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Marty: Put Casino on Coney

BY DAN MACLEOD

Wonder Wheel, meet the roulette wheel.

Borough President Markowitz wants to see casinos on Coney Island if Gov. Cuomo makes good on his plan to legalize table gaming in the state.

"Casino gambling ... would bring jobs and revenue to potential locations in New York City, especially Coney Island, which is a natural," Markowitz said in a release.



In the latest lofty vision for a revitalized Coney Island, gambling would help draw visitors to an area that the city hopes to turn into a glitzy, year-round recreation destination boasting amusements, restaurants, arcades and hotels.

"It could be the savior for Coney Island as a major destination," said the neighborhood's unofficial mayor Dick Zigun, who runs Side-shows by the Seashore.

Zigun hopes casinos will one day do business on a swath of land currently slated for residential use, which had been largely set aside for amusements before the Bloomberg administration con-

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iPHONE BUYERS: NYPD STUNG US

Arrested for theft, they claim they were set up

BY DAN MACLEOD

Two more people who were arrested by police for buying hot iPhones are claiming that cops tricked them into making the purchase, claiming the NYPD used deceitful — and possibly illegal — tactics.

Cops posed as seedy merchants and cash-strapped street hustlers looking to unload stolen iPhones and iPads during "Operation Take Back," and claim that undercover officers told everyone they approached that the phones or tablets they were hawking were stolen — a prerequisite of an arrest.

But three people cops arrested and one person who witnessed an arrest say that's a lie.

Bensonhurst resident Malik Shahzed, 27, claims the undercover cop cornered him on Dec. 13 and never told him that the iPhone he was selling was stolen, and ha-

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Go Giants!

A little chilly weather isn't going to stop Giants fanatic Danny Apas from enjoying barbecue, booze and, of course, the game at Lone Star on Fifth Avenue in Bay Ridge. See our complete roundup of where to catch this weekend's big game against the hated Green Bay Packers in 24/Seven.

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MEET BROOKLYN'S

A tribute to the borough's most distinguished activists who aren't

BY DAN MACLEOD AND DANIEL BUSH

You've spotted them at community board meetings pounding their shoes on the table. You've seen them at rallies screaming for what they know is right. You've noticed them on the covers of newspapers, holding their noses in disgust. You've watched in awe as they harangued politicians into action. And you've run for the hills when you heard their huge cars barreling down your block.

They're Brooklyn's beloved geezer patrol, the borough's most active over-60 activists who grill city officials over issues like potholes, bike lanes, and garbage cans — often extending hour-long community meetings into overnight affairs. They circulate petitions and call 311 every day.

In short, they have the guts to stand up and fight for their neighborhoods — something they've been doing since before you were born.

So, in honor of these community heroes we all know so well, here is our list of the borough's most distinguished neighborhood activists:

JOSEPH GARBER, 63, WILLIAMSBURG



Member of:
The Independence Towers Tenants Association; Shomrim Society of the New York City Police Department

Civic meetings attended each month: Nine

Biggest accomplishment:



Courier Life columnists Carmine Santa Maria (left) and Lou Powsner have been fighting for neighborhood improvements in Bensonhurst and Coney Island for decades.
Photo by Bess Adler

ment: Helped a resident of he Marcy Houses run for president of the tenant group and wrote a 15-page report on the election.

Biggest gripe: "The bureaucracy of city-owned housing and tardiness at Community Board meetings."

Number of 311 calls placed in the past year: 100. He's also called the New York City Housing Authority's hotline more

than 200 times.

Fun fact: He painted his own apartment, and everything is color-coordinated. "It's not outlandish, but in conservative taste."

ALLEN BORTNICK, 80, BAY RIDGE



Member of:
Community Board 10; Bay Ridge Democrats;

NYH20, which opposes drilling for gas in upstate New York.

Civic meetings attended each month: Five

Biggest accomplishment: Badgered the city until it finally covered the notoriously smelly tanks at the Owl's Head wastewater treatment facility. "It still stinks a little, but at least they got something done there."

Biggest gripe: "The lack of parking because the city refuses to be reasonable."

Number of 311 calls placed in the past year: More than 45. "Unfortunately, they have little effect. Executives have chosen to hide behind a paper wall and not deal with the public anymore."

Fun fact: He claims he has an IQ of at least 190. "It's Mensa level."



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afraid to hand out petitions, stall community board meetings, and call 311 – a lot

SANDY BALBOZA, 66, BOERUM HILL



Member of: The Atlantic Avenue Betterment Association (president); Community Board 2's Transportation Committee; Brooklyn Bridge Park Community Advisory Group.

Civic meetings attended each month: 12

Biggest accomplishment: The ongoing revitalization of Atlantic Avenue. "We brought a sense of community to Atlantic Avenue."

Biggest gripe: "The city doesn't listen to community groups."

Number of 311 calls placed in the past year: About five. "I don't use it very much."

Fun fact: "I go to the dog run with my dog. That's fun for me."

LOU POWSNER, 91, CONEY ISLAND



Member of: Community Board 13; former president of the Coney Island Board of Trade; past president of the Joint Council of Kings County Board of Trade.

Civic meetings attended each month: Five

Biggest accomplishment: Helped redesign the city's lampposts so they would shine more light. Writes a bi-monthly column entitled "Speak Out" for the Brooklyn Graphic. Had 79 crooks near his Mermaid Avenue clothing store thrown in the slammer from the 1970s to 1990s.

Biggest gripe: The Abe Stark Skating Rink never reached its full potential. "The man who built the rink is dead. And now, so is the rink."

Number of 311 calls placed in the past year:



THEY'RE CRANKS, BUT THEY'RE YOUR CRANKS: (Clockwise from left) Allen Bortnick, 80, of Bay Ridge, Sandy Balboza, 66, of Boerum Hill, Frank Seddio, 65, of Bergen Beach, and Joseph Garber, 63, of Williamsburg, have taken the city to task on a number of issues over the years. Sure, they make a lot of noise, but they do it to make the borough a better place. Photos by Elizabeth Graham and Arthur DeGaeta

Less than five. "I call 311 sometimes to deal with local issues, but usually I don't use it."

Fun fact: Has been working for newspapers since he was a Lincoln HS student, calling in sports scores at games for papers like the Brooklyn Daily Eagle, World Telegram and Sun.

FRANK SEDDIO, 65, BERGEN BEACH



Member of: Canarsie Lions Club; Carmine and Mill Basin Kiwanis Club;

Thomas Jefferson Democratic Club; Canarsie Volunteer Ambulance Corps (founding member); Democratic District Leader for the 59th Assembly District; State Parliamentarian for the Knight of Columbus.

Civic meetings attended each month: More than 10. "I attend them all," he said.

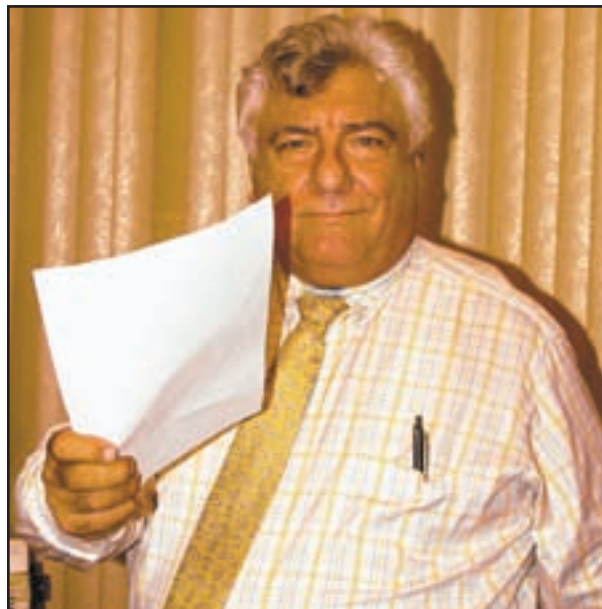
Biggest accomplishment: He helped broker the sale of the city-owned Canarsie Cemetery to Cypress Hills Cemetery. "[Canarsie Cemetery] had been suffering from years of decay. What Cypress

Hills has done there in the last few months has been more than [the city's done] in the last 10 years."

Biggest gripe: The lack of a sit-down restaurants in Canarsie. "Gateway National Recreational Area refuses to allow the Canarsie Pier to be renovated and reopen a local restaurant there, which was one of the last sit-down places."

Number of 311 calls placed in the past year: Zero. "I never call 311. I call the mayor's office."

Fun fact: "Every year, I put up \$350,000 in Christmas decorations. It's the



most decorated house in New York City — Dyker Heights copies us!"

CARMINE SANTA MARIA, 76, BENSONHURST



Member of: Bensonhurst West End Community Council; BigScreechers (founder and president).

Civic meetings attended each month: About eight.

Biggest accomplishment: Got the state to fix the sound of the screeching on the elevated trains

above 86th Street. "The MTA was forced to do the work because of us."

Biggest gripe: The B64 bus no longer runs in the neighborhood.

"It's hurt a lot of the handicapped and elderly people who depend on that bus."

Number of 311 calls placed in the past year: More than 40. "Every time I see an accident or something that needs to be fixed, I call."

Fun fact: Has been a ballroom dance teacher for 56 years.

"I do a good Samba."
— With Aaron Short

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GET A LOAD OF THIS

City keeping hated loading zone – and its confusing sign!

BY DAN MACLEOD

What a load!

The city is changing parking meter times on Fourth Avenue — but is refusing to take down a confusing and contradictory street sign that motorists say is designed only to generate tickets.

The three-spot “Loading zone. No Parking. 7 am–4 pm” sign between 92nd and 93rd streets drew the ire of Ridgites when the city put it up in front of the new Goustaro Eatery in November.

The sign, motorists say, is completely deceptive since its posted right below another sign that allows two-hour parking from 8:30 am to 7 pm.

The city will install signs this week reducing the hours of the loading zone by one hour a day — and to make it clear that one can park there on Saturdays — but a spokesman said the loading zone sign will stay right where it is, even if it contradicts the one above it.

“The hours and days of the

loading zone at this location are being reduced to allow more time for parking and balance the needs of local residents and businesses,” said Department of Transportation spokesman Monty Dean.

But residents blasted the loading zone that’s shared between two delis and a pet store. The two stores don’t need a loading zone, which is usually reserved for deliveries at big stores.

“[These two stores] are not encouraging me to do business with them,” said Stan Lubowicki, who says the loading zone in front of the two stores, “isolates them from the community.”

“We need more metered parking in the area, not less,” he said.

The owner of the market, Ted Moustakas, did not immediately return a phone call seeking comment, but told us last month that he needs the parking because his delivery drivers were getting slammed

with tickets for double parking. He didn’t think getting a loading zone for his store would be so controversial.

“I’m the new guy on the block,” he said. “I didn’t mean to start off on the wrong foot”

Motorists coming across the two signs say they don’t know which one to believe, but the city says it’s pretty easy to figure out — if you’re willing to dig for the answer on the city’s website.

When we asked whether the city had any plans to remove the confusing sign, Dean pointed us to the section of www.NYC.gov that says, “if there is more than one sign posted for the same area, the more restrictive one is the one in effect.”

Still, neighbors don’t understand how the sign got there in the first place.

“From the residents who called our office, the feeling was that there shouldn’t be one there at all,” said Josephine Beckmann, district manager of Community Board 10.



The city is refusing to change a confusing sign on Fourth Avenue between 92nd and 93rd streets that residents claim is a ticket blitz in an already parking-starved area.
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Blockbuster survives on 18th Ave.

BY DANIEL BUSH

Film buffs who prefer renting flicks the old fashioned way may be down to their last Blockbuster in Brooklyn.

The movie rental giant known for stocking new releases and charging hefty late fees is closing its Sheepshead Bay branch on Nostrand Avenue, between Avenues X and Y, "any day now," said a store manager who requested anonymity — leaving the company with possibly a single outpost left in Bensonhurst.

Blockbuster spokesman Aaron Johnson refused to comment on the closing — or confirm if the Bensonhurst branch was the last one standing — except to say that his company was closing under-performing stores, and ones whose leases are up.

"We remain committed to maintaining only those stores that we believe will be [profitable]," said Johnson.

Customers at the DVD emporium on 69th Street



Bucking a trend, the Blockbuster in Bensonhurst is not going out of business. In fact, it's doing well. Photo by Arthur De Gaeta

and 18th Avenue weren't surprised that their neighborhood store was holding out against the odds because it still attracts plenty of old-school fans who won't rent movies from online companies, such as Netflix, that transformed the industry by offering cheap mail-order and digital delivery services.

"They do a lot of business in here — it's always busy," said Massimo Orofino, a restaurant worker who lives two blocks away and stops by regularly to get his film fix. "I still like renting

movies more than getting them [online]."

Other area residents said they used the Blockbuster to check out the latest Hollywood hits.

"I can come here and find anything," said Frank Pietropinto. "With Netflix you have to wait."

Blockbuster charges \$2.99 for one-day rentals of new releases, and a penalty fee of 99 cents for each day that the film isn't returned. Blockbuster On Demand, the company's online service, charges \$2.99 to \$3.99

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Lobbyist: I bribed Kruger

BY THOMAS TRACY

A deep-pocketed lobbyist who worked for Forest City Ratner Companies admitted to funneling more than \$250,000 in bribes to former state Sen. Carl Kruger in an attempt to buy favors for his clients from the disgraced rep.

Richard Lipsky, who was employed by the developer of the Atlantic Yards arena and residential high-rise project for five years, told Manhattan Federal Judge Jed Rackoff that he had an “implicit agreement” with Kruger that payment to the senator — which he euphemized as “referral fees” — would benefit his clients.

“I felt obliged to keep Kruger happy, and so I willingly agreed to pay the referral fees,” Lipsky, 64, said as he pleaded guilty to bribery during a brief court appearance last Wednesday, adding that he knew the payments to the consulting companies run by Kruger’s alleged lover, Michael Turano, guaranteed



File photo by Bess Adler

A lobbyist has admitted to bribing disgraced state Sen. Carl Kruger, at right with his lawyer.

that Kruger would “take official action as a member of the New York State Senate to benefit me, my family and my business.”

But Manhattan U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara said Lipsky should have influenced Kruger with “the power of his arguments, not the power of his checkbook.”

“For too long and in too many ways, corruption has warped government in New York State and New York City,” Bharara said.

“We want to root out that corruption and restore the public’s faith in its government and its leaders.”

Lipsky is facing a maximum of 10 years in prison when he’s sentenced in May.

Before his arrest, Lipsky’s client list included unions, restaurant associations, retail stores, and supermarket chains.

One of his biggest clients was Forest City, which paid Lipsky \$4,000 a month to help line up legislative support for its many real estate development projects. Forest City also paid him an additional \$2,750 a month to promote the Atlantic Yards project.

That all changed last March, when Forest City fired Lipsky once he was indicted for bribing Kruger.

No one from Forest City was ever indicated or charged in the Kruger bribery scandal — and it is unclear if the company knew what Lipsky was doing.

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Have a worry-free big day with help from Glen Terrace

By Camille Sperrazza

Once upon a time, when people were planning their happily ever afters, there were lots of catering halls in Brooklyn from which brides and grooms could choose.

Many of these are no longer around, but one favorite is still providing Brooklynites with the best catered affairs in the borough — The Glen



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Terrace. It's been the catering hall of choice for 56 years. That's 56 years of weddings, anniversaries, birthdays, dinner dances, church functions, and other extravaganzas. That's staying power.

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The Glen Terrace was established in 1955 when Pat Marrone decided to get into the cater-

ing business. He had some experience handling food before this venture, says his son, Richard Marrone, who now runs the Glen Terrace. Pat's parents — Richard's grandparents — had owned a small sandwich shop or two, and this is where Pat had honed his skills.

"It was nothing on this [the Glen Terrace's] scale," Marrone notes. Still, the Glen Terrace quickly established itself as a premiere catering establishment.

Marrone says that one of the reasons why they've stayed in business while so many other catering halls have disappeared is, "Good food and fair prices. Our prices don't scare anybody."

The other important reason is the fabulous personalized service they provide. Incredibly, there are no computers at the Glen Terrace. That's because they still plan weddings the old-fashioned way.

"There are people at the Glen Terrace who know everything that's going on at all times," Marrone says. They are: Marrone; his son, Richard Jr.; and managers Anthony Roitero, Danny Roitero, and Mario Martin. They do it all.

"From the moment you enter, until the time your affair is complete, we'll work closely with you," says Marrone. "We help you choose the right menu, setting, and any additional service you may require in customizing your special event."

Perhaps the biggest reason the Glen Terrace is able to celebrate more than a half century in the same location, when so many other catering halls have closed their doors, is that they were



The elegant catering hall offers great food, a lovely ambience, and friendly staff.

Photos by Steve Solomonson

willing to change, says Marrone. As the needs of the community became more diverse, they adjusted to accommodate them. For example, about 20 years ago, they added Caribbean food to the menu, he says.

Yes, they still serve traditional Italian fare such as pasta, antipasto, and carved meats, but for those who prefer, there's a Caribbean menu, featuring items such as curried chicken, curried goat, oxtail, fried plantains, and cod fish cake — all the wonderful flavors of the islands. Today, "about 90 percent of our clients choose the Caribbean menu," Marrone says.

Whatever menu patrons select, "Good food

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68TH PRECINCT

BAY RIDGE-DYKER HEIGHTS

Air heads

Punks busted into a car parked on 62nd Street on Jan. 7, cleaning out everything they could find.

The victim told cops that she parked her car between 11th and 12th avenues at 6 pm. When she returned four hours later, she found her driver's-side window smashed and her \$3,000 navigation system, iPod, air bag, and shifter missing.

Inbrott!

A thief busted into the Swedish Football Club on 65th Street overnight on Jan. 2, making off with a \$7,000 safe.

Employees told cops that the thief broke in through the front window of the club, which is between Seventh and Eighth avenues, at 2 am. When they returned at 9:30 that morning, they found the safe and \$2,000 in cash missing.

Stole sum

A burglar stole a safe containing \$8,000 from a 65th Street Dim Sum joint on Jan. 5.

The owner told cops that he locked up the restaurant between Ninth Avenue and Fort Hamilton Parkway at 11 pm. When he returned at 5 am, he found that the thief had busted in through the side door and had swiped the safe.

**POLICE
BLOTTER****Jewel heist**

A slick perp slid into a Marine Avenue house on Jan. 5 and swiped a cool grand in jewelry.

The victim told cops that she left her house between Fourth Avenue and Fort Hamilton Parkway at 7:30 am. When she returned at 8 pm, she found her rear sliding door ajar and \$1,000 in jewelry missing.

Spa bandit

A thief swiped a purse from a Fourth Avenue spa on Jan. 6.

The victim told cops that she left her purse in the building between 85th and 86th streets at 8:50 pm. When she went to retrieve it, she found her designer purse — and an iPhone and cash — missing.

Oh, Christmas tree!

Firebugs set ablaze a Christmas tree left on 78th Street on Jan. 8, damaging a car parked nearby.

The car owner told cops that he parked his 2009 Honda between Colonial Road and Ridge Boulevard overnight near the tree, which vandals set on fire at around 3 am.

62ND PRECINCT

BENSONHURST-BATH BEACH

Bullies

Heartless punks beat up and pulled a knife on a 12-year-old, swiping his lunch money, hat and gloves on 17th Avenue on Jan. 4.

The victim told cops that he was near 66th Street at 8:30 am when a group of kids attacked him, punching and kicking him before breaking his phone, and swiping \$7 and his winter outerwear.

Hammer time

Thugs smashed a straphanger in the face with a hammer on Jan. 5 and swiped his phone while he was riding the N train.

The victim told cops that he was texting on his cellphone at 9:30 pm when two men boarded the train at the Kings Highway station.

One of the thugs approached the victim and smashed him in the cheek with a small hammer. Both punks then demanded his cash and cellphone.

The duo pushed the victim off of the train at the Bay Parkway stop.

21st Jump Street

A gang of brutal thugs jumped a man on 21st Avenue, savagely beating him before swiping his cash and cellphone on Jan. 7.

The victim told cops that he was near 82nd Street at 1:15 am when the three men attacked — punching him repeatedly before taking off with his cellphone and \$20.

No papers!

A forger got in a tussle with a cop after the officer pulled him over on 64th Street for not signaling at a turn on Jan. 2, cops say.

Police say the officer pulled the man over between 16th and 17th avenues for not signaling at a turn, and when he asked for identification, the driver gave him a phony international driver's license.

When the officer tried to arrest the jet-setter, the man flipped out, flailing his arms and spraining the officer's wrist.

—Dan MacLeod

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By Camille Sperrazza

'Tis the season for colds, coughs, and the flu. As the weather gets cooler, and we spend more time indoors, we're all in close proximity. This increases our chances of being coughed and sneezed upon.

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dress before requiring urgent care," says the doctor. "We try to catch illnesses before they lead to strokes and heart attacks."

Family Medical Center has been successfully doing this for 25 years, treating patients from ages 5 and above. Both Caruana and his partner, Dr. Mario Manna, are board-certified by the American Academy of Family Physicians, and are on staff at Lutheran Hospital. Nurse Practitioner Sara Buros, who also works at the center, is New York State-certified. All are qualified to help patients overcome potential problems, and focus on becoming well.

Bedsides manner is an important part of care. "Nurse Practitioner Buros spends a lot of time with patients," says Caruana. "She has special training in preventive medicine."

At the office, doctors can draw blood to test for nerve conditions such as peripheral neuropathy, which may be caused by trauma or illness. Echo-cardiograms and screening for vascular disease are also done, as well as electrocardiograms, which can determine the activity of the heart. Ultra-sounds are performed on the premises to provide insight into internal organs.

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Also performed at the center is spirometry, the testing of lung function, which can be very important during this time of the year. This test provides insight into conditions such as asthma, chronic bronchitis, and respiratory conditions.



Nurse Practitioner Sara Buros is New York State-certified, and Dr. Joseph A. Caruana is board certified by the American Academy of Family Physicians, so you know you and your family are in good hands at Family Medical Center.

Family Medical Center takes pride in its state-of-the-art electronic record-keeping system. It keeps track of all medications, and determines any possible drug interactions, says Caruana.

"It also provides an accurate listing of vaccinations and medications, stores lab reports, and flags abnormalities." Having important information like this at the doctors' fingertips translates to better care for patients, and that's what preventive medicine is all about.

There are five examination rooms at the cen-

ter, and the friendly staff makes patients feel warm and welcome. Many of them have been working there a long time, says Caruana, and they are willing to answer all questions, to put patients at ease.

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Family Medical Center [7318 13th Ave. between 73rd and 74th streets in Dyker Heights, (718) 630-1404]. Open Mondays - Thursdays, 9 am - 6 pm; Fridays, 9 am - 4 pm; and on Saturdays, 9 am - noon. Photos by Bess Adler

Alleged Gravesend sniper found in Puerto Rico

Police have arrested the alleged sniper who killed a bread delivery man in Gravesend back in 2010.

Investigators claim that Anthony Martinez, 24, was tracked down and located on Jan. 5 in a small Puerto Rican town where his family lives. He has since been extradited back to the United States, where he faces murder charges.

Officials claim that Martinez opened fire on a delivery truck as it rolled down Avenue X, killing Jorge Martinez. The two men aren't related, police say. A barrage of bullets was fired, one of which pierced the roof of the cabin, hitting the driver in the head. Martinez — a father of two — died instantly.

Cops later determined that the shots were fired from the roof of a building inside the Marlboro Houses complex. At least three people were on top of the roof when the shots were fired, so it remained unclear if Martinez fired the fatal shot and why.

Martinez had yet to be arraigned as this paper went to press.

Accused human smuggler faces federal court

A man the FBI claims led a human smuggling ring for four years was extradited from Albania and brought to Brooklyn, where he faces a litany of criminal offenses.

US Attorney Loretta Lynch says that Deme Kikqi, who is known under a number of aliases that include "Hektor Kelmendi," was captured in Albania after a warrant had



been put out for his arrest for a year ago.

The federal indictment claims that from at least January 2006 through February 2010, Nikqi was the leader and organizer of an international criminal network dedicated to smuggling Kosovars from the Balkans into the United States via Latin America.

Nikqi, who resided in Brooklyn in the 1990s, allegedly operated this smuggling enterprise from his home in Peje, Kosovo.

Investigators claim that Nikqi and his co-conspirators smuggled hundreds of individuals across the Mexi-

can border and into the United States each year. One of Nikqi's smuggling operations allegedly resulted in the death of a Kosovar native in Texas in 2010. Nikqi allegedly charged individuals more than 12,000 Euros for each trip.

In return, Nikqi would supply immigrants with fraudulent passports and visas, and arrange flights from various locations in Europe to Cancun, Mexico; San Jose, Costa Rica; and Buenos Aires, Argentina.

He would then connect the immigrants with contacts in south America who would take them into the United States.

But the trips were hazardous: Court documents claim that some immigrants were hidden in the luggage compartments of buses and inside trailers, with little or no food or water.

On Feb. 2, 2010, a car transporting three Kosovars and other Latin Americans crashed while being pursued by Texas Highway Patrol in the area of Laredo, TX. One Kosovar and one Salvadoran national were killed. The others in the vehicle were severely injured.

"Mr. Nikqi is charged with leading an extensive human smuggling network," Assistant US District Attorney General Breuer claimed. "He allegedly conspired with others throughout the world to smuggle individuals from the Balkans into the United States through Latin America. Today's extradition reflects the high priority we place on cooperation with our foreign law enforcement allies in the pursuit of alleged criminals."

Attempts to reach Nikqi's attorney were unsuccessful by Tuesday night.

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HOMELESS HAVEN

Shantytown rises on the banks of Coney Island Creek

BY DANIEL BUSH

A group of homeless men has staked a claim on shore-front property along the Coney Island Creek — constructing a shanty that can sleep five with amenities including seaside dining, a private vegetable garden and WaveRunner pleasure cruises.

Isidro Hernandez, a 42-year-old out-of-work janitor with a green thumb and enough wilderness know-how to survive the outdoors, has been living in a wooded section Six Diamonds Park — which is connected to Drier Offerman Park that abuts the creek — with his bunk mates since 2006.

"It's not that bad if you know how to survive," Hernandez explained. "We're doing OK."

The homeless men share a five-by-10-foot plastic tarp lean-to stuffed with blankets, a carpet and an upholstered green armchair. Each day, the hard-luck gang can be found cooking their food in two pots over a wood fire at the edge of the creek.

Carlos Montoya, 32, came to "chez shanty" four years ago after losing his job at a Neptune Avenue restaurant in Sea Gate. Living outdoors was tough at first, he said, but you can't beat the \$0 rent.

"There's no work so I don't have any money to pay rent right now," Montoya said.

The quintet work together as a collective, supporting their meager lifestyle by collecting and selling scrap metal to a junkyard they found across from the park.

But its not all toil and sleeping under a tattered tarp. In the summer, Hernandez and his friends feast on clams, striped bass and snapper they pull from the creek — and spend their free time zipping up and down the waterway on a beat-up Jet Ski that someone gave to them a few years ago.

Hernandez and his pals will soon be celebrating their fifth anniversary at the park, but nobody knows



DOWN ON THE SHORE: Jose Luis Garcia (above) lives at an encampment on Coney Island Creek with four other homeless men, including Isidro Hernandez (with Garcia, below, at right). The group lives under tarps, and have amassed a number of items, including (above) a bicycle and an easy chair, and (below, left) a personal watercraft, commonly know as a WaveRunner. Photos by Steve Solomonson



they're there: members of Community Board 13 say they haven't received any complaints about Hernandez's shanty. Neither has the city's Parks Department, although an agency spokeswoman admitted that Six Diamonds has a history of attracting homeless because it's "not lockable" at night.

"The shoreline at Six Diamonds is a remote section of the park that is checked on a weekly basis," the spokeswoman explained, adding that Parks employees couldn't find the shanty during a search of the woods last week.

Yet it's there, and Hernandez has no plans of moving, even though a homeless shelter is just three miles



away in Sheepshead Bay.

Hernandez says he would rather sleep outdoors, where he can live by

his own rules.

"I like living out here more," he said. "Except when it snows."



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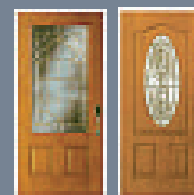
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Gambling

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controversially rezoned the neighborhood in 2009.

"I'd like to rezone the rezoning — to take that from condos and turn it into casinos," Zigun said.

But other community leaders say casinos are too much of a gamble to endorse.

"I just want to make sure that people in the community don't get hurt," said Councilman Domenic Recchia (D-Coney Island). "People get addicted to gambling; it's a problem."

Assemblyman Steven Cymbrowitz (D-Sheepshead Bay) cited a 1999 study that found areas within 50 miles of casinos have a 50 percent greater instance of gambling addiction and an 18 percent higher bankruptcy rate.

"While we might be looking at an economic engine that could generate over a billion dollars annually for the state, thousands of new jobs and increased recreational venues for New Yorkers, we are also looking at a substantial increase in



CONEY'S PALACE?: This artist's rendering shows what Caesar's Palace casino might look on Surf Avenue. Photo composite by John Napoli

problem gambling," said Cymbrowitz.

Mayor Bloomberg has long sought to transform Coney Island from a gritty home of sideshows into a cleaned-up, Disney-like fun zone, but it's unclear if he supports Atlantic City-style

gaming by the Boardwalk.

Aspokeswoman declined to comment on whether Hizzoner would back casinos in Coney Island.

The city does not have zoning rules regulating casinos because they are not legal in the state — mean-

ing if gambling is given the go-ahead, it's uncertain whether casinos could open in areas currently zoned for hotels and amusements, or, as Zigun suggests, in areas slated for residential use.

Either way, don't bet on anything happening any-

time soon.

Before visitors of the People's Playground can play the tables, the governor's plan needs to pass state legislature and survive a referendum, which won't reach voters until 2013 at the earliest.

If Cuomo's amendment passes and casinos open in Coney Island, it wouldn't be the first time that the area was a gambling hub.

Starting in 1860, Gravesend and Brighton Beach were gambling havens, run by the notorious John McKane, Brooklyn's version of Nucky Thompson from "Boardwalk Empire," said Zigun.

"Anything and everything gambling was legal, from Three-Card Monty to betting on horses," said Zigun.

That party came to a halt when gambling was outlawed in 1910, but in the late 1970s, the Coney Island Chamber of Commerce backed a proposal to develop casinos near the Boardwalk, even going as far as putting up a banner by the Belt Parkway reading, "Welcome To Coney Island, the Perfect Resort for Casino Gambling."

All that gambling talk sparked a speculative real estate bubble on the Boardwalk, where property values briefly soared — but casino plans fell apart when state politicians refused to back gambling in the city.

BUSINESS BROOKLYN STYLE

Look and feel better with help from this plastic surgeon

By Camille Sperrazza

You've treated everyone else this holiday season. Now, it's time to treat yourself.

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Teaching is a craft that is acquired over time, and teachers desperately want to improve their skills. That is why the United Federation of Teachers led the campaign to create a better teacher evaluation system, one that put a priority on helping all teachers do their job better. The UFT's role was critical in creating the new system, and in going to Washington, D.C. to help get federal funds for it through the Race to the Top program. Starting last spring, many of our members with expertise in evaluation worked for months on the state subcommittees designing the new system.

We have been trying to work with the Bloomberg administration to iron out the final details of the new system, but the administration has refused to engage in meaningful talks about teacher and principal improvement. Instead it has focused on ensuring that administrators have unlimited power over their employees. If we agree, it will mean that supervisors' decisions can never be properly reviewed, much less overturned. This would be true even if their negative rating of a teacher or a principal can be proven to be the result of their refusal to inappropriately change a student's grade or to give students credit for courses they have not properly completed.

Make no mistake about it. The administration has put tremendous pressure on principals to make their schools *appear* to be successful. But any claims of success ring hollow in the light of national tests that show very limited student progress for the system as a whole, and state measures that show that while the high school graduation rate is increasing, the number of graduates ready for college is only about one in five.

The sad truth is that Mayor Bloomberg's "reform" agenda — raising class size across the system; closing schools and "warehousing" the neediest students; pushing art and music out of the schools to make room for more test prep; turning a deaf ear to parents' concerns; and appointing a completely unqualified publishing executive to be Chancellor — hasn't made our schools better.

A real teacher evaluation system that helps all teachers improve while providing checks and balances is a critical step toward stopping the hemorrhaging of our teaching force and making our schools more effective. At the same time it would help ensure that teachers who cannot succeed in the classroom leave the profession.

We have an open offer to the administration to continue our negotiations on this issue, or even to take it to binding arbitration. It's time the administration sat down with teachers and principals to come up with an agenda that will actually help our children learn.

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By Camille Sperrazza

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Besides repairs, they also install many of these products. For example, they can install a surround sound system in your home. When the weather gets warmer, keep them in mind for air conditioner installation.

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Phone bust

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rassed him into buying it for \$80.

"I told him 'I don't want it bro, leave me alone,'" he said. "Then he came back and said, 'please trust me. I'm not a cop. I need money for my girlfriend for Christmas.' He never told me it was stolen. He said that his friend worked for Verizon and gave it to him as a gift."

Eric Chico — who says he doesn't speak English — says he didn't even understand what the cop was saying before he was arrested, and wasn't told the phone was stolen, Chico's boss explained.

"The cops asked if he wanted the phone and said they wanted \$80 for it. That was it," said Segundo Batino, the owner of the New Utrecht Avenue barber shop between 68th and 69th streets where Chico works. "[Chico] doesn't understand English."

These stories bolster allegations made by residents in Bay Ridge who claim the NYPD broke the rules as they arrested people for buying stolen merchandise.

Some say the tactics used during "Operation Take Back" violated New York penal law.

Dyker Heights resident Robert Tester, 19, told us an undercover informant coerced him into buying an iPhone — claiming that he needed to sell the smart phone for some quick Christmas cash. Throughout the entire exchange, the informant never said the iPhone was stolen, said Tester, who is now suing the NYPD for arresting him under false pretenses.

An 86th Street newsstand clerk witnessing a similar arrest said an undercover cop gave his suspect the same spiel, tricking him into accepting goods before cuffing him.

Cops arrested more than



Malik Shahzed says cops tricked him into buying a hot iPhone.

Photo by Bess Adler

40 Brooklynites for possession of stolen items during these NYPD stings. Most of the arrests took place at convenience stores, newsstands, delis, barber shops and other businesses — including nine in Bensonhurst, six in Bay Ridge and Dyker Heights, two in Flatlands, and six in Williamsburg.

The NYPD lauded its operation, and claimed that those arrested were well aware that they were buying pinched merchandise.

"[The suspects] were clearly told the items were stolen as the reason for them being offered for sale so cheaply," NYPD spokesman Paul Browne told us last week.

Browne did not respond to an email seeking additional comment now that more people netted in the sting are accusing cops of entrapment.

Critics claim that "Operation Take Back" was just a high-profile stunt to pad arrest numbers — and law abiding citizens suffered as a result.

"They're just trying to get their numbers up, get overtime and show they're trying to do something," said Matthew Galluzzo, the lawyer representing Tester in his suit against the city. "But what they're really doing is making examples out of innocent people."

Blockbuster

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per movie, while Netflix undercuts that by offering an unlimited monthly subscription for \$7.99.

In 2010, declining sales forced Blockbuster to file for bankruptcy and stream-

line its nationwide empire, which once boasted stores in nearly every neighborhood in Brooklyn.

Orofino hopes that the Bensonhurst branch would last past its illustrious heyday.

"If they closed this store it would be a disaster," he said.

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Courier headline was abusive to accused priest

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the editor,
I find it appalling and offensive that you would publish a story without the full facts (“‘Sicko’ priest honor,” Mill-Marine Courier, Jan. 5).

Why is it not mentioned that Msgr. Thomas Brady also suffers from dementia and Alzheimer’s disease? It’s a huge part of the story! In fact, it’s the basis of the story. His nephew, who was interviewed by Channel 2 News, clearly said his uncle has not been well mentally.

Before you report such a story, it’s a good idea to get all the facts and not report only half of them. I am certainly not saying, if true, that it’s justified, of course it isn’t. However, having a mental illness (again, if true) is a huge factor that certainly should’ve been mentioned in this story.

I feel awful for the children allegedly involved — along with their families. No child should ever suffer any form of abuse under any circumstances. I pray the children involved are safe, healthy, and well. If help is needed for the alleged victims, and the alleged accuser, I hope and pray all involved get the attention necessary to heal.

One would think if the monsignor had a history of this — given his 50 plus years of service — that it sure as hell would’ve come out by now. Common sense can only dictate that Msgr. Brady is not mentally stable.

If the accusations are correct — and I pray they aren’t — then I believe that his illnesses that took over, and not the man. The monsignor is well loved, and respected by many people in various communities from all walks of life.

It amazes me what the media can do to an already horribly sad story. Your headline speaks volumes about your own knowledge and credibility with no regard about how it makes a person’s family feel seeing that in print. With the word “sicko,” you’ve already pretty much formed the public’s opinion — and that’s immoral and unfair.

Name withheld

LET US HEAR FROM YOU

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‘Paleswhine’

To the editor,
Even though you’re a neighborhood paper, you should get your facts straight if you want to be taken seriously!

In the profile about Linda Sarsour (“Twelve To Watch in 2012,” Jan. 5) you state, “the Brooklynite, whose parents come from Palestine.” Where is “Palestine?” Not on any map I’ve seen. You write it as if it exists. It goes to show that if you state a lie long enough, it becomes “fact.”

You must mean Israel! “Palestinians” haven’t accepted this yet and they don’t want to because they don’t want peace! This has been their propaganda since their late leader, Yasser Arafat (who was Egyptian by the way), made it his mantra.

Sarsour’s parents are probably Israeli Arabs — nothing wrong with that. She has hinted at running for office. That’s all we need, another unapologetic propagandist who denies the right of Israel to exist.

Marilyn Feinberg
Marine Park

Trash can-troversy

To the editor,
Is the Sanitation Department kidding (“Golden rules: City admits Marty brought back bins,” Dec. 22)?

It’s giving out tickets for uncovered garbage pails? Did anyone ever see what happens to garbage pail covers after a pick-up? Are they placed back on top of the pail? Ha-ha-ha!

The pails are thrown about and usually wind up in the street to be run over by passing cars. If we were authorized to give out tickets for this wanton act, the city would rack up millions! Give me a break!

Toni Melino
Homecrest

To the editor,
The nephew whose aunt received a summons for an uncovered, overspilling garbage can, although she didn’t own one, must understand that intrinsic integrity is like pregnancy — it demonstrably exists or doesn’t (“No ‘can’ do,” Letters to the Editor, Dec. 22).

He and a growing chorus of politicians are calling for cameras to confirm alleged offenses — bad idea! An unscrupulous agent could simply create the “crime scene.” I remember a case of an agent caught on video smashing fluorescent tubes near a store on Bay Parkway and issuing the owner a summons for broken glass. I also remember the case of the agent who ticketed a widow for litter in her “alley” when her house didn’t have one!

Were those agents ever punished — or even identified? Intrinsic integrity demands diligent supervision of all agents.

It’s also a bad idea because then Mayor Bloomberg would install a computerized photographic system with soaring costs. Also, forget about notarized affidavits from neighbors. A few years ago, recycling enforcement agents from the Department of Sanitation would scrutinize curbside cans like forensic pathologists ferreting out clues in a crime case, and when a homeowner tried to hide his can, he was admonished by the agent who accused him of trying to hide the “evidence.”

Joseph McCoppin
Sheepshead Bay

iScammers

To the editor,
Let me get this straight — a stranger comes up to you on the street, says he bought an iPhone at an Apple store the day before, but now needs money to pay for his daughter’s Christmas dinner, and he offers it to you for \$20 (“Entrapment or business as usual?” Jan. 5).

The least he could have bought it for at the Apple store is \$199 — the high-end version could be as much as \$650 — and he was going to sell it to you for \$20?

The lesson here is that if something sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

Diane Hunt
Bay Ridge

Class-less UFT

To the editor
Teacher evaluations based on standardized test scores is something the United Federation of Teachers should be fighting against. Not all children are good test-takers!

Principals make sure that senior teachers — or those pedagogues they don’t like — get the most difficult classes. That way, when the scores aren’t good, this will be their excuse for getting rid of the teacher.

Instead of concentrating on student discipline and restoring the 600-school concept for chronically unruly students, we have to fight these nonsensical issues.

Why does the schools chancellor refuse to lower class sizes? Why are excess teachers, many of whom taught for 15 years or longer, relegated to substitute status? Put these duly licensed, satisfactory teachers back into the classroom where they belong so that we may lower burgeoning class sizes.

How can principals from the so-called Leadership Academy evaluate teachers to begin with when they themselves never taught? When principals find fault with a teacher’s methodology, they should go

into the classroom and give demonstration lessons.

Ed Greenspan
Sheepshead Bay

GOP-hers

To the editor,
Republicans are going nuts over the notice that President Obama wants to reduce funding to the Pentagon by \$1 trillion over the next few years. They believe that this will weaken our military and make us look weak around the world.

Allow me to remind everyone that a recent audit of the Pentagon found that billions of dollars were wasted, and still more not accounted for. The reduction in funding is an excellent idea — it gets finances under control.

This kind of reasoning is badly needed in Washington, and it’s about time someone is standing up on the issue of fiscal responsibility in government.

Ronald Cohen
Sheepshead Bay

Age matters

To the editor,
In your article, “Old John Lindsay campaign ad found” (Jan. 5), you state that Lindsay “was the youngest mayor in New York City’s history.” The youngest mayor was John Purroy Mitchell, who was elected like Lindsay on a fusion ticket in 1913, and took office in January 1914 at age 34.

He served one term and was defeated in 1917 by Democrat John F. Hylan — for whom Hylan Boulevard on Staten Island is named. Mitchell volunteered for service in World War 1 and died in an airplane training accident in 1918.

Mitchell Field airbase on Long Island is named in his honor. It later became a shopping mall.

Lawrence Stelter
Bay Ridge

‘99-percenters’

To the editor,
I don’t know what the Obama family’s Hawaiian vacation cost, but it’s downright mean spirited to compare it to the vacations of former Presidents Bush and Clinton (“Opulent Obamas,” Letters to the Editor, Dec. 29).

To describe the First Lady in such a manner only shows how narrow minded and despicable some people’s thoughts are.

Reality check! President Obama and the First Lady are definitely in step with the 99 percent of us who just want our fair share.

Bertha Husband
Sheepshead Bay

Sage advice on Internet scamming

If it's too good to be true it usually is. How many times have you heard that? It's especially accurate for the recipient of an e-mail who is informed that he is eligible for a free cruise. Or that she is the winner of some lottery that she never entered. Or — and this one's my favorite — a widow in Nigeria has a huge sum of money left to her by her late husband and will share it with you if you help her get it out of the country.

Of course, she can't just mail you a check. So you have to give her all of your banking information so she can deposit it into your account. Or the other way around.

Does anyone still fall for the Nigerian scam? I imagine so because, like the Energizer Bunny, it keeps on going and going.

But the Nigerian isn't the only scam out there. I've received several new Internet rip-offs in the past year. New to my computer, that is.

Here's one, warts and all, that supposedly came from my "e-mail server." It appeared to be a very official document from AT&T, with logo and everything:

"AT&T and Bell-south has discovered series of illegal attempts on valid accounts from a bad IP location and will shut your account as it has been flogged as a spam account. You are to fill the form below by clicking on the reply-to button on your page. Fill in the correct information carefully and send it. You have 24 hours to comply."

The form requested my name, e-mail address, and password. Yeah, right. I'm going to forward all the information it already has.

Another official-looking e-mail came from PayPal, and pretty much sought the same information, plus some very pertinent credit card info. It was pretty convincing until I got to the part where the CFO of the company threatened to close my PayPal account if I chose not to respond.

Sure! Close my account. Here's a big surprise for you Mr. CFO. I don't have a PayPal account. And I never did.

My favorites are those that look like they come from different offices of the federal



IT'S ONLY MY OPINION

Stanley P. Gershbein

government. Unless I fill out the attached form and answer a lot of personal questions honestly, the F.B.I. will be coming to call on me because my laptop was used to send various illegal e-mails. Some of those e-mails dealt with money laundering, some with bribery to certain political figures, and a few detailed some recent drug deals.

Sometimes order refills of my prescriptions on the Internet. Does that count as drug dealing?

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The gift-giving holidays are behind us but the holiday scammers are still around. Here's one that made the rounds a few years ago and, according to the security guard at a Walmart, was reborn:

A well-dressed woman holding a gift card approaches you. The bubba meints you are handed is that she received this \$50 gift card for Christmas and she hates shopping at Walmart. She offers to sell it to you at a 50 percent discount.

"You don't believe that the card is authentic? Come inside and I'll prove it."

Ask any cashier to scan it and you'll learn that the card actually is worth \$50.

As you go for your \$25, your new best friend switches the card for an identical — but worthless — one that she took from the display rack.

I am **StanGershbein@Bellsouth.net** repeating what I said, "If it's too good to be true, well, you know the rest."

Iran's nukes are atoms away

The Islamic Republic of Iran — whose regime has pledged to "wipe Israel off the map" and promised "the wave of the Islamic revolution will soon reach the entire world" — began 2012 with a bang and a nuclear breakthrough, claiming to have successfully tested atomic technologies that experts say could one day yield a bomb.

The Persian Gulf nation has long contended that its nuclear program is a peaceful one, and that it's enriching uranium only to provide fuel for its citizens — a measure approved by international law.

The problem is that enriched uranium is key to building a nuclear bomb, and Iran has conducted the controversial program largely in secret, stalling United Nations weapons inspectors who have struggled for 10 years and more to compile the report it finally released last November, which concludes that Iran has amassed enough sensitive material and expertise to build a bomb.

"Some of the activities have civilian as well as military applications, others are specific to nuclear weapons," states the International Atomic Energy Agency.



A BRITISHER'S VIEW

Shavana Abruzzo

Iran's test-firing of two long-range missiles and its first domestically produced nuclear fuel rod in the Arabian Gulf last week come on the heels of yet another round of international sanctions against the mullah-run nation, which has flouted the curbing measures time and again.

"We do not give a damn to such resolutions," President Ahmadinejad said back in 2006.

We should take him at his word.

There is nothing peaceful about Iran's current rulers. They continue to top the U.S. State Department's list of terror sponsors, they are mass murderers "with a long history of extrajudicial executions at the behest of the state, both inside Iran and abroad," according to Amnesty International — and they fund terror groups such as Hamas and Hezbollah.

In Feb. 2008, this column reported on a speech that Ahmadinejad made a month earlier near the site of Iran's first nuclear power plant in the south-

ern city of Bushehr, where he told the cheering crowd, "ON THE NUCLEAR PATH, WE ARE MOVING TOWARDS THE PEAK." At the time, Iran was faced with yet another round of international sanctions to which this column responded, "True to its nature, Iran will ignore them again because of its more pressing agenda: to manufacture atomic weapons in secrecy and without conscience, and use them to destroy the Free World."

Ahmadinejad hatred for Judeo-Christian values is on public record: He called Israel a "filthy Zionist entity." He dismissed 9-11 as "a big lie." He shrugged off the Holocaust as a "myth."

The defense funding bill approved by Congress last week to reduce Iran's oil revenues — and the European Union's agreement to boycott Iranian oil — are the toughest sanctions to date against Iran, but ultimately they are toothless tigers for a brazen, lawless regime which executes its own children.

Iran has shown the way of its heart, and proven its will to undermine the free world. Now, it is paving the way for the inevitable showdown.

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Stamp out fraud with fingerprinting

Why would anyone in their right mind — and I'm talking to you, Gov. Cuomo — object to fingerprinting food stamp applicants? Mayor Mike wants to keep the program in force, but for some reason I'll never understand, Gov. Cuomo wants to nix it. Currently, counties in New York State don't have to fingerprint applicants, but thanks to a soon-to-expire waiver, the city requires it. And the governor wants it to expire.

What gives Gov. Cuomo?

There is so much room for scamming even with fingerprinting that you would have to be out of your mind to object to it. But object they have.

"I understand fraud detection. I understand fingerprinting. But don't make a child go to bed hungry because your government wants to come up with a fraud program that requires fingerprinting," the governor was quoted.

"Fingerprinting food stamp applicants is an unnecessary, time-consuming, stigmatizing process," said Council Speaker Christine Quinn.

"Mayor Bloomberg's doubling-down today on fingerprinting for food is perverse, and destructive to the many New York families and children who are going to bed hungry every night," said



NOT FOR NUTHIN'

Joanna DelBuono

Public Advocate Bill DeBlasio.

What they don't say is why it would be perverse or destructive or stigmatizing? And why would children have to go to bed hungry?

I say, bull dinky — if you are legitimately entitled to food stamps, having your fingerprints taken to safeguard your identity is not going to demoralize, or stigmatize, or prevent a child from eating. Is it any more so if they had to have their picture taken to make sure the right persons

get the right benefits?

It just might make it better for the children everywhere, if fraud is cut down, there will be more funds for the hungry children.

According to the Bloomberg administration, last year, 1,900 duplicate cases were detected thanks to fingerprinting, saving \$5.2 million."

Let me ask you, if you had nothing to hide, would you have any objection at all to be fingerprinted?

I wouldn't. I'd be happy to provide my fingerprints and feel secure that no one else could take away from me what was legally mine.

So to Gov. Cuomo, Councilwoman Quinn, and Public Advocate DeBlasio get over yourselves. Don't come out against it because you think it's going to get you votes — start concerning yourselves with the issues that are really important to the people of this city and state.

Not for Nuthin™, put on your thinking caps and find a way to create jobs, keep businesses here, and raise the quality of life, so less people will need food stamps. Because what is really stigmatizing, perverse, and destructive is high unemployment, a failing infrastructure, and unaffordable housing.

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Carmine heads to the city — for lunch, not art

I'm madder than an art student with a two-legged easel over how much the city has changed since they built that darn Guggenheim Museum in 1959. You know, the funny looking building that was designed by Andrew Lloyd Wright or somebody like that.

Look, you all know that I rarely go into the city (that's Manhattan, on the other side of the West River, to all you hipster-dipster whipper-snappers out there that don't know Bath Beach from Gravesend) on account of the fact that the batteries in *Tornado*, my trusty scooter, can barely get me from my home in Bensonhurst to Dyker Heights and back.

But that wasn't always the case. I often like to reminisce about how awesome I was when I was younger, before my love of food got me to where I am today.

But I was born, bred, and raised in Manhattan. But the call of Bensonhurst lured me away, as I



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Carmine Santa Maria

always longed to live with my aunts, uncles, and cousins of all ages on Bay 41st Street, where I had 56 blood relatives living on the same unpaved street. It was Santa Mariaville, and I loved it. And I could get there on the West End Line, where I would get off just a few stops from Coney Island's

beaches, bath houses, and amusements of my youth (not to mention the meatball sandwiches!).

So, it wasn't long before I moved there, and I haven't looked back since.

Sure, I taught ballroom dancing at the Arthur Murray Fifth Avenue Dance Studio for years, and I enjoyed the night life that the city had to offer, and as a lover of the arts, I've been to the city's many museums, like MOMA, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and the Museum of Modern Art, but that was all pre-Guggenheim.

As fate would have it, on Thursday my wife had to have a medical procedure on Fifth Avenue, I had to get there with *Tornado* and my friend Sid on Access-A-Ride. Sid only came because he can walk and help Sharon, and to keep me company while she had the procedure.

Sharon was already in the doctor's office by 9:30 am, so Sid and I decided to tour the affluent area of Manhattan where small townhouses

are routinely sold for something like \$10 million.

Now, I don't know about you, but if I dropped that chunk of change on a house, there darn-well better be a good place to eat nearby, and for the life of us, we couldn't find a McDonald's, Burger King, or Subway anywhere.

So I persuaded Sid to come with me to the museum, since I'd never been there, and I figured it had a snack bar.

Well, let me give you my impression of this haven for impressionists: I have none! You know why? Because it is closed on Thursdays!

So we ended up in a small restaurant next to a Brooks Brothers or Coach store or something like that.

Ofcourse, the place wasn't very *Tornado*-friendly, and the waiters there had to open the double doors to let me in, then clear the aisle by moving some tables over, then remove the people — and the seats — from the counter so we could get through to the back and enjoy our meal.

By this time, Sid and I decided it was time for lunch! Sid ordered his usual: turkey on whole wheat toast with lettuce and tomatoes, no mayonnaise and white rice instead of the greatest thing the French have ever given us, fries. I ordered an "Amity Special,": shrimp, chicken and London broil salad, telling the waiter that I didn't want any onions.

Sid's sandwich arrived, and it was almost as tall as Sid! I figured he would have to take half of it home, but he didn't, devouring the very last morsel.

When the waiter came with my Thousand Island dressing and two Melba toasts, I noticed raw onions underneath the shrimp, chicken and sliced meat in my salad. I was livid.

So I roared like a lion "I said no onions!" and the waiter whisked my plate away. I was so hungry, I started dunking the Melba toast in the salad dressing. He came back with the salad and, without my ask-

ing, quickly brought me another salad dressing. Which was nice.

Sid and I were impressed with the total efficiency following the roar, so we decided desert was in order, especially since I had such a healthy lunch.

So got the \$12 banana split, with vanilla, chocolate, and strawberry ice cream with three mounds of whipped cream, chocolate syrup and walnuts.

The waiter even apologized for not having any cherries, but offered me strawberries which are a healthy substitute.

I ordered lunch for Sharon — making sure she got French fries so I can have something to eat on the way home, and got the bill — an \$84 lunch! Holy Toledo!

But at least I got a decent meal to hold me over during my miserable 125-minute ride home. Oh, and Sharon is doing just fine.

Screech at you next week — when I start my New Years diet!

BUSINESS BROOKLYN STYLE

Pilo Arts: Brooklyn's beauty institution for 34 years

By Alex Yablon

If Pilo Arts Day Spa and Salon's roots are showing, it doesn't mind — the Bay Ridge beauty emporium is proud of its 34 years of history.



Pilo Arts Hair Extension Specialist Julia LaRocca (left), Creative Stylist and Colorist Fendi Tan, and Founder Elena Solitario are among a team of 26 expert stylists who will help you look and feel your best.

Since opening in the same expansive Third Avenue location back in 1978, Pilo has become a

Brooklyn beauty institution, nationally recognized for its high standards and wide range of salon and spa services. Since 2007, Pilo has been ranked among the top five salons out of 12 thousand in New York State. It was also selected as one of the top 200 Brooklyn businesses by Community Newspaper Group. And since 1999, Pilo has been a member of Intercoiffure, the elite international styling organization, and many of its up-dos have been published in styling magazines. In that same year, Pilo was selected as one of Salon Today's top 200 salons in North America.

As Pilo Arts' CEO Jude La Barca explains, Pilo is easily the largest salon and spa in Brooklyn. It has roughly 18 thousand active clients, mainly from Brooklyn and Staten Island. These thousands of clients are serviced by Pilo's 26 stylists and colorists, many of whom graduated from Pilo's in-house styling academy. The facility is constantly being upgraded to offer its clients more comfort and services — Pilo recently spent \$15,000 to build a specially-ventilated room for the popular Brazilian Blowout hair straightening technique.

Coloring and styling remain Pilo's core business and founders Elena Solitario and Paul Pastore still lead Pilo's 26 person team. The salon offers more than 16 coloring techniques, from more straight forward one-step coloring to newer treatments like the multi-layered Pintura. Pilo's two tiers of stylists — Creative and Master — perform anything from affordable kids' cuts to luxurious Japanese Straightening. The stylists are also available for wedding services — the salon has a full bridal boutique, run by an in-house consultant. Brides and their parties can come in for style tryouts, and can hire Pilo for their day-of hair and make-up.

While the styling options run towards the opu-



Pilo Arts Day Spa and Salon has been at its Third Avenue location since 1978.

lent, Pilo also offers a "recession special" on \$15 blow-outs. There's also a holiday gift offer running through Dec. 31: each \$100 gift certificate comes with two complimentary blow-outs.

Customers of the downstairs spa can choose from a range of pampering packages that combine facials, mani-pedis, massage, honey and almond body scrubs, seaweed body wraps, and air-brush makeovers. The a la carte options include nine

kinds of facials, several massage techniques, waxing and electrolysis treatments.

Pilo Arts Day Spa and Salon [8412 Third Ave. between 84th and 85th streets in Bay Ridge, (718)-748-7411] Open Tuesday from 10 am to 6 pm, Wednesday and Thursday from 10 am to 8 pm, Friday from 9 am to 8 pm, Saturday from 8:30 am to 6 pm, and Sunday from 9 am to 4 pm.

Photos by Steve Solomonson



New York Harbor Watch



Barry Sanders, Jr., son of the former running back for the Detroit Lions and the third-leading rusher in NFL history, is hoping to make a name for himself in the U.S. Army All-American Bowl.

Battle of the scrimmage

HARBOR WATCH

Barry Sanders, Jr. says he feels no pressure to live up to standards established by his father, Barry Sanders, Sr., the former running back for the Detroit Lions and the third-leading rusher in NFL history.

"People ask me the question all the time, if I'll ever be as good as him, and I don't think anybody will ever be as good as him — just by the numbers he put up," Sanders said after a recent morning practice for the 2012 U.S. Army All-American Bowl. "So I just come out here and do what I can, and just work at it every day."

The younger Sanders knows the numbers his father generated: an NCAA single-season record of 2,628 rushing yards en route to winning the 1988 Heisman Trophy at Oklahoma State University, and an NFL career-high of 2,053 rushing yards in 1997, his next-to-last season with the Detroit Lions.

Selected for the Pro Bowl in each of his 10

seasons, the senior Sanders's career rushing yards per game average of 99.8 yards ranks second in NFL history, behind only Jim Brown's 104.3 yards per game. He set dozens of records en route to 15,269 NFL career rushing yards, which trail only Emmitt Smith (18,355) and Walter Payton (16,726). Though he did not play the position until the middle of his last high school season, he is listed as the most elusive running back of all time by NFL.com.

Sanders Jr., however, is not exactly sure about his own numbers, compiled at Heritage Hall High School in Oklahoma City.

"Career-wise?" he asked. "I think I finished at 5,000 career yards. I can't remember how many touchdowns. I looked at the yardage, but I didn't calculate the carries. I averaged around nine yards a carry."

The Oklahoman reports that Sanders rushed for 1,343 yards and 20 touchdowns on 141 carries, which is an average

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Flying through security

New law will help soldiers zip through airport screenings



(From Left) Desiree Kalin, a Transportation Security Administration officer, demonstrates the new, easier security screening procedure to Spc. Victoria Grudzinski and Spc. Michael Rhoades.

HARBOR WATCH

A bill signed into law by President Obama on Jan. 3 means soldiers in uniform and their families may soon have an easier time moving through security screening lines at the airport.

The "Risk-Based Security Screening for Members of the Armed Forces Act" calls for the development of a plan that will provide "expedited security screening services for a member of the armed forces, and, to the extent possible, any accompanying family member."

Included in that law are

instructions to consider establishing standards for the screening of military uniform items, including combat boots.

Only service members on orders and in uniform will be granted access to any expedited security screening procedures that have been developed, officials said.

The new law calls for changes to be implemented within six months.

Transportation Security Administration officials say the agency is now "in consultation with Department of Defense," and

"is reviewing options for implementing procedures that will adhere to the new law."

Already, the Security Administration had policies in place that help expedite the movement of uniformed service members through the security screening process. Soldiers with proper identification are not required to remove their boots or shoes unless the footwear sets off screening equipment.

Families of service members can obtain gate passes to go with service members to their departure gates to

see them off, or to be standing at arrival gates when they get off the plane.

Additionally, the Administration has worked with Department of Defense to make it easier for injured service members to negotiate the screening process. The Military Severely Injured Joint Services Operations Center Program ensures that any screening is "conducted by TSA screening experts with empathy and respect in order to make the overall experience for the service member as expeditious and pleasant as possible."

Veteran pilot honored

Aircraft named after retired Gen. Winton 'Bones' Marshall

HARBOR WATCH

A restored static F-86 Sabre fighter aircraft got a new name on Dec. 29 when it was re-dedicated to retired Gen. Winton "Bones" Marshall for his achievements as an airman at ceremonies that commemorated the 70th anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor, held at Hickam Field, HI.

Gen. Gary North presided over the event that lauded Marshall, who was also a combat commander and Korean War ace.

"It is a tremendous pleasure for us to honor the courage, professionalism, airmanship and the achievements of Lieutenant General 'Bones' Marshall by dedicating this F-86E Sabre jet to him, renaming it 'Mr. Bones V,'" North said. "As we just marked the historic 70th anniversary of the Dec. 7, 1941, attacks on



(Left) Retired Gen. Winton "Bones" Marshall and his wife, Millie, pose with the repainted static F-86 Sabre fighter that was dedicated to Marshall for his service as an airman.

Photo by Staff Sgt. Gustavo Gonzalez

Oahu [Hawaii], this is the perfect moment to continue to honor our heritage and recognize the sacrifice and service of those who came before us. Lieutenant Gen-

eral Marshall exemplifies this proud tradition; it's airmen like him who made our Air Force the best in the world."

While assigned as the 335th Fighter Squadron commander at Langley Air Force Base, Va., Marshall deployed to Korea and became the fifth U.S. jet ace of the Korean War. He is credited with six and a half enemy aircraft destroyed, seven probable aircraft destroyed, and six aircraft

damaged.

Marshall's career spanned 35 years and included assignments as Allied Air Forces Southern Europe chief of staff, Seventh Air Force vice commander and U.S. Readiness Command deputy commander in chief. He permanently resides in Beverly Hills, Calif., with his wife, Millie, who served in World War II as one of the original women pilots in the Women Airforce Service Pilots.

Scrimmage

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of 9.52 yards per carry, during his senior season in 13 games for Class 3A Heritage Hall.

Standing at 5-foot-10 and weighing 180 to 185 pounds, Sanders plans to keep growing.

"I hope so," he said. "I'll be 18 in April. I may have a couple more inches in me. My dad said he played best about 195. I don't want to get too heavy."

The elder Sanders topped out at 5-foot-8.

Although the comparisons are inevitable, the younger Sanders has enjoyed the challenge of being the son of a legendary running back.

"It's not hard at all," he said. "It brings about great opportunity and it's up to me to take advantage of it. And I think I've done a great job of it."

Just how good is this Barry Sanders, Jr.?

"I don't know," he said. "I guess we'll find out. I guess the playing will speak for itself."

Sanders is one of 99 players hoping to make a name for himself in the U.S. Army All-American Bowl.

"We're all dedicated," Sanders said. "We got here for a reason. It shows when we're out here on the field. We're all focused and want to get better. We're looking forward to having good college careers."

As far as higher education is concerned, Sanders has narrowed his field to Stanford, Florida State, Alabama and his father's alma mater, Oklahoma State, not necessarily in that order.

During a recent practice session, Sanders received the biggest hit of the monring from Aziz Shittu, a 6-foot-3, 275-pound defense tackle from Buhach Colony High in Atwater, Cal.

"I was looking for the cutback and he was right there and made a good, clean hit," Sanders said. "Aziz is a good player. We've seen each other on a couple of visits. He's one of the more goofy guys. When I found out it was him, I was like, 'Aw, man, he's going to give me crap about that afterward.' But it was good. I was glad it was him and not somebody else because he is a good dude."

Sanders later dashed 10 yards around left end for a touchdown.

"I guess that made up for it," he said with a smile.

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Fulfilling a dream

Sister enlists to honor her late brother

HARBOR WATCH

When Angeline Utanes took the oath of enlistment at Fort Meade's Military Entrance Processing Station, many in the room were reminded of the fatal accident that kept Conrad "CJ" Utanes from fulfilling his dreams of becoming a soldier. Since early childhood, CJ had dreamed of it.

"Everyone knew he wanted to become a soldier," said CJ's sister, Angeline. "Since he was a kid, he'd play like a soldier, or dress like one for Halloween, or watch soldier movies. For an elementary school project, he told the class he wanted to be soldier."

But his dream never came to pass. One afternoon on his way home from school, CJ started across the road when a car blindsided him. He was immediately rushed to Maryland



Angeline Utanes enlisted with the help of staff Sgt. Josefino Manahan (left) to honor the dream of her late brother CJ (pictured).

Shock Trauma Center.

Devastated by CJ's death, Angeline felt almost obligated to carry the torch for her brother.

"In a way, I'm still doing it for my brother," Angeline admitted. "But I'm relieved

because I'm also doing it for me. I think I'll feel really accomplished when I do this. A lot of people are scared, but I'm really excited. This is a new chapter in my life; not an ending, but a beginning."

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New year, new career

A new year marks a great time to reassess your career

The dawn of a new year is a great time to take stock of several things in your life, including your career. The spirit of rejuvenation that characterizes a new calendar year makes this an ideal time to examine your job, where it's going, and if there's anything you can do over the next 12 months to further your goals and aspirations.

When reassessing your career, ask yourself the following questions:

What do you enjoy about your job?

The grass always seems greener on the other side, but most people, when being honest with themselves, will admit there are several things they enjoy about their current career and the company they work for. When answering this question, consider those things you do at work that you enjoy and would like to continue doing every day. If the things you like most about your current job (i.e., free coffee every morning) are not terribly important in the grand scheme of things while the things that you feel should be a priority (i.e., sense of fulfillment, passion for your work) are nonexistent,



The onset of a new calendar year is a great opportunity for professionals to reassess their careers and where they want to be in a year's time.

then perhaps a change is in order.

What don't you enjoy?

Everyone has things about their job they don't like, be it location of the office in relation to your home or poor relationships with coworkers. If the things you don't like are relatively insignificant and you can't think

of any issues that are pressing, then you might be happiest staying in your current position.

Is your career interfering with your life?

When reassessing your career, it helps to determine if your work is interfering with your personal life or enabling you to lead a fulfilling

life away from the office that includes ample time to spend with family and friends. Though a higher salary at another company might be enticing, if that salary costs you precious time with your family, then it might be in your best interest to stay put. But, if your current position pays well but you must sacrifice family time to maintain your career, then perhaps a change that allows you to live a more fulfilling personal life is in order.

Is advancement possible?

To many people, the opportunity to advance within a company is enough reason to stay. Ask yourself if advancement is realistic and where you might be 12 months from now. If opportunities are there, then it might be a better bet to stay. If you see yourself in the same position and earning the same 12 months from now, then it might be time to move on.

A host of factors will ultimately influence your decision. But the dawn of a new year is a great time to begin the process of determining which is the best path for you.

Find a job in a difficult market

Though the job market has gradually begun to recover, many men and women are still out of work. In June of 2011, the unemployment rate in the United States was still hovering around nine percent nationally.

With such a staggering unemployment figure, finding a job can seem like scaling Mt. Everest. But there are steps job seekers can take to ensure their job search is more smooth than stressful.

•Decide what you're looking for. Job seekers who begin a job just hoping to land a job are less likely to find a position they will love and stick with. It's understandable to accept a job offer in the current economic climate even if it isn't a dream job, but men and women who can afford to wait out their job search should exercise patience instead of simply accepting the first offer to come along.

Before beginning a search, determine exactly what you want to do. Avoid being vague and be as specific as possible when discussing your goals with friends or a professional headhunter. The more vague you are, the more likely you are to wade through thousands of listings, none of which might be what you're truly looking for. The goal is to find legitimate leads you want to follow up on, not hundreds of leads that will waste your time.

•Target specific companies. Just as your career goals should be specific, so should the companies you're targeting. Job seekers can make use of company websites to learn about particular companies within their targeted industry. If certain companies are more appealing than others, target those that appear to be the best fit.

Once this background research has been completed, consult men and women within your professional network to see if they can offer any input into the companies that most appeal to you. This can help confirm or deny your first impression of the company, and might even yield a name you can contact to discuss potential job openings.

•Build your network. Even if you are currently unemployed, you can still build your professional network. While you might not have daily contact with individuals in your industry, you can work with professional organizations to build your network while you're out of work. Professional organizations often offer seminars that serve as valuable opportunities to stay in touch with the industry and meet others who are currently working in the industry or looking to get back in.

Another way to build a network is to reconnect with your school's alumni network. Such networks are typically extensive and can be a great place to start your job search.

•Volunteer. While looking for a job, consider offering your time free of charge, particularly if you're looking to change careers. Volunteering your time is a great way to get your foot in the door and can provide valuable insight as to what the industry is really like. While this might seem like a long shot, many companies today are understaffed and might welcome you with open arms. Keep in mind a successful volunteer relationship is beneficial to both parties, so don't be reticent to propose this idea to companies you are interested in working for.

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Updating your resume

These tips can help you get noticed by employers

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Updating a resume is one of those necessary tasks that always seems to fall by the wayside. Rather than updating a resume periodically, many men and women wait to work on their resume until they're ready to start looking for a new job.

But such procrastination can make it difficult to remember all those new nuggets of information that can make a person more attractive to prospective employers. Updating a resume more regularly, such as after a new promotion or upon completion of an especially impressive project, is a good way to guarantee each accomplishment gets its due.

In addition to staying on top of things, there are additional ways men and women can update their resumes and increase their chances of being noticed by prospective employers.

•**Stay on top of keywords.** Keywords are certain terms that appear frequently in job postings within a particular industry. Employers use these keywords to find the right candidates for jobs within their company, and job seekers use the keywords to narrow down their job search and make it more manageable. But candidates can use these keywords in their resumes in the hopes of mak-



Monitoring industry trends, including which keywords are used most in online job postings, and employing those trends when updating a resume is an effective way to get noticed by prospective employers.

ing themselves more visible. Men and women should research industry trends to discover which words are most popular now, and then include them on their resumes. Recent examples of popular keywords include "new media" and "e-commerce." But trends and keywords vary depending on the industry.

•**Update the education section.** Men and women who earned their degrees years ago might still be able to update the education section on their resumes. If any certificates were earned or

any courses were completed since the last time a resume was updated, include that in the education section. For those who prefer not to tinker with their education section, create a new section titled "Professional Activities" and then include courses or degrees earned post-college. This section should also reference any memberships in professional organizations or any conferences attended. This indicates a candidate's passion and commitment to the field and his or her commitment to professional devel-

opment.

•**Remove less relevant information.** Men and women who have established themselves in their fields should remove older, less relevant information as they update their resumes. Employment history is important, but people with a decade-plus of experience in their field don't need to include every last detail about responsibilities at a first job out of college. Older experience, particularly for men and women who have changed careers, likely

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Use the Internet to find your next job

As the job market continues to rebound, it also continues to change. Whereas job seekers once sent their resumes to prospective employers via traditional mail, nowadays many companies prefer that applicants apply on the company website.

That shift has also taken place with how men and women look for work. Many job seekers rely on the Internet to research companies and find job postings. The Internet grants job seekers instant access to the most current information and allows them to expand their job search to markets across the country and even the globe. In addition, just like companies use the Internet to promote themselves, men and women looking for work can follow suit and use the Internet to their advantage.

•**Select the right sites.** It can be daunting to find a job primarily via the Internet. Many, many job sites exist, and men and women might not know which one best suits their individual needs. When perusing a job website, focus on what the site offers, including a list of potential employers and a resume database. Also, when researching online job boards, look

for one that doesn't list outdated job postings. Many websites advertise thousands of jobs, but the vast majority of those jobs might be outdated, which just wastes time. If using a job board that requires payment for its services, first research the site's background, such as who is running it and who to contact should a problem arise.

•**Network online.** Networking is nothing new, and it can be done just as easily online as in person. Utilize social media websites, including Facebook or LinkedIn, that make it easy for you to connect with other professionals in your industry.

In addition to social media websites, professional organization websites are a valuable and accessible online tool. Such organizations might require job seekers to sign up, but doing so can provide exclusive access to job openings within the industry. Many professional organizations also host seminars or webinars about the industry that can provide great ways to network with fellow professionals and learn about the latest innovations and news within the industry.

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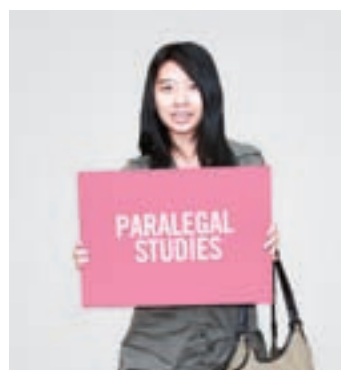
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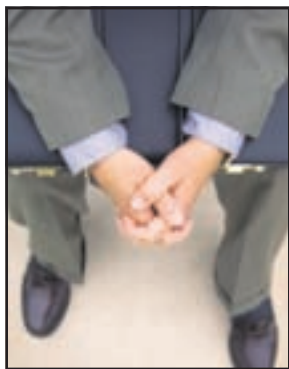
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Nervous about a job interview? You can employ several strategies to ace your next interview.

Improve your interview skills

A job interview can be a nerve-wracking experience. Those who enter an interview with a host of qualifications may still find themselves nervous at the prospect of discussing a position they're interested in with a complete stranger.

Such nervousness is normal, but many job seekers still hope for ways to make

themselves more comfortable when interviewing. There are several ways to do just that, and men and women — both young and old and experienced and inexperienced — should recognize that interviewing takes some dedication and hard work. The following tips can go a long way toward helping you make a

strong first impression.

•**Say something before you even open your mouth.** Nonverbal communication is an important part of the interview process. Good posture, a firm handshake and making eye contact can set a positive tone at a job interview and makes a strong first impression. Don't slouch in a chair

while waiting for the interviewer to arrive. Sit straight up and avoid nervous behavior such as toe-tapping or checking the time.

•**Be a good listener.** Preparation is important, but it's just as important to listen to the interviewer. Avoid simply waiting your turn to speak before spouting off a rehearsed answer. The interviewer is providing valuable information, which you should use in your responses.

•**Remain professional.** Job seekers should always remain professional and avoid coming off as overly familiar. Such an attitude might make it appear as though you aren't taking the interview seriously and aren't very interested in the job. Staying too rigid throughout the interview is also not a good way to make a first impression. It's important to land somewhere

between rigidity and being overly familiar.

•**Be specific when answering questions.** Applicants must distinguish themselves from one another. When the interviewer asks a question about a past job experience or project, be specific with your answer. Take time to answer the question. Thoughtfully answering a question is always better than spouting off the first response that comes to mind.

•**Ask your own questions.** At some point during the interview, applicants will be asked if they have any questions for the interviewer. Applicants should always ask questions, which demonstrates interest in the position. Failing to ask a question will likely put an awkward end to the interview. When asking questions, base them on previous statements from the interviewer to show you have been listening and would like to know more about the position and the company.

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Forecasters predict that jobs in the health sector will continue to grow

Unemployment rates may still be high and the opportunities out there in specific careers might be waning, but there is one job sector that may be promising — healthcare.

Statistics from the U.S. Department of Labor indicate that 3.2 million jobs will be created by 2018 in the healthcare industry. Other forecasters say that with an aging population who will provide the demand for healthcare workers, jobs in the health sector make sense as a stable career option. Plus, there are more opportunities for hire.

But what healthcare jobs are out there for those who don't currently have a medical degree, nor the time to devote to a long education or much additional schooling? As it turns out, plenty.

•**Dental assistant:** This



Jobs in healthcare are predicted to continue to grow for at least the next six years.

career is one of the fastest-growing careers in healthcare, according to industry experts. While formal schooling may not be needed and some dentists train on-site, there's better opportunity for those who have completed a training program. Some dental assistant diploma or certificate programs can be completed in as little as a year. The median expected salary for a typical dental assistant in the United States is \$32,969.

•**Registered nurse:**

Nurses are often the unsung heroes of the healthcare industry. Though doctors may get all the glory, it's often nurses who provide the much-needed, behind-the-scenes care that complements a doctor's expertise. Applicants can consider earning a two-year associ-

ates degree in nursing to get started in the field and then continue their education and certification as they advance. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the average salary of a registered nurse in the United States is \$67,720.

•**Pharmacy technician:**

The world of pharmaceuticals continues to grow. A 2009 story in Forbes magazine indicated that 11.6 prescriptions are issued per person in the U.S. each year. West Virginia is the state with the highest number of scripts per capita. With so many prescriptions issued each year, the demand for pharmacy employees is increasing. Assistants can generally complete a certificate program which may be as short as six months. Pharmacy techs earn an average

salary of \$32,600, according to Salary.com.

•**Hospice care worker:**

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•**Target specific employers.** The Internet enables job seekers to target specific companies within their industry. Websites offer a wealth of information about the company's practices, values and goals, and such information can be extremely valuable during an interview. You can use the Internet to learn about various companies and then target the companies that most appeal to you.

•**Don't overdo it.** When

posting a resume online, it's best not to post a resume on too many websites. Doing so threatens your privacy and opens you up to potential scams. It can also be difficult to stay up-to-date with your resume if you post it on too many sites. Resumes should be updated regularly, particularly for those who are freelancing while looking for permanent positions.

Finding work online might not be as easy as it sounds, but those who use the Internet to their advantage might just land their dream job.

Plan ahead to survive the next recession

The economy is still reeling from the recession, and the question of when the global economy's struggles will end remains a mystery. One thing we do know is that when the economy does finally rebound, it won't remain stable forever, and it's imperative that men and women prepare for the next recession.

The up-and-down nature of the economy has made it difficult to plan for tomorrow, let alone years down the road. However, there are steps people can take to protect themselves.

•**Expect a recession every few years.** One of the best things men and women can do when preparing for a recession is to understand that recession is normal and will likely occur every few years. Understanding the nature of a recession helps you control your finances and be better suited to handle it when it makes its return.

•**Reduce debt.** Carrying significant debt during a recession is like playing with fire. During the current recession, many workers lost their jobs, and even those who didn't might not be so lucky when the next recession arrives. Paying down debts now improves financial flexibility down the road, and that flexibility could make the difference if the next recession arrives and you find yourself out of work. If you carry substantial debt on a credit card, contact the company and discuss reducing your rates or even transferring the debt to a different card with lower rates.

•**Save, save, save.** Individuals should have an emergency fund set aside for surviving a recession should they find themselves suddenly out of work. One of the more astonishing things about the current recession was how quickly many people's

cash supplies dried up. An emergency fund should be enough to pay your bills for at least six months and as much as a year, if not more. Conventional wisdom used to suggest men and women have enough saved to get by for anywhere from three to six months. However, the job market remains so difficult that people can toss that conventional wisdom aside and save more. This might sound simple, but saving has apparently fallen by the wayside. A 2011 poll from the National Foundation for Credit Counseling found that 64 percent of Americans would need to utilize a source other than their savings account to pay for a \$1,000 unplanned expense. This illustrates that many simply aren't saving enough. Start now, even if contributions are small, and don't stop saving.

•**Diversify.** Diversification is a good investment

strategy, but it's also effective as a professional strategy. With regard to your portfolio, balance your assets and make sure all of your eggs are not in the same basket. With regard to income, examine new ways to make money. Diversify your income by doing some freelance work on weekends or weeknights. Even if the amount you earn is small, it can be added to your savings and, should you find yourself out of work, this extra income softens the blow.

•**Cut back on monthly expenses.** Everyone has monthly expenses they insist they cannot live without. Premium cable channels or monthly trips to the salon might seem like must-haves, but they're really not. If your savings are especially low or your debt is especially high, cut back on expenses until your savings has grown or your debt has been eliminated.

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won't bear much fruit and it's always better to include as much recent information and accomplishments as possible. In addition to reducing the emphasis on older experience, also remove references to outdated technology the industry no longer uses.

•**Be diligent with updating.** No one knows what lies ahead, and if the perfect job opportunity suddenly appears, it helps to have an updated resume that's ready to be submitted. That requires routinely updating a resume even if the desire to look for a new gig is nonexistent.

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(Left) Director Nathan Williams presents Monty Garcia, 96, with a Presidential Active Lifestyle award. Photo by Steve Solomonson



Students at St. Edmund Preparatory just put on a production of the classic 1939 play, "Arsenic and Old Lace."

'Arsenic' on Avenue T

MARINE PARK

The students at **St. Edmund Preparatory** just put on a production of the classic 1939 play, "Arsenic and Old Lace," that was so good, it rivaled the movie version with Hollywood stud, Carey Grant. If you don't know what it's about — who knows, you may have been living under a rock for the last 100 years — it's the story of two elderly spinster sisters who poison lonely old men, then bury them in the basement. The slapstick-comedy reaches a crescendo when their nephew, who works as a theater critic, comes to the house to introduce his fiance — and

instead discovers that his two aunts are serial killers. Teachers **Peggy McEvoy** and **Scott O'Donnell** did a bang-up job directing **Anthony Feliciano** and **Carine Alexis** as the two romantic leads in the play, along with castmates **Jenna Kahn**, **Jessica Pinto**, **Eileen Makak**, **Peter Arena**, **Samantha Balloqui**, **Michael Cutler**, **Katrina Eik**, **Benjamin Kelk**, **Jimmy O'Brien**, **Alex Oricchio**, **Ashley Ralston** and **Nicole Thurgood**. Bravo!

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(Left) Past president Dr. David Gutterman hands over the ceremonial gavel to Dr. Suhail Raoof during his installation as the new president of the American College of Chest Physicians.

PARK SLOPE

Doc makes pres

Three cheers to **Dr. Suhail Raoof**, chief of pulmonary and critical care medicine at **New York Methodist Hospital** who was recently installed as the president of the **American College of Chest Physicians**. The chest man obtained his medical degree from **Maulana Azad Medical College** in India and completed his residency at **Long Island Jewish Medical Center**, followed by a fellowship in pulmonary and critical care medicine at **SUNY Stony Brook**. He eventually found his niche at NYM in the **Comprehensive Lung Cancer Center**. "I am grateful to New York Methodist Hospital for providing the environment to fulfill my academic dreams and aspirations." **Dr. Dosik**, chairman of internal medicine at the hospital told Standing O, "The hospital is honored and incredibly proud, but knowing Suhail, we are not surprised that he has reached such great heights." Standing O isn't surprised, either — and congrats are in order!

New York Methodist Hospital [506 Sixth St. between Seventh and Eighth avenues in Park Slope (718) 780-3000].

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Disaster relief

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DRINK UP — IT'S GAME TIME!

Our guide to the borough's best spots to watch

Peggy O'Neill's, where \$25 gets you a pitcher of beer and a pitcher of wings, is the go-to spot in Coney Island for the NFL playoffs.

Photo by Steve Solomonson



By Eli Rosenberg

In a city of choices, football fans all over Brooklyn must make an important decision every winter — they must pick the best bar in which to watch the NFL playoffs. It's not a decision to be taken lightly — one wrong choice and you're stuck with expensive beer and obnoxious fans. A good call, on the other hand, and you're in wing paradise with fellow fans rooting for the right team.

But hey, no worries: you've got us to help out. Behold, our list of Brooklyn's best bars, with the best specials, to ensure you're with the right crowd as you watch America's greatest game.

1. Farrell's Bar and Grill, Windsor Terrace

It's not every day that you can get beer by the quart — unless you're at Farrell's, where the 32-ounce serving of suds goes for \$6. It's a man's man's joint — the 79-year old place only started allowing unchaperoned women in the 1970s — but it's the place to watch the Giants game, with some of Brooklyn's most true-blue fans.

[215 Prospect Park W. between 16th Street and Windsor Place in Windsor Terrace, (718) 788-8779] Open Monday–Saturday 10 am–4 am, Sunday, noon–4 am

2. Cody's Alehouse Grill, Cobble Hill

Before Cobble Hill was full of sleek cocktail bars and happening coffee shops, there was Cody's — a solid bar with restaurant-sized menu. The wood-paneled establishment, which is over 20 years old, is a bit of a Steelers hotspot, but expect some clashes as the postseason heats up and the large place draws impassioned fans of other clans now that the towel-wagging team from Pittsburgh is out.

[154 Court St. between Pacific and Amity streets in Cobble Hill, (718) 852-6115] Open daily from 11:30 am–2 am.

3. d.b.a., Williamsburg

Given its New Orleans roots, it's no surprise that the good times are rolling at d.b.a in Williamsburg, the Brooklyn version of a Big Easy bar by the same name. The place is turned into a carnival of sorts every Saints game: pop-up restaurant, Tchoup Shop, takes over the joint, serving up eclectic Louisiana fare such as duck gumbo and crab hush puppies. Be sure to wash the game down, victory or defeat, with \$4 Abitas and \$5 “Sly and a rye” — Sly Fox IPA with a shot of whiskey.

[113 N. 7th St. between Berry Street and Wythe Avenue in Williamsburg, (718) 218-6006] Open daily from 1 pm to 4 am, for more info visit www.drinkgoodstuff.com.

4. Angry Wades, Cobble Hill

Lambeau Field is far away, so “Angry” Wade Hagenbart's Wisconsin joint is the bar of choice for the borough's Packers fans. The bar features cookouts every Sunday with beer brats, burgers and other tailgating fare, and like the home team, these guys aren't stopped by a little cold weather: the outdoor barbeque will go on, rain, snow or sleet. Hagenbart says he'll even ship in cheese curds from America's

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Go ... Packers?

By Kate Briquet

We are cheeseheads, and we are legion!

For all the blue dogs flooding the borough's bars on Sunday, there'll be more than a few green-and-gold wearing, Miller Lite-swilling, cheddar-gorging Green Bay fans who are proud to keep our hearts in our favorite flyover state, even though we keep our homes in Brooklyn.

Clueless New Yorkers often ask if it's tough living here AND rooting for the Green Bay Packers. I ask them if they think Aaron Rodgers needs a license to use that fire-arm.

My team has plowed through

the season, finishing 15–1. The Giants, on the other hand, are an inconsistent franchise, both in their fan base and on the field — but especially in their fan base.

See, no matter where we stand Packer-backers live to see big-city teams destroyed on Lambeau tundra. It's like a religion — it's some titillating Midwestern love that you New Yorkers wish you had.

But if you don't want to leave the borough to see the Big Blue collapse, get thee to Angry Wade's on Smith and Butler streets. It's owned by a fellow Wisconsinite in exile.

And remember, Brooklyn, this is Mr. Rodgers's neighborhood now.



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New gospel

The borough's wackiest reverend has a new revelation.

Rev. Billy — a.k.a Windsor Terrace performance artist Bill Talen — will provide fans and followers with an insider's account of his ongoing crusade against corporations and consumer culture when he reads from his latest book, "The Reverend Billy Project: From Rehearsal Hall to Super Mall," at Book Court in Cobble Hill on Jan. 18.

The book, co-authored by Savitri D., is a compendium of Talen's activist antics over the past eight years, and includes chapters on his faithful's boycott of a Starbucks in Barcelona, opposition to a Walmart store in Iceland, and efforts to fight the city's plan to turn Coney Island into a glitzy year-round destination.

"I like the human scale," Talen said. "I like characters that don't get bleached out by the corporate environment."

Of course, Talen himself is just such a character. He got his start protesting the Giuliani-era cleanup of Times Square, and went on to form the unofficial Church of Stop Shopping before mounting an unsuccessful bid for mayor in 2009.

Talen said he's still going strong — despite being arrested alongside his flock more than 70 times.

Rev. Billy and Savitri D., at Book Court [163 Court St. between Dean and Pacific streets in Cobble Hill, (718) 875-3677], Wednesday, Jan. 18, 7 pm. Free. For info, visit www.revilly.com.

— Daniel Bush

Balkan bash

Want to show off your Gypsy dancing skills?

Look no further than the Zlatne Uste Golden Festival, New York's biggest — and only — Balkan music extravaganza, which is returning to Brooklyn for the 27th year to showcase more than 60 Gypsy- and Roma-flavored bands at Grand Prospect Hall on Jan. 13 and 14.

The Balkans region, which includes Greece, Bulgaria, Montenegro, and Albania among other countries, is known for its vibrant folk music tradition that prides itself on crowd participation.

"Everybody makes music and everybody dances — and dancing is participatory; it's like if you go to a Greek wedding, everybody gets up and dances," said Emerson Hawley, the festival's co-producer and tuba player for the Zlatne Uste brass band.

To help fully realize the true Balkan-folk experience for those who can barely find Albania on a map, let alone groove with the natives, Zlatne Uste — that's Golden Lips in Serbain — has organized an hour-long dance workshop before the show on Friday evening, to help concertgoers get up to speed on their Gypsy moves.

"There's no way you could teach all the dances that could come up in one workshop," said Hawley, "but you get an intro, start to move, figure out which is the right foot and the left."

Grand Prospect Hall [263 Prospect Ave. between Fifth and Sixth avenues in Park Slope, (718) 788-0777] Jan. 13, at 7:30 pm, \$25; Jan. 14, at 6 pm, \$50. For info, visit www.goldenfest.org.

— Colin Mixson

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\$tyle at LGBT expo

Plan to tie the knot in style at the borough's first gay wedding expo, where the brightest color in the pride rainbow is sure to be — green.

More than 75 businesses will cash in on the lucrative new wedding market, offering gay-friendly honeymoon packages, queer wedding DJs and "alternative family" lawyers at Borough Hall on Jan. 15.

"It's a new niche for businesses," said organizer Daniel Brooks of Brooklyn Community Pride Center, adding that the market emerged after legislation allowing gay couples to wed in New York passed last June. "This is a very different venue — and it's a chance for people to explore."

Brooklyn-based merchants — which include Sposabella wedding boutique, Bride and Joy Photography and Fresh Fanatic bakery — will likely draw more than 3,000 visitors to the sprawling historic building, where Borough President Markowitz will play host.

Organizers divided the building into wedding genre rooms, including "party people" (catering and DJs); "apparel people" (stylists and boutiques); and the "honeymoon people" (airlines and cruise companies).

"It's really is a great opportunity," said Kim Nicholais, a photographer who runs Bride and Joy Photography, and is also gay. "I think it puts people at ease being photographed by someone who is like you — and understands."

Proceeds from vendor fees go to Brooklyn Community Pride Center, the event's sponsor, to improve its community center on Atlantic Avenue. The event is co-sponsored by this very newspaper, CNG Local.



Check out the gay wedding photographers — one of whom shot this very photo at the borough's first gay wedding expo on Jan. 15.

Courtesy of Kim Nicholais via Bride and Joy Photography

Brooklyn LGBT Wedding Expo at Borough Hall [209 Joralemon St. between Adams and Court streets in Downtown, (718) 802-3700], Jan. 15 at 10 am. Free.

— Natalie O'Neill

Steely Jon!

Jon Herington is back, Jack — and he's doing it again!

The guitar player for famed rock band Steely Dan is putting on an acoustic solo show at the Jalopy Theater in Red Hook on Jan. 15 — and he's pulling out all the stops.

"I've been doing this gig with Steely Dan for eleven years, and as time goes on, I'm doing more of my own things," Herington said, of his time with a band that's delighted stoners and suburban dads for decades. "It's great to do your own thing — you can call all the shots, and you never have to play a song you don't want to play."

Herington, who's jammed with heavy-hitters like with Boz Scaggs and Bett Middler, formed his own band 25 years ago, and has playing with the same drummer and bass player ever since. After the release of his latest album, "Shine, Shine, Shine," in October, 2010, Herington decided to give this solo thing a real shot: he hired an assistant, and pledged to play more shows around town.



Herington's solo stuff is a poppy combo of rock 'n roll, blues and jazz that lends itself to acoustic performance, he said.

"My roots are late 60s British invasion, but I've always loved a lot of different kinds of music; I have a knack picking up different styles," he said. "and a stripped down acoustic show is great because it's quieter, and there's more give and take with the audience — it's more fun and casual."

So Rikki, don't lose that number — the 15th, that is — because Jon Herington's wild times have just begun.

Jon Herington at the Jalopy Theatre [315 Columbia St. at Hamilton Avenue in Columbia Waterfront District, (718) 395-3214]. Jan. 15, 7:30 pm. Tickets, \$15. For info, visit www.jalopy.biz.

— Juliet Linderman

Bakery shares sweet secrets in cookbook



Dawn Casale and David Crofton, owners of One Girl Cookies on Dean Street in Cobble Hill, now have a cook book revealing some of the secrets behind their sweet treats.

Photo by Elizabeth Graham

A Cobble Hill cookie joint is taking its upscale treats to the next level — with new DUMBO digs and a cookbook that's as much about family history as it is about crafting the perfect whoopie pie.

Dawn Casale and David Crofton, a husband-and-wife team that grew out of a business partnership when the two started their Dean Street bakery, One Girl Cookies, six years ago, is opening a new store on Main Street between Water and Plymouth streets, and releasing their very first cookbook, this month.

The cookbook includes a litany of homemade treats — think lemon olive oil cake and honey apricot granola — and is designed to share the secrets behind the duo's most delectable and inventive recipes.

"People often ask us for recipes, and we offer cooking classes," said Crofton. "They are always curious, [asking] 'what's in this' and 'how do you make that,'" he said.

Apart from a pinch of this and a dash of that,

the pair also authored the cookbook as a way to tell the story of their families, and the ways in which cooking and baking has influenced their lives, through their home-grown recipes, many of which are accompanied by an anecdote.

"This book the story of our families and this shop — that is really our extended family in a lot of ways," said Casale. "It's our way of sharing that, and we do it in a story-like way."

But let's face it: it's really all about the sweets — and the price of the tasty tome is well worth the secrets it unlocks.

Try the Lucia espresso square — a rich, chocolate morsel set on a buttery crust — or the pumpkin whoopie pie, which our New England-born reporter can attest is the best you can get outside of Dover-Foxcroft, Maine.

"One Girl Cookies" book release at The powerHouse Arena [37 Main St. between Water and Front streets (718) 666-3049], Jan. 18, 7 pm, free. RSVP to rsvp@powerHouseArena.com.

— Dan MacLeod

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“ALPHABET” SCARED!

A new book about a parent’s worst fear

By Dan MacLeod

For parents, sometimes the sound of their child’s voice throwing a tantrum or begging to stay up past bedtime can be infuriating or excruciating — but what if it was actually lethal?

Find out in “The Flame Alphabet,” a new book that explores a nightmarish world where parents are forced to abandon their kids after a disease makes the sound of their voices too painful to bear.

The third book from author Ben Marcus, who will celebrate the release at BookCourt on Jan. 19, is a dystopian reversal of the old saying, “sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me,” the writer said.

“I like to take ideas like that and exaggerate them and make them stronger,” he said. “I like books where somebody we might feel close to has things taken away. To me, the worst thing to have taken away would be my family and my language.” But the father of two small children insists that his own kids’ wails had nothing to do with the idea for this story, and that the disease in his new novel was born

from a germ in his previous book, “Notable American Women,” in which a character named Larry the Punisher torments a man imprisoned in a backyard by piping in his voice through a tube.

“I knew when I was writing it that I wanted to build a more epic story around [that idea],” said Marcus, who said that he wanted to play off his own worst fears as a father.

In the book, an epidemic plagues adults, who get weak and physically sick when they hear the sound of children’s voices. A side-effect of the epidemic actually causes their faces to “get smaller,” said Marcus.

Despite the book’s wild premise, the story revolves around a pair of parents forced to abandon their daughter.

“It’s very invented and fantastical, but I wanted the family part of the story to be realistic,” said Marcus. “What if you couldn’t bear to be around your children?”

“The Flame Alphabet” book launch at BookCourt [163 Court Street between Pacific and Dean streets (718) 875-3677] Jan. 19 at 7 pm. For info, email BookCourt@gmail.com.



Author Ben Marcus will celebrate the release of his book, “The Flame Alphabet,” at Book Court on Jan. 19. Photo by Stefano Giovannini

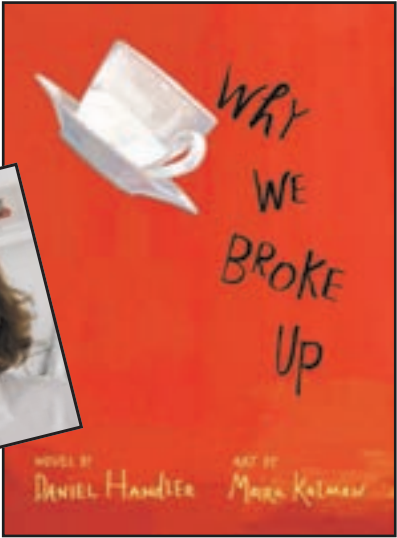
Breaking up is hard to do — but in this new novel, it can be funny, too

By Eli Rosenberg

You would think Daniel Handler would be an expert on breakups, but surprisingly, the author of “Why We Broke Up,” hasn’t had one since before 1992, when he met his wife-to-be while still in college.

“I kind of missed the usual romantic strife that many people have in their 20s,” said Handler, who has also written a series of popular children’s books under the pen name, Lemony Snicket.

But perhaps it’s this very dearth of heartache that inspired the author to write a book about the breakup of a fictional teen couple in the first place, for which he collaborated with celebrated illustrator, Maira Kalman, whose drawings give soul to the most quotidian of objects for publications like the New Yorker and The New York Times. For



Maira Kalman illustrated “Why we broke up,” — and promises she’s had her fair share of heartache. Photo by Rick Meyerowitz

“Why We Broke Up,” Kalman sketched the items a young girl returns to her ex-

boyfriend — a pair of bottle caps, an old camera, a hand-scrawled note on binder paper — in short, the small and meaningless things that couples inevitably imbue with meaning.

The story is non-linear and non-traditional, and is written from the perspective of Min Green, a high school junior navigating the turbulent waters of her breakup with senior Ed Slaterton.

Handler and Kalman will read from the young adult book at Word bookstore in Greenpoint on Jan. 19, where audience members will be invited to share their own breakup stories.

Yes, lost romance can be tragic — but this event’s going to be fun.

“Breakups are heartbreaking when they happen to you,” said Handler. “But they can be funny when they happen to someone else.”

Daniel Handler and Maira Kalman at Word [126 Franklin St. between Milton and Noble streets in Greenpoint, (718) 383-0096] Jan. 19, 7 pm, free. For info, visit www.wordbrooklyn.com.

Best sports bars

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dairyland to fry up if the Pack makes it to the Superbowl.

[222 Smith St. between Butler and Douglass streets in Cobble Hill, (718) 488-7253] Open Monday through Friday 3 pm–4 am, Saturday and Sunday, noon–4 am.

5. Lone Star Bar and Grill, Bay Ridge

If you think the best way to enjoy a football game is by eating and drinking in quantity, then Lone Star is the place for you. The bar is hosting a barbeque and setting up screens outside — but if it gets too chilly, you can always head in to watch the game on one of their 23 indoor TVs. All-you-can-eat barbeque and all-you-can-drink for \$50, what more do you need to know?

[8703 Fifth Ave. between 87th and 88th streets in Bay Ridge, (718) 883-5180] Open daily from 11 am–4 am, for more info visit lonestarbarandgrill.net.

6. Peggy O’Neill’s, Coney Island

Who says Coney Island is only fun in the summer? Peggy O’Neill’s, the tried-and-true staple on this side of Keyspan Park, offers football watchers this hefty deal for playoff pigskin: a pitcher of beer and a pitcher of wings (yes, a pitcher of wings) for \$25.

[1904 Surf Ave. between W. 17th and W. 19th streets in Coney Island, (718) 449-3200] Open daily from 11 am–2 am.

7. Charles’ Ale House, Midwood

Who needs drink specials when beers are less than \$4? At Charles’ Ale House, domestics are \$3.50 and imports are \$4, and there’s bound to be a sizeable contingent of Giants fans flocking to this neighborhood establishment.

[2943 Avenue S between Haring Street and Nostrand Avenue in Midwood, (718) 627-6100]

8. Oxcart Tavern Alehouse, Ditmas Park

It’s an age-old dilemma: you want to watch the game, but the person you’re with doesn’t.

The Oxcart Tavern, a relatively new addition to Ditmas Park, is your solution. The tavern features two TVs, visible from most of the small tavern’s tables, where you’ll be able to enjoy the restaurants respectable dinner fare — pan-roasted chicken and potatoes, a stand-up burger — all while keeping an eye on the game. They’re even serving up homemade pepper wings for the games.

[1301 Newkirk Ave. between Argyle and Rugby roads in Ditmas Park, (718) 284-0005] Open Monday–Wednesday, 5 pm–midnight; Thursday and Friday, 5 pm–2 am; and Saturday and Sunday, noon–midnight. For more info visit www.oxcarttavern.com.

9. Brooklyn Ice House, Red Hook

Sports bars are typically thronged for the NFL playoffs, so if you’re looking for a calmer place to grab a seat and watch the game, the Brooklyn Ice House is your joint. The small dive in Red Hook, with \$3 pulled-pork sandwiches and a good selection of drafts and bottled beers, is a great bar year-round, but with 50-cent wings and \$2 Highlife/PBRs for the playoffs, you can’t go wrong during game-time.

[318 Van Brunt St. between Pioneer Street and Visitation Place in Red Hook, (718) 222-1865. Open daily, noon–4 am]

10. Wheeler’s, Sheepshead Bay

The Sheepshead Bay standby is a good as place as ever to watch the game and with some great bar food to boot. Most beers are under \$5.

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The best reads
— handpicked by
some of the best
Bklyn bookstores

Who can you always count on when you're in a bind and need a good book? Your neighborhood bookstore, of course, whose employees read all the newest books before you do. That's why we're running this semi-regular column featuring must-reads, handpicked and written about by the staff at some of our favorite independent bookstores in Brooklyn.

The BookMark Shoppe's pick: "The Keeper of Lost Causes"

Looking for a similar fix to Stieg Larsson's "Millennium Trilogy"? Especially after seeing the American version of the film? Look no further than Denmark's hottest new crime writer, Jussi Adler-Olsen. Carl Morck, a once-upon-a-time first rate detective, suffering from post-traumatic stress syndrome is shocked to hear he has actually been promoted — to a new one-man department in the basement, with a green assistant working on cold cases. But the joke is on Morck's bosses as he investigates the disappearance of woman thought dead 5 years earlier...only to find that she is still alive.

— Bina Valenzano, co-owner, The BookMark Shoppe [8415 Third Ave. between 84th and 85th streets in Bay Ridge, (718) 833-5115].

Greenlight's pick: "State of Wonder"

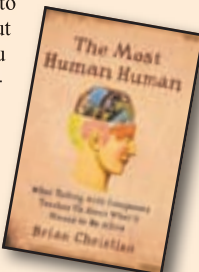
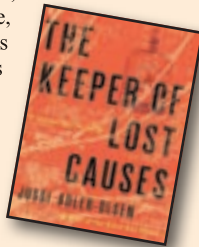
Personally, I can't think of a better "literary adventure" writer than Ann Patchett. Her newest novel, "State of Wonder," is absolutely haunting. With Marina Singh, the novel's protagonist, we are sent to the Amazon jungle in search a missing colleague, presumed dead. Mingh and her colleague work for an American pharmaceutical company in the U.S. that has, for years, been funding the work of one Dr. Annick Swenson, a secretive, off-color, brilliant scientist who is working on a drug that could literally change the world. State of Wonder is riveting and creepy in the best sense of the word. There is also one more reason to love Patchett: she's opening her own independent bookstore, Parnassus Books, in Nashville, TN this fall.

— Eleanor Kriseman, Greenlight Bookstore [686 Fulton St. between S. Elliott Place and S. Portland Avenue in Fort Greene, (718) 246-0200].

WORD's pick: "The Most Human Human"

I'm a sucker for the, "I am going to enter this competition and write about the whole thing!" trope, and when you throw in the Turing Test, my nerdometer just goes wild. Christian becomes a "confederate" (i.e., a human contestant) for the Loebner Prize, in which judges try to tell if the person chatting with them via the Internet is, in fact, a human or a computer. How hard is it to fake being a person? How real are real people? Fascinating stuff, ranging from Strauss's The Game to how predictive texting is changing our language, and beyond.

— Jenn Northington, event manager, WORD [126 Franklin St. at Milton Street in Greenpoint, (718) 383-0096].



WHAT TO DO 24 SEVEN EVENTS

FRI, JAN. 13

WORKSHOP, "MOMMY-AND-ME" YOGA CLASS: Ages 2-3. Free. 11:15 am. Eighth Avenue Church [216 Eighth Avenue at Second Street in Park Slope, (212) 787-9642], www.yogastars.com.

WORKSHOP, "MOMMY-AND-ME" YOGA CLASS: Ages 1-2. Free. 4 pm. Eighth Avenue Church [216 Eighth Avenue at Second Street in Park Slope, (212) 787-9642], www.yogastars.com.

NERD NITE MAGAZINE LAUNCH: From the geeks that brought you Nerd Nite trivia! \$11.11. 7:30 pm. Galapagos Art Space [16 Main St. at Water Street in DUMBO, (718) 222-8500], www.galapagosartspace.com.

MUSIC, THE MAST: Free. 9 pm. Pete's Candy Store [709 Lorimer St. at Richardson Street in Williamsburg, (718) 302-3770], www.petescandystore.com.

SAT, JAN. 14

PERFORMANCE

MUSIC, BEATLES MARATHON: Every Beatles song (185) will be performed by some of New York's top ukelele players. 3 pm. Brooklyn Bowl [61 Wythe Ave. between N. 11th and N. 12th streets in Williamsburg, (718) 963-3369], www.brooklynbowl.com.

MUSIC, A NIGHT OF CHARLES IVES MUSIC: A marathon performance of Charles Ives complete

songbook in one epic night. \$20. 4:30 pm–9 pm. Galapagos Art Space [16 Main St. at Water Street in DUMBO, (718) 222-8500], www.galapagosartspace.com.

SALES AND MARKETS

PARK SLOPE FLEA MARKET:

Peruse antiques, collectibles, vintage, crafts, and furniture. 8 am–6 pm. PS 321 [180 Seventh Ave. between First and Second streets in Park Slope, (917) 991-7807], www.parkslopefleamarket.com.

GREENCYCLE SWAP: One man's trash is another's treasure. Bring cleaned gently used and working items. \$5. 1 pm–4 pm. MS 126 [424 Leonard St. at Bayard Street in Williamsburg, (347) 559-1410].

OTHER

CITIZENSHIP PREP: For immigrants planning on applying for US citizenship. Registration required. Free. 10:30 am–1:30 pm and 1:30–4:30 pm. Prospect Park YMCA [357 Ninth St. at Fifth Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 768-7100], www.ymcany.org.

TALK, LECTURE WITH HISTORIAN BEN FELDMAN: \$15. 1 pm–midnight. Green-Wood Cemetery [Fifth Avenue and 25th Street in Sunset Park, (718) 768-7300], www.green-wood.com.

SUN, JAN. 15

PERFORMANCE

MUSIC, JON HERRINGTON: Guitarist from Steely Dan will perform a solo set. \$15. 7:30 pm. Jalopy [315 Columbia St. between Hamilton Avenue and Woodhull Street in Columbia Street Waterfront, (718) 395-3214], www.jalopy.biz.

MUSIC, JAZZ CONCERT: With Matt Steckler's Persiflage. Donation. 8:30 pm. Sycamore [1118 Cortelyou Rd. between Stratford and Westminster roads in Ditmas Park, (347) 240-5850], www.sycamorebrooklyn.com.

SALES AND MARKETS

PARK SLOPE FLEA MARKET: 8 am–6 pm. See Saturday, Jan. 14.

OTHER

LGBT WEDDING EXPO: The first ever fair of its kind will feature hundreds of vendors offering hotels, banquet halls, caterers and florists. Free. 10 am–6 pm. Brooklyn Borough Hall [209 Joralemon St. between Court and Adams streets in Downtown], www.lgbtbrooklyn.com.

MON, JAN. 16

BEGINNER'S ESL: Students learn basic structure and vocabulary and communicating in English. Registration required. Free. 6:15 pm–9:15 pm. Prospect Park YMCA [357 Ninth St. at Fifth Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 768-7100], www.ymcany.org.

OPEN REHEARSALS: Brooklyn's Sweet Adelines Barbershop Chorus welcomes singers of all voice ranges. Free. 7:30 pm. Call for location, (718) 833-3399.

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BEGINNER'S ESL: 6:15 to 9:15 pm. See Monday, Jan. 16.

READING, "BOOZE, BOOKS AND BROWNIES WITH THE WOMEN OF WENNER MEDIA": Gwen Cooper and Kate Rockland discuss life in publishing. Free. 7 pm. Word [126 Franklin St. at Milton Street in Greenpoint, (718) 383-11222], www.wordbrooklyn.com.

MUSIC, SANTIGOLD: \$25. 7:30 pm. Music Hall of Williamsburg [66 N. Sixth St. between Kent and Wythe avenues in Williamsburg, (718) 486-5400], www.musichallwilliamsburg.com.

WED, JAN. 18

WORKSHOP, SENIOR SEMINAR: Dr. David Frankel, dermatologist at NY Methodist Hospital, on various maladies that affect seniors. Registration required. Free. 2:30 pm–3:30 pm. Brooklyn College Student Center [E. 27th St and Campus Road in Midwood, (718) 780-5368].

WORKSHOP, TANGO LESSONS: For adults and youngsters interested in ballroom dancing. No experience and no partners necessary. Pre-registration for youngsters required. Free. 6 pm–9 pm. IS 96 [99 Ave. P at W. 11th Street in Bensonhurst, (718) 232-2266].

WORKSHOP, SUPPORT GROUP: Help for persons living with HPC and their loved ones. Free. 6 pm–7:30 pm. New York Methodist Hospital [506 Sixth St. between Seventh and Eighth avenues in Park Slope, (718) 780-3288].

BEGINNER'S ESL: 6:15 pm–9:15 pm. See Monday, Jan. 16.

COOK BOOK LAUNCH PARTY: From the bakers at One Girl Cookies. Free. 7 pm. PowerHouse Arena [37 Main St. at Water Street in DUMBO, (718) 666-3049], www.powerhousearena.com.

THURS, JAN. 19

BEGINNER'S ESL: 6:15 pm–9:15 pm. See Monday, Jan. 16.

MUSIC, RED MOLLY: An all-female Americana trio. \$12. 7 pm. Jalopy [315 Columbia St. between Hamilton Avenue and Woodhull Street in Columbia Street Waterfront, (718) 395-3214], www.jalopy.biz.

FRI, JAN. 20

MUSIC, CLASSICAL CONCERT: "Transforming Traditions" performed by the Grace & Spiritus Chorale. \$15 (\$12 seniors and students). 7 pm. Lafayette Avenue Presbyterian Church [85 S. Oxford St. at Lafayette Avenue in Fort Greene, (718) 707-1411], www.graceandspiritus.org.

DANCE, BROOKPORT ALUMNI DANCE RECITAL: Eights distinct pieces featuring a range of artists and dancers. \$20. 7:30 pm. The Center for Performance Research [361 Manhattan Ave. between Jackson and Withers streets in Williamsburg, (718) 349-1210], www.cprnyc.org.

SAT, JAN. 21

SALES AND MARKETS

PARK SLOPE FLEA MARKET: 8 am–6 pm. See Saturday, Jan. 14.

OTHER

CITIZENSHIP PREP: 10:30 am–1:30 pm and 1:30 pm–4:30 pm. See Saturday, Jan. 14.

WORKSHOP, MEN'S HEALTH: Screenings for hypertension, prostate cancer, and diabetes, plus an open discussion with an MD. Goodwill offering. 1 pm–5 pm. Cultural Center [120 Madison St. at Bedford Avenue in Bedford Stuyvesant, (718) 693-2779].



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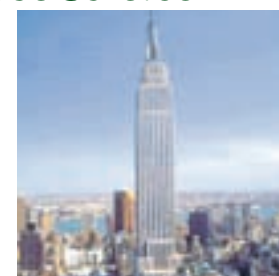
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● 'Apache [Paschall] was always the father figure in my life and always motivated me.'

— Nazareth's Lisa Blair

● 'Our future is bright — and our present is pretty good.'

— Poly Prep coach Bill McNally

Coach's kin angry over game's cancellation

Relatives of Apache Paschall, who died this week, wanted to play

BY MARC RAIMONDI AND JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Nazareth's Apache Paschall, perhaps one of the most well-known girls basketball coaches in the United States, died after a four-month battle with skin cancer — but the controversy that followed this tragedy is still being talked about.

Decisions by Bishop Ford and Christ the King not to play Nazareth this week in light of Paschall's death has angered the beloved coach's family — and team — who feel that Paschall would have wanted them to play on after his death.

Nazareth and Ford were supposed to play on Jan. 5 and Christ the King was supposed to come to Nazareth on Jan. 7 as part of the East Flatbush school's Homecoming Day.

Nazareth is seeking forfeits for each, a matter Catholic High School Athletic Association Brooklyn/Queens said they would look into.

"If anyone should do any type of canceling, it should be coming from us," said Elaine Bartlett, Paschall's mother. "But we talked to the team at the hospital and they said they wanted to play. [The games] would have been tributes to Apache."

Paschall's daughter Nytea, a student at Nazareth, said the team planned on wearing warm-up shirts with "Rest In Peace Coach Apache" on them and leave



Both Bishop Ford's and Christ the King's girls basketball teams forfeited their matches against Nazareth following the death of Nazareth coach Apache Paschall on Jan. 2. Photo by Denis Gostev

an open seat at the start of the team's bench with his trademark towel draped on it.

Nytea was so upset about the decision made by Ford's administration that she called principal Frank Brancato and told him she was coming to the Park Slope school to talk to him about his decision. When she arrived at the school, though, he had already left, she said.

On Jan. 4, Ford president Ray Nash told The Post that he didn't want his team playing Nazareth because Paschall had not yet been buried and "any coach in the [Catholic High School Athletic Association] who passes away, we are going to show respect to that coach. I think he deserves the respect."

Christ the King president Mike Michel had similar sentiments the next day.

The school made the decision initially under the impression that Paschall's funeral would be scheduled for Saturday and are standing by it.

"We are doing what we think is best for the families, our students and their students," he said. "That's what we feel is the right thing to do."

But Paschall's family and assistant coaches Ron Kelley and Lauren Best are offended that outsiders dictated to them what's right and what's wrong.

"It's not about the basketball game," Kelley said. "It's not about winning and losing. I don't care if we lose. It's not about the competition. This is what they love to do. This is what they know Apache loved to do."

Paschall's brother, Jamel, added: "Whatever gift you have in life, that should be how you're re-

membered when you're going to that next plain. That's how that should be handled. I knew that's what he would want, because that's what he was about."

Paschall, 38, joined Nazareth last year and led his team to the New York State Federation Class AA championship. He also led his Exodus organization, one of the top travel programs in the nation. Many of the players he coached received Division I scholarships and almost every major player from New York City played for Paschall or Exodus at some point in their high school careers.

But Paschall played the villain, and thrived on controversy. He was vilified by critics when he brought almost the entire team from closed national powerhouse St. Michael Academy — his former school — to Nazareth and the Catholic High School Athletic Association Brooklyn/Queens investigated him last year for alleged recruiting violations. During the preseason, three out-of-state transfers Paschall authorized were initially ruled ineligible by the league.

He wasn't well-liked by fellow coaches either — mostly because of his success and outspokenness. He was open in the media about recruiting, which is a dirty word in high school sports nationwide.

But to his players, he was a hero; someone who

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Poly Prep's eighth-grade superstar Wolfgang Novogratz drives to the basket in their win against Riverdale on Jan. 4.

Photo by Denis Gostev

Eighth grader leads varsity squad

BY ZACH BRAZILLER

Poly Prep iced Riverdale with a narrow 48-46 win on Jan. 4, and they couldn't have done it without the team's youngest player.

In the game's final minutes, Wolfgang Novogratz set up his teammates for easy lay ups with dribble penetration. He also scored off his own drive and cemented Poly Prep's narrow Ivy Prep League-opening win over Riverdale with a pair of clutch free throws.

Basically, he made winning plays as a senior would, but there's just one caveat — Novogratz is a lifetime away from his final year of high school. He's 14-years-old — an eighth-grader who started the year on the junior varsity.

"It's definitely a dream

to play [varsity] this young," Novogratz said. "It's really fun to get this opportunity."

He had the time of his life against Riverdale. Novogratz scored a team-high 13 points and added four assists in his Ivy Prep League debut, making up for core upperclassmen Charlie Marquardt (11 points) and Haverford-bound Anthony Reyes (six) struggling through off-shooting performances.

"He's got a lot of tools, he's smart and he's talented, too," Poly Prep coach Bill McNally said. "I'm not looking at his age — he's a good player."

Josh Wetzler led Riverdale with 14 points, Kyle Friedman had 11 points and Armando Perez added nine.

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Towering South Shore Vikings beat undersized Truman

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

South Shore High School's girls basketball team beat Harry S. Truman High School's hoopsters on Jan. 6 in a stunning 60-32 win — a tall spread, for a tall team.

BR “We saw they were a little smaller,” South Shore forward Fannisha Price said. “The plan was to go inside-out, work it in the paint.”

The South Shore Vikings have been able to use their decisive height advantage all season to navigate through the realigned Public School Athletic League Class AA league.

That was the case again against the smaller, guard-orientated Mustangs, which many think could be a serious contender for the city title. Price set the tone early, owning the paint and scoring the game's first seven points on her way to

a game-high 19 in South Shore's victory against visiting Truman.

“That was the key, getting the ball inside,” Vikings coach Anwar Gladden said. “It wasn't that hard. We're bigger than them. We are bigger than most teams.”

His senior wasn't the only South Shore player big enough to put up an impressive performance. Freshman post Brianna Fraser scored 14 points and Virginia Commonwealth University-bound wing Jenice Winter added nine. Price scored 10 of the Vikings' first 14 points, including a 3-point play. Truman gave



South Shore's Fannisha Price towered above the competition, earning a game-high 19 points and leading South Shore to a 60-32 win against Truman.

Photo by William Thomas

her and Fraser too much freedom on the box and watched them control the boards.

South Shore led 14-1 with 2:28 left in the first quarter before the Mustangs (11-4,

7-1 Bronx/Man/Queens) rallied behind Joella Gibson (eight points), who pulled her team within 14-8 heading into the second quarter.

“She was a monster,” Gladden said of Price.

South Shore's size advantage grew when Truman's 5-foot-9 star Krystal Pearson picked up her third foul with 6:11 left in the first half and her fourth came with 3:45 remaining in the third. Center Marika Gordon was also in foul trouble. South Shore (12-1, 9-0) extended its lead to 32-17 at the break on a Winter basket off a feed from Price with two seconds remaining. Price beat the third quarter buzzer with a jumper from the top of the key to make it 48-24.

“It helps me a lot,” Price said of Fraser's development. “Most teams, they try to double team in low post. If we are both scoring, if they double both of us, it leaves a shot open.”

The Vikings, who are ranked No. 1 in the Public School Athletic League, were playing without shooter Aliyah Cooley and post Aurellia Commack, who Gladden said were absent and not on the bench. South Shore is coming off winning the championship at the Diamond State Classic in Delaware, where Price was named the MVP, before the New Year.

“Since we won outside we just wanted to keep the winning streak going,” Fraser said.

Truman came into the game as one of the city's hottest teams, winning eight games straight. But they were also nicked up: Pearson, Lynda Fields, and DaQuana Smith all didn't practice this week because of nagging injuries.

Mustangs coach John Burke called South Shore and Long Island Lutheran the two best teams they played all season.

He didn't want to use any of it as an excuse, but joked that guard Lisa Fields (12 points) looked like she should have been on South Shore because of her energy.

Soccer star ‘grapples’ with his success

BY MARC RAIMONDI

McZiggy Richards is already an accomplished athlete and future college scholarship soccer player. He played goalkeeper for St. Vincent's U17 national team and, when he came to the US, starred for Wingate as a netminder.

But what he did two years ago was flat out unbelievable: Richards began wrestling for Wingate as a sophomore — his first year in the country — and, right off the bat, won state titles in freestyle and Greco-Roman wrestling.

“It's freakish,” Wingate wrestling coach Steve Flanagan said. “He was literally wrestling five months and then won a state title, which is very impressive.”

Richards, 17, is not your typical athlete. He's a sculpted, six-foot-two-inch, 182-pound Adonis with massive hands. Flanagan, who coached girls soccer, first met him on the field two years ago and was sold on him being a potential wrestling star just by shaking his hand.

“His finger was like scratching my elbow,” the coach said. “I was like alright, you're in.”

Richards was far from sold upon his first entrance into Wingate's wrestling room. There is no such sport in St. Vincent and it wasn't the kind of wrestling he saw on television.

“I was like, ‘What the hell is this?’” Richards says now with a laugh. “I thought it was WWE at first.”

He has grown to love it now, though he has faced some resistance. His parents aren't in love with him wrestling — they're worried about injuries. His grandmother would prefer that he focus on soccer. His friends back home in St. Vincent — he returns there often to compete on the U19 national soccer team — thought he was playing rugby.



McZiggy Richards has won state and city wrestling titles since taking up the sport.

Photo by Marc Raimondi

“I like it a lot now,” Richards said. “From Day One to day now is a big gap.”

It hasn't hurt that he's so successful. Initially, Flanagan said Richards just used his superior strength to bully the opposition. Now, two years in, he has become a true technician.

Richards won a match at states (freestyle and Greco-Roman are separate) last year and this season he's a favorite. He also was a Public School Athletic League city champ last year and won the Mayor's Cup at 182. This season, Richards has already dominated in top-notch Long Island tournaments at Baldwin, North Babylon and Long Beach.

“The stuff that really got me was when you got into competition, he was a gamer,” Flanagan said. “He really stepped up in the matches. That's when you know you have a kid. You can look great in this practice room, but then you put them on the mat in front of a crowd and everybody else and they kind of shy away. Ziggy is the opposite. He thrives when he's in that spotlight.”

Playing soccer might have helped in that respect. But that's really where the similarities between the two sports end, he said. In soccer, Richards says, you're only as good as your team, especially when

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Ida's predicting the playoffs!

Our sideline soothsayer Ida Eisenstein spent the past five days squirreled away in a studio apartment above a Bensonhurst noodle shop, surrounded by stacks of papers, fragrant elderberries, and tins of smoked kippers.

Mel Torme's “A Foggy Day in London” played on continuous loop through the weak speakers of a broken clock radio with aqua green numbers and faux-wood panelling.

“For suddenly, you stood there. And through foggy London town, the sun was shining everywhere.”

Those who know Ida best were hardly alarmed by her behavior, save for one thing: the documents she pored over didn't appear to have anything to do with football, or her beloved Atlantic mackerel.

Instead, they contained a vast string of inscrutable numbers, which Eisenstein examined like a doctor inspecting a distended gallbladder.

It all seemed to make perfect sense to Ida, who would periodically chortle so loudly that the noodle purveyors below were forced to rap on the ceiling with a broom handle to quiet her down.

Asked about her brief seclusion, Eisenstein explained with a Chinese proverb, her inspiration for the week: “A spark can start a fire that burns the entire prairie.”

Ida's picks:

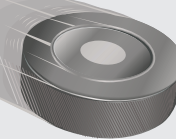
Saints (-3.5) over 49ers:
“They're playing well.”
Broncos (+14) over Patriots:
“Maybe they'll prove themselves.”
Texans (+7.5) over Ravens:
“Just a feeling.”

Ida's Kryptonite Lock of the Week:

Giants (+9) over Packers:
“I think they can taste it.”

133-120-7, 11-7 on Kryptonite Lock of the Week.





Aviators lose back-to-back matches

BY COLIN MIXSON

The Brooklyn Aviators suffered two crushing defeats to the top-ranked 1,000 Islands Privateers last weekend, spoiling their pristine 0-2 record against the scallywags from Alexandria Bay, New York.

The Aviators fell to the Privateers in a 4-1 rout on Friday at the Bonnie Castle Recreation Center, as the Privateers, who have repeatedly lost to Brooklyn's Boys of Winter, finally took their revenge — served, as always, up cold.

The Privateers ground away at Brooklyn on Friday, sinking two pucks into the Aviators' net before the second buzzer sounded.

Aviator Andrew Scampoli managed to earn a goal in the second after he found the net with assists from Henry Coxe and Steve Koich, but Brooklyn's upstate rivals were out for blood, giving no quarter for the rest of the game.

Privateer Paul Kelly stole a puck past the Aviators' netminder Peter Dundovich eight minutes into the final period, laying the groundwork for 1,000 Islander Adam McAllister to cut

the head off the chicken in the final minute — scoring moments after Aviators' coach Rob Miller pulled Dundovich in a failed attempt to salvage the game.

The Brooklyn Aviators fared better at the Bonnie Recreation Center on Saturday, but not by much: they ran up a white flag after sinking under the Privateers' debilitating third period advance — losing 6-4.

Enraged by their defeat the night before, Brooklyn's Boys of Winter bombarded Alexandria Bay's net for two intense sessions and skated into the third period with a 3-2 lead.

But the A's lost it all eight minutes into the new set as the Privateers fired four unanswered goals past Dundovich before the final buzzer sounded.

The A's may have lost, but the scrappy squad went down fighting: throughout the entire match, five Aviators spent a whopping 23 minutes in the penalty box — more than a single period — for a litany of offenses that included roughing, fighting and unsportsmanlike behavior.



Check! The Aviators were crushed — twice — by the 1,000 Islands Privateers last week, spoiling Brooklyn's 2-0 record this season against the scallywags from upstate.
File photo by Steve Solomonson

The 1,000 Islands Privateers have led the Federal Hockey League for much of the season, but never beat Brooklyn until

this weekend. Alexandria Bay is now second in the Federal Hockey League's standings, falling behind the New Jersey Outlaws — a team the Aviators have been unable to beat all season. The Aviators trail the Privateers in third place.

But those standings could change as the Aviators begin a four game week — setting their sticks on the Cape Cod Bluefins on Wednesday and plan to chip away at the New Jersey Outlaws record on both Friday and Saturday.

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The Aviators return home to battle the Danville Dashers on Sunday, when the first 500 fans showing up the Hangar to watch our boys bash the Dashers will receive a free cooler bag, courtesy of the Community Newspaper Group. Gametime is 5 pm.

The Aviators battle the New Jersey Outlaws at Aviator Sports and Events Center [3159 Flatbush Ave. in Floyd Bennett Field in Marine Park, (718) 758-7580] on Jan. 13, at 7:05 pm (\$10 for seniors and children under 14) Visit www.brooklynaviators.com.

Paschall

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gave them opportunities for higher education that no one else could.

"He was everyone's father figure," said Nazareth senior guard Darius Faulk, who has a scholarship to West Virginia. "He dedicated everything to us."

Ohio State-bound center Lisa Blair agreed. "Apache was always the father figure that I needed in my life and he always stood as motivation to me and everyone else," she said. "Through the arguments, he still showed us how much he loved us and wanted us to succeed. If it wasn't for him, only God knows where we all would be."

Paschall, whose real name was Robert, grew up playing basketball but never competed at the college level. He began coaching at St. Michael Academy in 1999 and took over as head coach from Jennifer Maxon in 2002.

The funeral will be Saturday, Jan. 14.

Funeral for Apache Paschall at the United House of Prayer For All [2330 Frederick Douglass Blvd. between S. 120th and W. 121st streets in Manhattan, (212) 531-4418] at 11 am.

Eighth grader

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Novogratz, a six-foot West Village native, is just part of Poly Prep's extremely young team. Freshman Kyle Goldfarb saw extended minutes against Riverdale and McNally expects sophomores Myles Marable, Ferran Brown and Alden Von Ziegesar to make an impact sooner rather than later.

"This is the youngest team I've ever coached and probably ever will coach," McNally said. "Our future is bright and our present is pretty good."

Novogratz was the underclassman who left the crowd buzzing last Wednesday. He ran the team most of the second half and aside from a few turnovers, hardly looked his age.

In the final 90 seconds, he set up junior Oladipo Adeosun for a lay up to extend a one-point lead to three, drove

past his man for a lay up after Riverdale had crept to within one and made two free throws to push the Poly Prep (5-3, 1-0 Ivy Prep League) lead to five — moments after he missed the front end of a 1-and-1.

"He led us to victory, he played great," Marquardt said.

The junior said the entire team was happy when Novogratz was brought up, they thought so much of him, and he's quickly endeared himself to them with his hard work.

Novogratz credited his vast Amateur Athletic Union experience for not getting shaken. He's always played up and spent the summer with The City, alongside talented Bishop Loughlin sophomore Michael Williams.

In the preseason, McNally wasn't sure about promoting any of his youngsters, certainly not Novogratz. But the eighth grader, who led the middle school team to a perfect

season last year, was so exceptional early on for the junior varsity and the varsity was lacking in experience anyway.

Prior to the team's trip to Florida for the Fort Lauderdale Holiday Classic, McNally met with Novogratz and asked how he felt about a promotion. The youngster hesitated about as much as he did in the win over Riverdale.

"I said varsity right away," he said, smiling.

Riverdale, on the other hand, hesitated too much and it manifested itself in 21 turnovers. Coach Andrew Marinos lamented his team's miscues in such a tight affair. The largest lead was Poly Prep going up by six points in the second quarter. Whether it was careless ball handling or off-target passes, the Falcons (5-3, 2-1) weren't sharp. The most egregious turnover was Russell Johnson throwing the ball away with Riverdale down just 3:30 remaining.

Wrestler

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He's also emerged as a leader for Wingate, a team with Public School Athletic League city title hopes in just its fifth year. Richards still loves soccer and he wants to do both in college, but he knows that'll be very difficult on the Division I level, where he is receiving interest in both.

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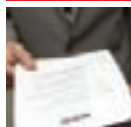
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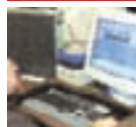
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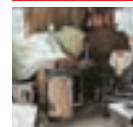
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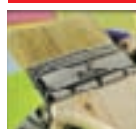
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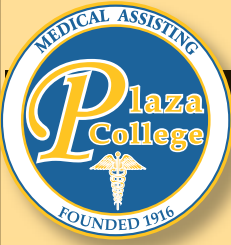
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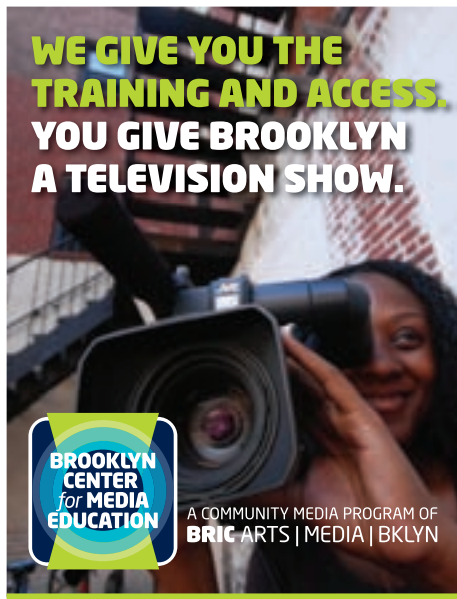


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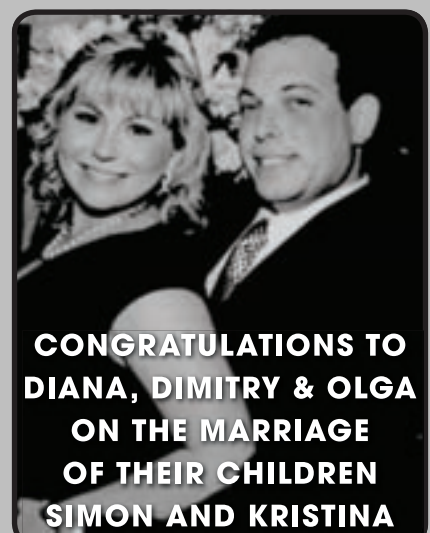
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(Btwn Ave S & Ave R)
Excl: 1 bdrm Co-op, kitch w/ window, large MB, plenty of closets & pool on premises, close to all. Asking \$168,000.

MADISON OPEN HOUSE
SUNDAY 1/15 12-3 PM
1357 E.27th ST.
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SUNDAY, JAN. 15 NOON to 3 PM
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Detached Brick Ranch, on 30x100 Lot. House is 22x44 with 2 Bedrms, 2 Bathrms, Full Fin Bsmt, Garage, Gas Heat, Front Porch. Asking \$875,000.
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Marine Park Open House
SUN. 1/15, 1-3 PM
1746 EAST 35th ST
1 Fam 3 BR Duplex! FLR, FDR, New EIK! Master BR w/ Cathedral Ceiling. 1.5 New Baths! Fin Basement w/ Playroom, Bedroom & New 3/4 Bath! Carport! MIC! Asking \$489K.
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SUNDAY 1/15 1-4 PM
1729 EAST 32nd ST
Semi-Det 1 Family 3BR Duplex! LR, FDR & EIK w/ Nook! Jacuzzi! Fin Basement w/ Bath! Prvt Backyard w/Deck & Pool! Asking \$594K!
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Midwood Condo
Sun 1/15/12 1-3 pm
1492 E 12th St-Ave N & O
New Construction Manhattan style condos with views of Verrazano bridge, gorgeous kit with s/s appl., cen A/C & vacuum, balcony, gym, 15 yr tax abatement, \$400s
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OPEN HOUSE**
SUN, JAN. 15, 1-3PM
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Sun 1/15/12 1-3 pm
2270 East 60th Place
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Fully reno gorgeous brick 2 family, 5.5 over 5.5 over fin bsmt, new granite kit with stainless steel appliances, new heat & electric, many upgrades, pvt parking, across from park, \$600's
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**OLD MILL BASIN
OPEN HOUSE**
SUNDAY 1/15
From 1-4 PM
1718 EAST 54TH ST.
(Ave O & Fillmore Ave)
Brick large 1 fam, 7 rms, 3 bdrm dplx, bath on every floor & fin bsmt. New roof & boiler, garage & pvt drv.
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OLD MILL BASIN
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**SHEEPSHEAD BAY
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Sheepshead Bay
Sun. 1/15/12 1-3 pm
2286 Brigham Street
#4H- Ave V & W
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Mill Basin
Sat 1/15/12 1-3 pm
2034 East 65th
Street-Ave T & Ave U
1 fam s/d 3 bdrm duplex on quiet block, 1.5 baths, EIK, large LR/DR, french doors leading to sunroom, parquet flrs, fin. basement, 2 car carport.
\$445,000
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Mill Basin
Sun. 1/15/12 1-3 pm
2428 East 64th St
(off Mayfair Dr N)
Det 47x100 Waxman Split, 7.5 over 3.5 with very lrg rms 7 vaulted ceilings, newly updated extended kit, parquet flrs, loads of closets, formal LR & DR, finished bsmt with summer kit & 3.5 rental, 3 car drive, owner wants all offers \$800's
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**Old Mill Basin
OPEN HOUSE**
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2051 E.55 ST.
(Aves T&U)
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OPEN HOUSE**
SUNDAY 1-3 PM
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(E.52 & E.53)
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OPEN HOUSE**
SUNDAY 12-2 PM
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Sun. 1/15, 1-3^{PM}
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National Drive
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OPEN HOUSE**
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1-3 PM
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