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BBC NEWS AND VIEWS BBC Meeting

The next BBC Meeting is Wednesday, March 2 at Greenwich House Music School (46 Barrow St.) at 7 PM. **Katy Bordanaro** of the Greenwich Village Community Task Force will review the mission and accomplishments of the task force and tell what's now on their agenda and how it pertains to the BBC. At 6:30, coffee and cookies will be served.

BBC Membership Drive

A special thanks to all our BBCers who have renewed their membership. Enclosed please find another envelope for those who haven't yet re-upped. So far, over 230 BBC members have renewed. So, those of you who haven't, here's your chance to be part of the ultimate IN crowd!

Ye Old Village Fair

Save the date!! The 37th annual Ye Olde Village Fair is set for Saturday, May 21. Featuring the International Food Court, and extensive outdoor seating — and of course, the American Crafts section. This year, our entire fair will be only juried crafters and artists. We expect this to yield better prices for our Crafters, plus a more receptive and supportive audience.

As one of the few remaining protected venues for American Crafts in NYC, the BBC accepts only original or limited edition work made in the U.S. No imported work, mass-produced component parts, embellished commercial items, offset/non-archival prints or kits are even considered. All work is juried by professionals who evaluate exclusively within their specialty. For crafts overview and application, please contact BBC-Craftsfair@gmail.com; Diane @ 917.881.5019 or Cheryl

@ 212.243.5378; M-Sat 10a-8p ONLY.

Remembering Rita Traffano

The BBC extends our deepest condolences to the family of our friend and neighbor, longtime BBCer and life-long Villager, **Rita Traffano**, who died recently. Rita, and her two older sisters, "The Traffano" girls, were literally born and raised on Barrow Street, and grew up in the days, as Rita liked to reminisce, "when people didn't have to lock their doors." Rita also remembered when the ornamental fountain in the 72 Barrow Street courtyard, across the street from 87 Barrow, where Rita lived, was actually a working fountain "with goldfish in it that the bad kids from P.S. 3 used to steal during lunch hour." (Rita never did that, of course!) Rita was always a BBC member — in her earlier years, she was very active, always helping out at the BBC Holiday Party and at Ye Olde Village Fair. She was a diminutive person with a big heart, funny and fun-loving, with an infectious giggle, who greeted everyone with a sweet, kind word. Rita loved the BBC because, as she put it, "it made the neighborhood a neighborhood again." And so did Rita. We will miss her.

NADE NOTES

Update from the Team @ Chumley's!

The building on the 86 Bedford site that was the cause for all the recent delays has finally been rectified and restored. A lengthy process but one we had no control over.

Chumley's has now moved into the planning phase with filings for all of our equipment for the kitchen, basement, heating, cooling etc. We should all start to see the Chumley building come back into focus as it once was. A nice thought.

The team of contractors that are on the site now are top notch and have a clear mandate: To finish 86 Bedford and put us back up and running. We continue to work very closely with all parties involved to bring the project to a completion. It has been a very long haul

and a very trying process, and although we still have a lot of work to do and the bureaucratic process never moves as fast as anyone would like, we do have a clear light at the end of the tunnel.

Thank you so much for waiting so patiently with us and for all your neighborhood support while we work our way towards bringing Chumley's back to the neighborhood, the Village, and NYC. We know there are some nay-sayers out there, but don't believe them! We'll convert them soon enough.

Stay warm for the rest of the winter so next year we can all have a pint by the fireplace. Make no mistake – we are on our way back!

GVBA Task Force News

The Greenwich Village Block Associations Task Force on Prostitution and Street Crime sent a letter in October 2010 to Commissioner Kelly requesting additional police personnel. They were happy to hear that 10 additional police were assigned to the 6th Precinct. Community leaders were then invited to speak to the newly appointed officers at their training session, sharing their concerns about safety on our streets and in general, apprising them of local issues.

Caring Community

AARP is providing fee tax assistance at the Caring Community's Center on the Square, 20 Washington Square North, every Friday from 10:00am to 2:00pm through April 15. This service is offered first come/first served –you cannot make an appointment-and participants must bring last year's tax return. Please be aware that AARP provides this service and the Caring Community assumes no responsibility for the tax returns. For more information, please call Laura Marceca 212-777-3555 x106

Meet the Author – **Matthew Gallaway** will read from his debut novel, *The Metropolis Case*, as part of the Caring Community's Meet the Author series at Center on the Square, 20 Washington Square North, at 3:00pm on Friday, March 4. **Eugenia Zuckerman** of the *Washington Post* wrote:

"Author Matthew Gallaway has taken a great risk with his first novel by creating an intricate, multilayered



tale that slides from past to present, from Europe to New York, from opera to pop." For more information, please call Arthur Makar 212777-3555, x118.

Greenwich House News

Greenwich House Pottery (16 Jones St.) presents an exhibition of the work of Sam Chung. For information, call 212.242.4106. The Greenwich House Music School (46 Barrow St., between 7th Ave. So. & Bedford St.) announces, as part of its North River Music Series, Concerts by J. D. Parran (March 11); Joan LaBarbara (March 17); and Jenny Lin (March 31). Tickets \$15 (\$10 for Students/Seniors). For more information, call 212.242.4770, or visit the Greenwich House Web site at www.gharts.org.

Gotham Center Events

The Gotham Center for New York City History announces its Spring 2011 Forum Series: "More New York Stories," Wednesday, March 9; "Triangle Shirtwaist Fire 100th Anniversary Commemoration," Thursday, March 24; "Public and Cooperative Housing," Tuesday, March 29. For more information, please call 212.817.8471; or visit www.gothamcenter.org.

Neighborhood Notes & Notables

Carmelo Anthony may have only been a Knick for a few days, but already he's making waves in the Big Apple gustatory circles. He's already had a private dinner at the Spotted Pig and Shake Shack has named a shake after him—the Car-Mallow Anthony Shake!

After his 27-point debut at Madison Square Garden, Anthony and some fellow teammates (like former Nugget **Chauncey Billups**) had dinner at West Village gastropub The Spotted Pig. Page Six says that dinner was hosted by **Amare Stoudemire**. **Jay-Z**, a Spotted Pig investor who is also an investor in the Knicks' rival, the Nets, was not there, but **DJ Clue** was!

Jim Carrey, who's in New York filming "Mr. Popper's Penguins." is renting the 2BR, 2.5BA, full-floor condo at Richard Meier's 176 Perry Street where **Hugh Jackman** once rented. Carrey's paying \$25,000/month on a lease that goes until May — a rate that's actually a discount.

Courtney Love's epic real estate hunt reportedly has ended. Word is that she has rented 250 West 10th Street, which, until just a few days ago, was on the market asking \$28,000/month.

Political commentator and television personality **Alan Colmes**, one former half of the Hannity & Colmes duo, who *Curbed* reports is moving to 2 Fifth Avenue for \$1.1 million. He and his wife, **Dr. Jocelyn Crowley**, sold their Silk Building penthouse for \$1.725 in July, and are now moving into an apartment that is presumed to be a 2-bedroom, 2.5-bathroom abode.

We hear that both **Padma Laksmi** and **Cameron Diaz** are

also looking for West Village addresses. On the other hand **Heather Mills**, **Paul McCartney's** feisty ex-wfe is no longer a Village resident.

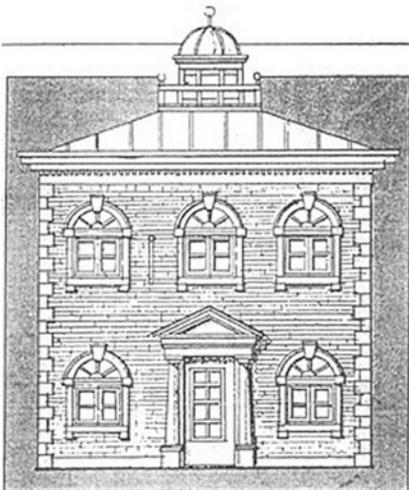
One of the great Community Board cameos of recent memory was **Anna Wintour's** appearance at a steamy CB2 meeting last summer, which she attended to protest a little Jamaican jerk restaurant called Miss Lily's. The project, in the old Le Gamin space at 132 West Houston, is the brainchild of **Serge Becker**, the man behind noisy, clubby Mexican restaurant La Esquina, as well as The Box and Cafe Select. The Vogue editor explained that surely, with Becker's track record, the restaurant and its large backyard would become the scourge of the peaceful tree-lined streets of the Village. After a few more splashy showdowns at the CB meetings — which included appearances by Wintour's son and Serge's baby mama — Miss Lily's finally nabbed a beer and wine license. (As it turns out, Wintour was late to that fateful meeting because of a Fashion Week conflict, so she couldn't put in her two cents).

There has been barely a peep about it in the press and little internet chatter save some tweets and Foursquare checkins, which is certainly strange considering Becker's name, the prime location and the restaurant's somewhat off-beat, Tropical concept. So what exactly is going on in there? *from Eater*

Seventh Avenue South's **Greenwich Locksmiths** has been getting some nice press lately. It occupies a building that, at 125 square feet, is Manhattan's smallest free-standing building with its own lot number. As if that doesn't make it special enough, store owner **Phil Mortillaro** decorated the facade with 10,000 keys made into patterns, in a process that took two years and finished up in October. The facade gets coverage in both *the Daily News* and *Scouting NY*. Turns out the key art isn't Mortillaro's first stab at making the tiny building stand out. In 1991, he hired an architect to redesign the facade and got unanimous

Landmarks Preservation Commission approval for the changes. He opted not to make them, deciding they were too "Disney World." And thus did he earn the hatred of Landmarks-denied developers city-wide.

from Curbed



Resources & Information

The dad of actress **Scarlett Johansson** collapsed near his West Village home — opening a huge gash on his face as he pitched forward in the street. **Karsten Johansson**, 67, a Danish-born architect fell at 9:30 pm February 23 as startled workers from a nearby apartment and restaurant rushed to help. Surveillance video showed Johansson walking down Charles Street when suddenly his knees buckled and he fell head-first into the street in front of 140 Charles St., sources said. Johansson's 31-year-old sister Vanessa, who lives in the area, was contacted and followed her stricken dad to Bellevue, where he was in critical but stable condition, sources said. *from The New York Post*

Just days after it was officially unveiled, a controversial anti-abortion billboard in SoHo was removed by the company that owns the billboard — but not because of its message, mind you! Representatives for Lamar Advertising say it was taken down because they were worried about the waiters and waitresses in the building's restaurant. "We accepted the copy in accordance with our policy," company spokesman **Hal Kilshaw** tells CNN. The billboard had to go because the waitresses in the building's ground floor restaurant, Lupe's, were being harassed, and the company was very concerned about their safety.



The Soho anti-abortion poster as it was being taken down.

But according to another source, an unidentified man and woman came into the restaurant Tuesday and wanted to know who owned the billboard. "They said it's going to be in the news and they need to know. Then they left and, supposedly, no one came in Lupe's to ask about the billboard again.

Speaking to Fox 5, Kilshaw elaborates, "We heard that there would be a protest tomorrow. There were concerns about problems for people who live or work in the area. That's why we chose to take it down. We are not taking the copy down because we don't think the copy should have been accepted in the first place or that it is too controversial."

In a statement, the group that paid for the billboard, Life Always, said it “strongly disagrees with Lamar Outdoor’s decision to remove the billboard in SoHo, but the billboard’s message holds true, and truth has a place in the public square. The intent of the board is to call attention to the tragedy and the truth that abortion is outpacing life in the black community. In 2009, according to New York City Vital Statistics [pdf], 59.82 percent of black pregnancies ended in abortion. 59.8 percent of black pregnancies ending in abortion means that 1,489 black babies are aborted in New York City for every 1,000 born alive.” *from Gothamist*

According to NYU Local, a fire erupted at the Starbucks near Washington Square Park at 5:30pm on Saturday, February 19. A spokesperson for Starbucks, which has closed location for repairs, said the cause of the fire was due to the buildings electrical work. Employees on the other hand disagree, saying “that a lit cigarette butt in the planter outside a window caused a

small fire, which traveled through a nearby vent, causing significant internal damage.”

CityRover Walks, offers walking tours that will change the way you look at New York City. The “View of the Village” walk covers a lot of ground and history. They promise that they won’t put you on a bus, won’t take you on a marathon trek around the entire island of Manhattan, and won’t bore you with endless statistics, measurements, and name-dropping. What they promise is to explore New York behind the daily grind, the noisy traffic, and the flashy lights with the goal of discovering the real New York and what made it the greatest city on Earth. There are some local stop-overs for a little “R&R” (restrooms & refreshments).

Old News

ARRESTED ON HIS HONEYMOON.

Edwin McEntee, twenty-seven years old, was brought from Baltimore last night and locked up in Police Headquarters, charged with larceny. The man was on his honeymoon in Baltimore, having married Miss Cassie Walker of Fourth Avenue and Forty-ninth Street a few days ago.

McEntee was living at the house of Mrs. Mary E. Hardy at 101 Barrow Street, this city, about a month ago. He was apparently possessed of means. Mrs. Hardy declares that one day a man came to her house, said he was a Detective Sergeant, showed a shield, and asked to see McEntee. The boarder was summoned and the supposed detective said he “was under arrest” for forgery. McEntee apparently showed great fear and begged the man to let him go.

After parlaying for some time the visitor said \$25 would .. fix .. matters. McEntee, according to Mrs. Hardy, asked her to lend him the money. Mrs. Hardy said she did not have it, and the men suggested that they take a picture off the wall and pawn it. Without waiting for Mrs. Hardy’s consent, she says, they took the picture and left the house. It was pawned in Hudson Street. The supposed detective turned out to be Frederick Nortley, who was arrested and convicted of impersonating an officer.

McEntee was tracked to Brooklyn and later to Baltimore. By means of the baggage that the couple took, the police learned that they were living on Madison Avenue in that city, and the arrest was made. The young wife is ill in Baltimore from the shock.

from the New York Times, June 7, 1903



Twin Peaks and its neighboring frame house. Built in 1830, it was redesigned in 1925 by Clifford Reed into a pseudo-Medieval studio building. He was inspired by the houses he saw in Nuremburg, Germany. The venture was financed by financier, Otto Kahan. Drawing is from Gaylord’s Guide, circa 1983