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### [\*\*The Day: Baboon Babies\*\*](#)

By [LIZA ECKERT](#), CUNY J-School



Liza Eckert A pot of red flowers sits on the windowsill of a Vanderbilt Avenue house.

Here we go again. Classes are just getting started at CUNY, so a few of the summer interns are back, along with some fresh faces.

Let's start off with the cutest link of the day. Two new [baby baboons](#) were born to two different mothers at the Prospect Park Zoo in July. The little tykes, who were both sired by what must be one Casanova of a father baboon, don't have names yet, which is where you all come in. The zoo is holding a naming contest for the red-butt babies, and the winners will be announced Sept. 24.

If human offspring are more your style, [A Child Grows in Brooklyn](#) reports there will be a new preschool opening in Fort Greene. The School House will enroll kidlets between 20 months and 3 1/2 years. They are only taking eight students at a time and are scheduling visits after Labor Day.

This Sunday, [Move About Myrtle](#) will be teaching the community about healthy food and lifestyle choices all day long. There will be a cooking demo for kids from [Veggiecation](#) as well as demos for adults and exercise for everyone. [Chef Pierre Thiam](#), who we [spoke to in June](#) about his appearance on "Iron Chef America," will be signing copies of his book, "Yolele."

Since we're talking food, none of the finalists for the 2010 [Vendy Awards](#), the annual celebration of New York's street edibles, are from Brooklyn. To rectify what they called a snubbing, [24/Seven Brooklyn](#) traveled the borough visiting some of the best, including [Calexico](#) and flea favorite [Asia Dog](#).

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— [Midori](#)

[The Week in Crime: Victoria's Secret Heist](#)

“ I used to live in Western Massachusetts, and the rent was too damn high. The dirt cheap bottom of the barrel 1 bedrooms were 800 dollars. Don't let anyone tell you otherwise, the rent is too damn high! If we had a Boston economy, that wouldn't be bad, but to live in the boonies and small towns, that's too much to pay. I blame the townies. They own all the property and just want to suck the college students dry of their loans.”

— [Matt Z](#)

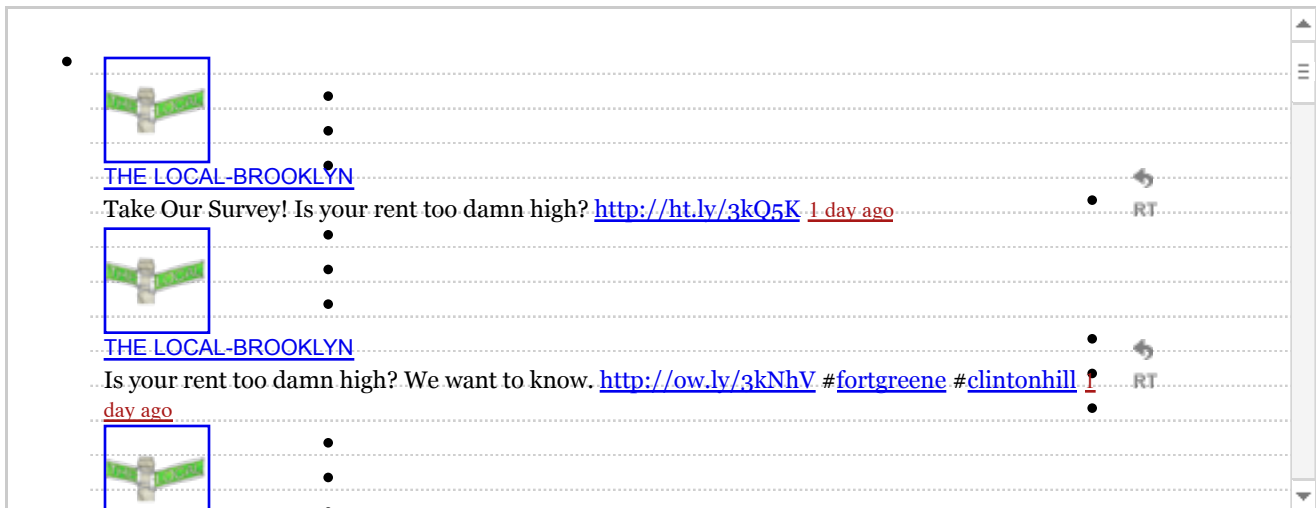
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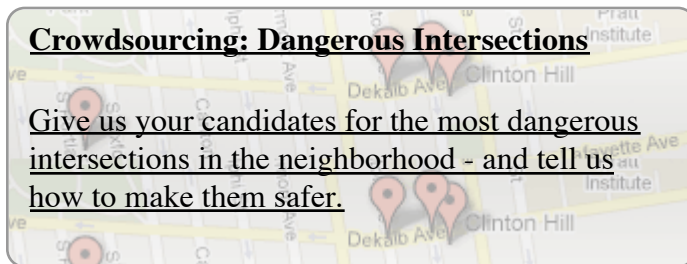
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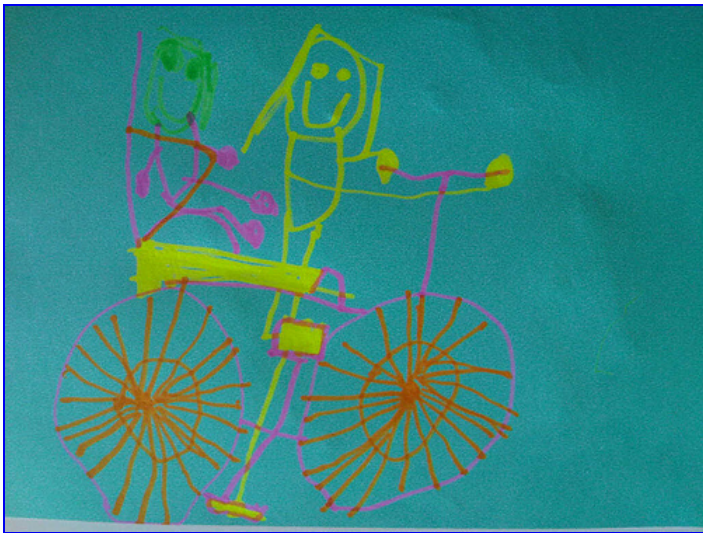


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