovered the jewelry gone, then later told cops a maid visited her home while she was away.

Gold grab

A jerk snatched some jewelry from a man on Fourth Avenue on Aug. 5.

The victim told cops he was with his family near Degraw Street at 3:15 pm when a thug grabbed his gold chain and ran away.

Rubber raid

A perp swiped the tires off of a fancy car parked on Butler Street on July 30.

The victim told cops he parked a BMW near Nevins Street at 2 pm, came back the next day at 9:30 am and noticed his tires and rims gone.

Easy Mac

A jerk stole a laptop from a car parked on Eighth Street on Aug. 2.

The 29-year-old victim told cops he left his MacBook Pro, a passport, and some credit cards inside a 2009 Volkswagen parked near Seventh Avenue at 1:30 am. He came back seven hours later and realized they had vanished.

Bike bandit

A thief stole two bicycles from an upscale cycling shop on Fifth Avenue on Aug. 1.

A worker told cops a crook swiped a Litmus and a Strum bike — worth about $2,600 in total— from a vehicle parked in front of Bicycle Habitat near 11th Street at 1:30 pm.

Toyota taken

A thief stole a car parked on President Street on July 30.

The 49-year-old victim told cops she parked her blue 2000 Toyota Camry near Eighth Avenue at 7:30 am, then came back the next evening and discovered it gone — and cops found no sign of broken glass.

Bad biker

A quick-moving jerk jacked a cellphone from a woman on Baltic Street on Aug. 8.

The 46-year-old victim told cops she was on her way home near Fourth Avenue at 1 am when a man on a bike snatched the iPhone from her hand then sped away.

Speakers out

A crook swiped some electronic goodies from a car parked on Third Avenue on July 30.

The 39-year-old victim told cops he left his green 1994 Toyota Corolla — full of speakers, a TV, and an amplifier — near Ninth Street at midnight, then came back seven hours later and spotted his window broken and the electronics gone.

— *Natalie O'Neill*

88TH PRECINCT

Fort Greene–Clinton Hill

Heist times two

Perps robbed a Capital One branch on Fulton Street was twice last week — first on July 30 and again on Aug. 2.

Cops say a polo shirt-wearing robber entered the bank at Clinton Avenue at 10:40 am on July 30 and passed a note to the teller that said, "I have a gun on me. Need fifty-hundred. No dye packs. Blow up money. Nobody will get hurt thank you."

The crook made off with $900, cops said.

Another crook entered the branch at 11:23 am on Aug. 2, passed a note to the teller demanding money, and escaped away with $600.

Bricked

A jerk threw a brick at a woman in Fort Greene Park on July 30, striking her in the head.

The 46-year-old victim told cops she was in the park at 7:35 pm when someone attacked her. Emergency personnel took the woman to the hospital.

Burgled

Police arrested three people who they say stole three computers from a house on Cumberland Street on July 30.

The victims told cops that the intruders entered the house between Lafayette and Greene avenues at 11:40 am, and made away with three Apple computers. Cops said they arrested three suspects on Aug. 1.

Motor-thefters

A speed demon stole a motorcycle from Clinton Avenue sometime between July 28 and 30.

The 36-year-old victim told cops he left the bike between DeKalb and Willoughby avenues at 8:30 pm on July 28. When he returned on July 30 at 11 am, he realized it was missing.

Unlucky #7

A crook stole a woman's purse from a restaurant on Greene Avenue on Aug. 1.

The 34-year-old victim told cops she was at No. 7 near S. Oxford Street at 11 pm when placed her pocketbook beneath her seat.

She noticed it was missing 30 minutes later.

Stove-topped

Police arrested a suspect who they say stole a vintage stove on Washington Avenue on Aug. 2.

The 33-year-old victim told cops an intruder broke into his house between Willoughby and Myrtle avenues at 6:15 pm and stole a stove dating back to 1953.

Cops said they picked up a suspect that night.

Biked away

A jerk stole a bicycle from a DeKalb Avenue apartment on Aug. 4.

The victim told cops someone took the two-wheeler from his place between Carlton Avenue and Washington Park at 10:05 am.

Tires no more

A crook swiped the tires from a car parked on Clinton Avenue overnight on Aug. 1.

The 35-year-old victim told cops he left his car between Felton Street and Atlantic Avenue at 11:30 pm. When he returned the next day at 8 am he noticed that all of his wheels were missing.

Double-phoned

A thief stole some electronics from a man on Greene Avenue early in the morning of Aug. 1.

The 23-year-old victim told cops he was at Washington Avenue at 3:10 am when the jerk approached him on a bicycle and stole his headphones and cellphone.

— *Eli Rosenberg*

68TH PRECINCT

Bay Ridge–Dyker Heights

Apple picker

A crook made off with a Bay Ridge woman's $3,100 MacBook — plus $4,000 in other gadgets and jewelry — from her 94th Street home on Aug. 3, cops say.

The victim told police that she left her home between Third and Fourth avenues at 6:30 am, then came back at 6:15 pm to find her front door unlocked and her laptop, Bose radio, two external hard drives, and a pair of pricey silver bracelets all missing.

Very tire-d

A thief stole the tires off of a sedan parked on Ridge Boulevard sometime between July 30 and Aug. 2, police report.

The victim said he parked his car near 81st Street at 8 pm on Monday, and came back to move it on Thursday. When he got there, though, he saw all his tires were gone.

Generator X

A burglar swiped a $5,000 generator from a Narrows Avenue construction site on Aug. 4, according to cops.

The victim said he left the machine behind a boarded fence at the site between 79th and 80th streets at 5 pm, and came back at 10 am the next day to see the expensive piece of equipment had been stolen.

Coin flip

A jerk stole a Bay Ridge man's lease agreement and coin collection from his 95th Street apartment on Aug. 3, police report.

The victim said he left his home between Third and Fourth avenues at 10:45 am and came back at 2:30 pm to find his hobby ruined and his landlord-tenant contract gone.

No safe-ty

A crook took the safe from a Chinese restaurant on Eighth Avenue on July 31, cops report.

The owner of the eatery between 64th and 65th streets said that he closed up shop at 3 am and returned three hours later to find his safe containing $6,000 in cash missing. Police say the joint's surveillance tapes show the perp breaking in and carrying the lockbox out to his car, then speeding off.

— *Will Bredderman*

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Young Achievers honored in Harlem

By Gideon Manasseh

Metro-Manhattan Chapter, The Links Incorporated and Alpha Gamma Lambda Chapter, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated held their "Young Achievers Ceremony at the Harlem State Office Building at Melba's Restaurant for 10 Young Achievers who have graduated from the 2011-2012 program and high school, and are moving on to a new phase in their education.

The program has enhanced the lives of the Young Achievers and exposed them to new ideas, skill development and growth opportunities. Highlights from the 2011-2012 program include: College Information Fair, Oratorical Contest, Financial Literacy Workshop, College Essay Writing Workshop, Etiquette Dinner and Career Day.

All 10 of the Young Achievers will be attending college this September and are anxious and excited about the transition to the next step in their lives.

Carlos Rivera, associate director of admissions, Lehman College was the evening guest speaker. Young Achiever, Oratorical Contest Award Presentation was given to honoree Vaughn Mesquita, 1st Place Young Achiever, Class of 2012. Special guest honorees were Janifer Lighten, Barbara Delany, Harry Delany, Michelle D. Foust and Michael Bryant.

From left, 2012 Young Achievers Honorees Royal Skeete, Heriberto Alteri, Elliott Vazquez, Vaughn Mesquita, Shawn Persaud and Wilvin Lopez.

Photo by Gideon Manasseh

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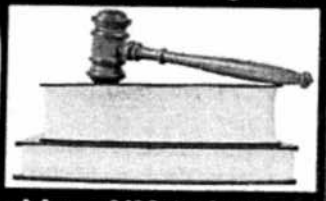

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Chicken takes flight, goes on the run

BY ELI ROSENBERG

An adventurous chicken escaped a Kensington butcher's blade and wandered the streets of Brooklyn until the plucky fowl found a new home on Cortelyou Road — according to a Ditmas Park animal lover who is sheltering the avian refugee in a hen haven in her backyard.

Jennifer Wilenta said that when her friend called her about a chicken looking for asylum inside a Kensington churchyard on 18th Avenue near E. Eighth Street, she flew into action and took the bird under her wing.

"She's just happy to be here," said Wilenta, who brought the bird into a home filled with six other chickens, two dogs, a snake, and a lizard. "She's being very well loved by my two children."

Wilenta said the chicken, which her family has named Freebird, had a clipped beak and a string tied around her foot when she was found — evidence that the courageous clucker may have escaped from a commercial butchering operation, a handful of which can still be found in Brooklyn.

GOOD CLUCK: Ditmas Park resident Jennifer Wilenta is giving refuge to a chicken that escaped from a poultry operation – and she has named the hen Freebird. Photo by Stefano Giovannini

Some surmise that Freebird may have been next in line for the butcher's scythe, but dashed out before the blade could fall, Wilenta said.

Freebird isn't talking, but Wilenta said the chicken's apparent brush with death has left the animal traumatized.

"She doesn't roost like most chickens do — she doesn't want to go up high," said Wilenta, who originally wrote about the chicken on a Ditmas Park listserv with the subject "Anyone lose a chicken?"

"She nestles down to the ground like she was tied to something and hasn't learned to go up, but she doesn't mind being held. She came right to me when I called her," she said.

Wilenta says that Freebird is in no danger of becoming anyone's lunch or dinner, but says her eggs — once the rescued chicken starts laying some — will have a place at the breakfast table.

Yet Freebird's new home isn't complete paradise: she's settled into Wilenta's chicken coop comfortably, but it took awhile for the Ditmas Park resident's other hens to take the new addition into their feathery fold.

"The term pecking order comes from chickens," Wilenta said. "The oldest hen we have was not so thrilled when Freebird first came and pecked at her a bit. She told Freebird who was boss and now everything seems fine."

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La Comisión de Designación de Distritos de la Ciudad de Nueva York celebrará cinco audiencias públicas entre el 13 y el 23 de agosto de 2012. Estas audiencias están abiertas al público. El objetivo de estas audiencias es que la Comisión de Designación de Distritos de la Ciudad de Nueva York escuche los testimonios del público relacionados con las fases iniciales de su trabajo en la elaboración de un nuevo plan de designación de distritos para el Concejo Municipal de Nueva York. Las personas que deseen inscribirse con anticipación para que se les asigne tiempo para hablar o que quieran enviar un testimonio escrito por adelantado pueden hacerlo registrándose en Internet en http://www.nyc.gov/districting. A las personas que deseen hablar en cualquiera de las audiencias se les asignará un segmento de hasta tres minutos para hacerlo.

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ployee said would take effect Thursday at noon.

When contacted by the Advance, the P.A. seemed surprised by the claims from its customers that they were turned down for signing up for the discount. The bi-state agency then requested those customers' phone numbers to rectify the situation.

"The Xerox-run E-ZPass customer service center this

and to their satisfaction."

With permission from the disgruntled customers, the Advance forwarded their contact numbers to the P.A., who cleared up the confusion within an hour.

Ms. Antico was one of those people who had their problem solved. In fact, she was contacted personally by Foye and E-ZPass employees.

"They said it's effective today, and they signed me up," she noted. Although most of the bugs were worked out, the E-ZPass website still does not contain the newly expanded toll plan that allows enrollees a two-trip minimum at the $9.50 E-ZPass price, but the third trip is $4.75 and the first two trips are then rolled back to $4.75 as well.

STATEN ISLAND ADVANCE/LUCA SFORZA

Christine Antico of Prince's Bay was originally told by an employee her application would be "put on the side." Later, she received a call telling her she would be getting the discount immediately. Wednesday's front page was right on the money!

# of freight traffic

By TRAC
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gh tolls are un- y a factor, issues of port size are driving s New Jersey's way.

Devine, CEO of the noted that the four er terminals in New otal about 1,097 acres; CT has 180 acres and ok about 60.

ough earlier this year CT suffered a 57 per- drop-off in business vo shipping firms pull- t at the end of their cts and relocating to Jersey, Devine ex- d confidence that commercial toll relief would bring business back.

"We remain optimistic that when we come to a toll solution we will take back that business," he said.

The NYCT reached its high-water mark in 2008 with 550,000 "lifts" (a crane taking a container off a ship), or 18 percent of New York Harbor's traffic, Devine said.

Then in 2009, when the economy turned down, so did business. But the NYCT retained 16.5 percent of the harbor's traffic as late as 2010, Devine said.

On Tuesday, P.A. Executive Director Pat Foye told the Advance the agency was "finalizing" talks on toll relief for truckers, but he did not provide a specific date.

New app lets riders hail a cab by smartphone

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Hailing a taxi on a New York street is going high-tech — with a smartphone application.

Starting Wednesday, a passenger can send out a hailing signal to cabs with a matching app, within about a five-block area.

Martin Heikel, co-founder of the ZabKab app, says the venture started when business partner Ben Millspaugh felt frustrated "not being able to get a cab when and where he needed one."

So far, Heikel says about 1,000 of the city's more than 13,000 yellow cab drivers have downloaded the app.

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