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Good morning. Today is the 158th day of the year. On this day in 1975, the first VCR, the Betamax, was introduced and sold for \$995. Eventually, another format, VHS, proved more successful.

Well-known people who were born today include singer Tom Jones ("It's Not Unusual," "What's New Pussycat?"), hockey player Mike Modano, actor Liam Neeson (Ethan Frome, Schindler's List), musician-singer Prince and former Canadian prime minister John Napier Turner.

This morning at 10 a.m., M&T Bank will break ground

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Last Chord At the Canal

The BKLYN Yard, an outdoor arts and performance space along the Gowanus Canal in Brooklyn, is shutting down, according to the *New York Times*. For four years the BKLYN Yard, in an open lot off Carroll Street overlooking the canal, has held concerts by big indie names including Dan Deacon and Jose Gonzalez, and has also been a home for Sunday Best, a popular dance party. But in an announcement on the Yard's web site, the promoter behind the series, said it had lost its lease.

'Brooklyn Day': Gone, But Is It Forgotten?



Festive School Holiday Becomes A Day for Teachers' Conferences

By Mary Frost
Brooklyn Daily Eagle

BROOKLYN — The 181st Annual Anniversary Day — also called Brooklyn Day (or Brooklyn-Queens Day) — falls on Thursday, June 10. This is the fifth year that all of the city's students will enjoy the traditional Brooklyn school holiday — but many of them don't even know why they're out of school.

Is a once-unique Brooklyn celebration in danger of being forgotten?

Since 1829 public school students in Brooklyn (and eventually Queens) have been given a school holiday on a Thursday in

early June to celebrate the founding of the Brooklyn Sunday School Union in 1816.

But in 2007 the holiday expanded to all five boroughs as part of a new contract between teachers and the Department of Education (DOE).

Kids across the city will have the day off. But instead of participating in traditional Anniversary/Brooklyn-Queens Day activities, teachers will attend meetings. The once-grand holiday is now described in the DOE calendar as "Chancellor's Conference Day for staff development related to the Regents High Learning Standards and Assessments."

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Die Fledermaus in Brooklyn

Kathleen Keske plays Rosalinda and Francis Liska plays Eisenstein in the Brooklyn Repertory Opera's production of Johann Strauss II's *Die Fledermaus*. Mistaken identities, flirtations at a masked ball, elegant frivolities and confusion of all kinds provide a hilarious vehicle for some of the most captivating music ever written. The production, which will be fully staged with orchestra, will take place at Littlefield, 622 DeGraw St., at 1:30 p.m. on June 19, 20, 26 and 27. For more information, visit www.bropera.org.

Photo courtesy of Brooklyn Repertory Opera

May Was a Sluggish Month for Both Retailers, Shoppers

By Anne D'Innocenzio
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Shoppers are still showing some scars from the recession. In a May filled with wild stock market swings, con-

Brooklyn Woman Says, 'We've Had Our Splurges'

sumers gave retailers only slim revenue gains over a terrible May 2009.

"We've had our splurges. We don't need to waste any more money," said Stacy Phillips, 46, who lives in Brooklyn with her

husband, a chief financial officer for an HMO. They spent \$4,000 on a vacation to Iceland and Paris in early April, but now they're feeling frugal again as they worry about the stock market, which has tumbled on fears that a European debt crisis will hammer global economic growth.

"It doesn't seem like anything is happening that's making me

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Calder's 'Box Office' Sculpture Received By Botanic Garden



A team from the Brooklyn Botanic Garden puts Alexander Calder's "Box Office" sculpture together, piece by piece in the Osborne Garden.

Eagle photo by Caitlin McNamara

First Large Art Installation In Garden Since 1980s

PROSPECT PARK — Alexander Calder's whimsical 22-foot-high steel sculpture, *Le Guichet* (*The Box Office*), has stood at Lincoln Center for more than four decades. But in the hot sun of Friday morning it was re-assembled

at the midway point in Brooklyn Botanic Garden's linear Osborne Garden.

The piece will stay for the summer, on loan from the City of New York. Earlier this year, Lind-

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'Crab's' in Deep Trouble



Brooke McGowen of Brooklyn demonstrates in front of the JPMorgan Chase World Headquarters Thursday in Manhattan as part of a protest over the BP oil spill.

AP Photo

Hotelier Stein and Oenologist Tantawi Honored by City Tech

DOWNTOWN BROOKLYN — New York City College of Technology's Department of Hospitality Management honored Jay Stein '83, chief operating officer of Hampshire Hotels & Resorts, and Dino Tantawi, owner and president of Vignaioli Selection, at its annual Spring 2010 Baccalaureate Celebration. Stein received the Distinguished

Alumnus Award and Tantawi received the Outstanding Industry Professional Award at the event, which was attended by most of the college's 165 hospitality management students who just graduated as part of the Class of 2010.

According to City Tech Hospitality Management Professor

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AIA Book Pans Atlantic Yards

According to the *Atlantic Yards Report* blog, the new American Institute of Architects (AIA) Guide to New York City, finished months ago, lists the "unbuilt" Atlantic Yards as "ill-advised. A massive proposal by developer Forest City Ratner that would forever change the character of small-scale, tree-lined Prospect Heights."

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Markowitz Sits in With Philharmonic



On Thursday, June 3, Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz put the "perk" in "percussion" when he performed student compositions on the drums with the Brooklyn Philharmonic School Residency Quartet at P.S. 250 in Williamsburg. As participants in the Brooklyn Philharmonic's School Residency Initiative, six classes of 3rd grade students from P.S. 250 wrote musical compositions under the guidance of Brooklyn Philharmonic Teaching Artist, Angelica Negron. Over a period of 12 weeks, Ms. Negron and students composed six short pieces inspired by themes and stories from other academic subjects. Photo by Kathryn Kirk

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