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Golden: Gangway for ferries

BY DANIEL BUSH

State Sen. Marty Golden is backing Borough President Markowitz's plan to bring ferry service to Southern Brooklyn — and is demanding that the city foot the bill.

Golden (R-Bay Ridge) said the proposal to launch ferry routes from Manhattan to Bay Ridge, Bensonhurst, Coney Island, Sheepshead Bay, and Canarsie

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The Bay's the thing

Playwright Erika Sheffer's latest work shines a spotlight on a Sheepshead Bay family struggling to maintain a car service business. The author filled us in on the off-Broadway production in an exclusive interview in 24/Seven.

Photo by Elizabeth Graham

SENIOR: SELL ME PARKING

Resident wants to buy street space

BY DAN MACLEOD

Hey, Mayor Bloomberg — how much do you want for the parking spot in front of my home?

A disabled Bay Ridge civic activist tired of having to park blocks away from his apartment wants the city let him rent a space in front of his Shore Road building — and he's willing to pay

\$600 a year for it!

Beloved Community Board 10 curmudgeon Allen Bortnick suffers from a neurological disorder that does not preclude him from battling the city over a wide range of issues on a regular basis — but it does make it difficult for him to walk more than 100 feet at a time.

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COFFEE ... FOR KIDS!

'Babyccinos' are bringing espresso shots to Brooklyn's tots

BY ELI ROSENBERG

They grow up so fast.
Brooklyn's obsessive coffee culture is rubbing off on the borough's youngest cafe-goers, with tots ditching their bottles and juice boxes in favor of "babyccinos" — mini decaf cappuccinos or frothy cups of steamed milk and foam.

Moms and dads in neighborhoods like Park Slope, Fort Greene and Prospect Heights are ordering the small, foamy, surprisingly grown-up beverages for their pint-sized offspring.

And the kids are asking for refills.

"Our children love babyccinos!" said Eric Worcester, who ordered the milk-only variety for his kids, Evelyn, 5, and Shirley, 2, at Sit and Wonder on Washington Avenue on Saturday (He and his wife had more traditional beverages).

The folks behind Sit and Wonder also sell babyccinos at their Fort Greene coffeehouse Bittersweet, where a barista said she serves up between five and 10 of the kiddie drinks daily.

Gemma Redwood, co-owner of the two coffee joints, made sure her cafes were child-friendly by outfitting Sit and Wonder with a changing station in the bathroom and a backyard filled with toys. But she only started selling a \$2 coffee-free variety of the drink — which is not officially on the menu — due to popular demand.

"I think it was from a TV show or something," said Redwood, who does not allow her two young children to sip the faux-adult beverages. "It's a little weird — but we make it."

Baristas at many other coffeehouses around the borough such as Cafe Regular in Park Slope and Root Hill Cafe in Gowanus admit they make the baby drinks. But babyccinos had some coffee-sellers — who are frequently frustrated by requests for highly specific off-the-menu items — drawing a line in the foam.



THE FIRST CUP IS THE BEST: Shirley Worcester, 2, takes a sip of her steamed milk babyccino at Sit and Wonder cafe in Prospect Heights.

Community Newspaper Group / Eli Rosenberg

"I have one customer who says that and it annoys the hell out of me," said Sean Chin of Gorilla Coffee in Park Slope. "It is not on our menu — which we are making an effort to stick to."

Babyccino is hardly a scientific term, with some shops and customers using the word to describe a macchiato-like beverage featuring a shot of decaf espresso topped with steamed milk and froth, while others use it to describe steamed milk with foam on top and a touch of cinnamon. Baristas around the borough say they get requests for both versions of the drink.

The trend started in Australia about a decade ago with milk-only babyccinos and quickly became the bane of many a barista's existence,

according to Aussie coffee expert Paul Caligiore.

"They interrupt workflow, create milk wastage and can be served at a dangerous temperature to a vulnerable consumer," said Caligiore, who despite his misgivings about the drink plans to begin selling the world's first instant babyccino. "Babyccinos have become so popular in Australia it would be difficult to find a cafe that doesn't have them on their menu."

The trend spread to England and the internet, with YouTube serving as a popular repository of videos of parents making the beverage for their kids.

Fans of babyccinos say the drink's popularity has surged in Brooklyn over the last few months.



SMALL COFFEE: Barista Morgan Hindle serves up a babyccino made with Stumptown coffee.
CNG / Eli Rosenberg

The concoction might be Brooklyn's first coffee beverage marketed primarily to children, but it's certainly not the first time the borough's adult venues have catered to kids.

The Tea Lounge in Park Slope offers "stroller parking" and makes a point of allowing patrons to breast-feed their infants on the cafe's many couches. Der Schwarze Kolner, a beer garden in Fort Greene, hosts a weekly playgroup for parents and their toddlers.

Babyccinos can help coffee shops reach a whole new generation of java drinkers — and that's not necessarily a bad thing for children, so long as they stick to decaf.

Doctors say that caffeine is not healthy for kids in large quantities, but a decaf shot of espresso contains less caffeine than a soda.

"A small percentage of caffeine on a non-regular basis is probably okay," said Dr. Deena Blanchard, a pediatrician at Premier Pediatrics who remained skeptical of the kiddie coffee.

Lots of Brooklyn moms have no qualms exposing their kids to the borough's booming cafe culture.

"My child has been going to cafes since he was a newborn," said Katherine Haver, a freelancer who works out of coffee shops, sometimes with her nearly two-year-old son. "'Coffee shop' was one of his first words."



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LEW TOO?: Councilman Lew Fidler was accused of planting a heckler at a press conference for his Republican opponent in the race to replace state Sen. Carl Kruger. File photo / Aaron Short

Political mud flies on Valentine's Day

BY COLIN MIXSON

Republicans hoping to get a foothold in southern Brooklyn want Democrats to stop playing dirty, but they can't seem to prevent their own volunteers from shooting off biased insults at public events.

GOP state senate candidate David Storobin was questioning opponent Councilman Lew Fidler's integrity at a Valentine's Day press conference on Ocean Parkway — standing in front of a sign that read “character counts” — when one of his campaign volunteers jeered a heckler — calling the man “a homosexual.”

The volunteer, Gregory Vaksman, apologized for his comments following a heated back-and-forth with the heckler, but the interaction did little to support Storobin's claims that Fidler should be vilified for accusing the young attorney of having ties to neo-Nazi groups.

Storobin initially said Vaksman wasn't connected to his campaign, then admitted later that he was a volunteer and was shocked at what his supporter said.

“I condemned those inappropriate remarks immediately,” Storobin explained, claiming that he's asked Vaksman not to attend any future press events. Vaksman is still allowed to help the campaign, however.

Storobin also said that the heckler, Benjamin Schaeffer, was working with the Fidler campaign and was ordered to disrupt the event.

“This is old-school, dirty Brooklyn Democrat machine-style politics, and it should be denounced and immediately discontinued by my oppo-



STORO-NO!: A volunteer for David Storobin called a heckler a “homosexual.”

File photo by Steve Solomonson

nent's campaign,” he said.

But this wasn't Storobin's first attack against Fidler: during the gathering outside the Brighton Beach Jewish Center, Storobin claimed that Fidler (D-Marine Park) abuses parking privileges at Borough Hall and accepted matching campaign finance funds in 2009 when his opponent in the race had less than \$700 in private contributions — allegations that had been reported before. He also claimed that Fidler is affiliated with the company Law Cash — which Storobin claims engages in predatory lending practices — and that Fidler has “given and taken” campaign money from disgraced state Sen. Carl Kruger, the former holder of the seat the two men are fighting over. The seat came up for grabs when Kruger pleaded guilty to taking up to \$1 million in bribes from deep-pocketed lobbyists and developers.

“Mr. Fidler tried to make my character an issue in this campaign,” said Storobin. “He was right about one thing. Character does matter in this race, but it is not my character that is at issue in this election — it is Mr. Fidler's.”

Fuming over pipeline

Critics blasting plans to dig up Flatbush Ave, Floyd Field

BY DANIEL BUSH

A two-mile stretch of Flatbush Avenue and a huge swath of Floyd Bennett Field will be ripped apart to make way for a natural gas pipeline that environmentalists say would be a horrific use of Brooklyn's only national park.

National Grid wants to lay a two-foot wide pipeline along Flatbush Avenue from Avenue U to a proposed new meter station slated to be built inside an existing hangar at Floyd Bennett Field. The pipeline, which will be buried 30 to 80 feet below ground, would tap into a major natural gas supply line off the Rockaway Peninsula.

But critics say the \$265 million pipeline and its meter station, should not be routed through Floyd Bennett Field — an urban oasis used by birders, sports teams and campers.

“It's outrageous!” said Dorothy Turano, the district manager of Community Board 18, whose members unanimously rejected the proposal in January.

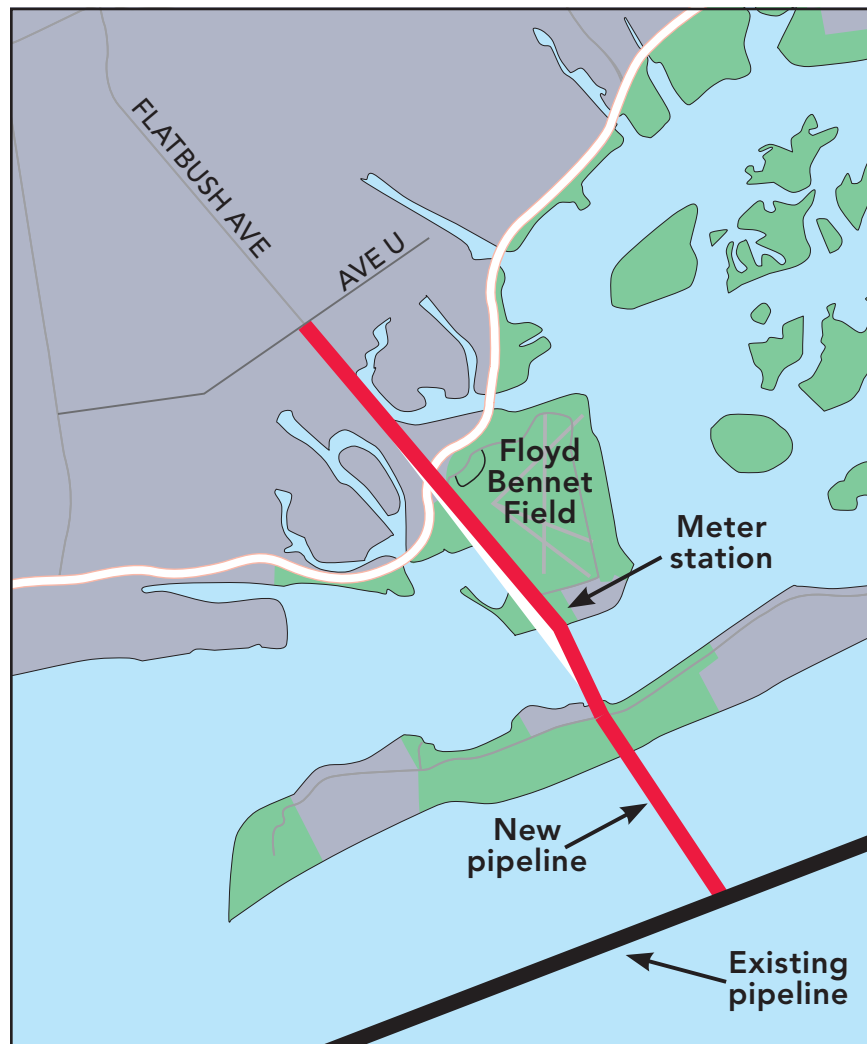
“An urban national park should not house a hangar full of material for a pipeline.”

Glenn Phillips, the executive director of the New York City Audubon Society — who works with threatened bird species at Floyd Bennett Field — said he applauds more natural gas coming to the borough, but feels a pipeline through Floyd Bennett Field could be devastating to the surrounding wildlife.

“Any major construction project in or near natural areas has a risk of damaging those places in the process,” Phillips said.

Yet two Brooklyn lawmakers backing the project say the pipeline would bring clean energy as well as more than 300 construction jobs to the borough.

“It allows for the pri-



PIPE DREAMS: Flatbush Avenue and a portion of Floyd Bennett Field in Marine Park will be ripped up to install a pipeline that will increase the supply of natural gas to nearby homes.

vate sector to create local jobs — without any federal spending — while bringing clean, affordable energy to [Brooklyn's] residents and businesses,” said Rep. Michael Grimm (R-Bay Ridge) who, along with Rep. Bob Turner (R-Sheepshead Bay) voted for the pipeline route. “Alternate routes would require more construction and have greater impacts [on residents],” Young said.

National Grid draws approximately 50 percent of its natural gas from the massive Atlantic Ocean supply line — which stretches from the Gulf Coast to the Rockaways — using a connection that runs through Long Island. Young said the new pipeline, the company's

first in 50 years, would deliver 10 percent more gas to its 1.2 million customers in Brooklyn and Queens.

Williams Companies spokesman Chris Stockton said the company and National Grid would work closely with the National Parks Service to ensure the pipeline plan, which is backed by the Bloomberg administration, meets federal safety standards and doesn't harm the environment.

“[Our environmental impact study will] thoroughly address all natural and culture resource concerns associated with the preferred pipeline route,” Stockton said. “It is important to us to balance environmental impacts.”

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Former cop admits to running guns

A once-celebrated Bay Ridge community affairs police officer now faces jail

BY DAN MACLEOD

A beloved Bay Ridge cop-turned-gun runner admitted to transporting \$1 million in illegal firearms, smokes and stolen slot machines across state lines — crimes that could put him in prison for two and a half years.

Marco Venezia, 46, a 68th Precinct community affairs officer, pleaded guilty along with a co-conspirator David Kanwisher, a New Jersey correctional officer, for being part of a conspiracy to transport and receive stolen merchandise.

Along with jail time, Venezia will be forced to pay \$8,000 in fines, federal prosecutors said.

“As law enforcement officers, Marco Venezia and David Kanwisher were supposed to uphold the law, not break it,” Manhattan U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara said. “They betrayed their

duties in order to make a quick profit, and now they will pay for their crimes.”

Venezia admitted to transporting the stolen booty, which included three M-16 rifles, a shotgun, 16 handguns, six slot machines, and thousands of cartons of cigarettes. His attorney did not return a call for comment.

The ringleader of the crooked gang, William Masso — who also worked in the 68th Precinct — pleaded guilty for his role on Feb. 7. Venezia and fellow community affairs cop Joe Trischitta were arrested with Masso in October when the two-year investigation into the crooked gang came to a close.

Six of the arrested officers served in the 68th Precinct, but news of Trischitta and Venezia’s arrest hit Bay Ridge residents especially hard.



GOOD GONE BAD: Retired community affairs officer Marco Venezia (far left), was an award-winning cop who local leaders said was always available to help if someone had a problem. But last Wednesday, Venezia pleaded guilty to charges that he bootlegged guns and cigarettes.

File photo

Both cops retired in 2010 after serving for 20 years, but they didn’t just walk the beat — they went to local community board meetings, the 68th Precinct Community Council, and other civic groups, as they moonlighted as gun runners, officials said.

Venezia was so loved by the community that state Sen. Marty Golden (R-Bay Ridge) introduced a bill honoring the cop when he retired.

“Marco Venezia has been dedicated to fostering police-community relations and bolstering cooperation between the two entities in order to make the neighborhoods he has served a better place to live and work,” Golden wrote in the resolution.

Golden, a former police officer himself, later said that he regretted honoring the dirty cop.

Venezia received “cop of the month” awards from the 68th Precinct Community Council in 2007 for organizing an annual National Night Out Against Crime event.

In 2009, Community Board 10 and former 68th Precinct commanding officer Deputy Inspector Eric Rodriguez honored Venezia with a certificate of appreciation at a board meeting, where they gave him “the honor of the pledge” — a monthly board rite extended to many of the borough’s respected officials.

When he wasn’t involved in running guns and cigarettes, Venezia was responsible for planning events and designing emergency plans and evacuation routes for local schools.

Venezia will be sentenced on June 21, prosecutors said.

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February's a grim month for Grimm

Bay Ridge's GOP congressman is being hit on a lot of fronts – and the Marine fires back

BY DAN MACLEOD

Rep. Michael Grimm couldn't find any love in February.

During the month the Bay Ridge Republican has deflected allegations that he broke campaign finance laws and did business with partners who have criminal records; had to deal with a recent staffer's arrest; and then hired a new district director who played a role in a political patronage scandal that ended in a teenage girl's death.

But the Bay Ridge Republican, a former Marine, has no problem firing back at his opponents.

Here's a breakdown of his most recent battles:

•The New York Times alleged that Grimm and an aide to a celebrity rabbi bullied potential donors — some of whom were not US citizens — into donating thousands to his 2010 campaign, violating federal campaign laws.

Grimm says: "It's disap-

pointing that such a story was allowed to go forward without evidence. I have dedicated my entire life to honorably serving this country from the US Marine Corps to the FBI and have conducted myself both as a candidate and a member of Congress by the same high standards."

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•The Times also questioned Grimm's record as a businessman, citing his ties to a former FBI pal who served 18 months in prison, his employment with a Wall Street firm that was frequently under fire from regulators, and his role as owner of a Manhattan restaurant that was accused of bilking its employees out of workers compensation.

Grimm says: "I have relied as a businessman on the same principles of honesty that have guided my service as a Marine, an F.B.I. special agent and as a United States congressman. This attack is politically moti-



GRIMM AND BEARING IT: Rep. Michael Grimm has been at the center of several controversies for the last month.

File photo by Dan MacLeod

vated, as my record as an effective congressman, fighting for Brooklyn, cannot be denied."

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•Police arrested Liam McCabe, Grimm's director of community relations, after authorities said McCabe grabbed his teenage son by the arm and shook him. The teen was caught with pot, police say.

Grimm says: "These are serious charges that have not been taken lightly."

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•Grimm hired Fran Vella Marrone as his Brooklyn district director — a woman who admitted to getting her husband a patronage job rehabbing a Borough Park school in the 1990s. A 17-year-old girl was killed at the site when an unsecured brick fell from the building.

Grimm's spokeswoman says: "He was most concerned with her reputation in the community when hiring her — which is exceptional."



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SUPREME COURT - EASTERN SAVINGS BANK, FSB, Plaintiff against LORETTA CAMPBELL, CARMEL AL-EXANDER, OTIS PARKER, LYDIA GRAHAM, et al

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123-125 Franklin, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 12/27/11. Office in Kings Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 543 Bedford Ave. #310, Brooklyn, NY 11211. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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190 UNDERHILL WG LLC Art. Of Org. Filed Sec. Of State of NY 11/15/2011. Off. Loc.: Kings Co. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY to mail copy of process to THE LLC C/O Wayne Wahala, 461 41st Street, Brooklyn, NY 11232. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

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194 WASHINGTON PARK, LLC Art. Of Org. Filed Sec. Of State of NY 11/30/2011. Off. Loc.: Kings Co. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY to mail copy of process to THE LLC C/O, Erica Chow, 194 Washington Park, Apt 1, Brooklyn, NY 11205. Purpose: Real Estate Holding Company

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Cops: We got kosher gouda grabber

BY ELI ROSENBERG

A regular customer at a gourmet kosher store on Coney Island Avenue made a business out of swiping high-end cheeses and then reselling them to nearby Midwood stores — until the plan curdled and crumbled right in front of him, police say.

Detectives arrested Steven Schwartz on Feb. 9 for allegedly raiding the dairy aisle at Pomegranate three times in one week — crimes he would commit while nodding hello to store employees who knew him.

“He’d come in almost every day — for the last three years,” Pomegranate employee Joel Eidliz explained. “Everybody knew his face, so nobody thought he [would steal from us]!”

But it was Schwartz’s familiarity with the supermarket near Avenue L that helped him fool the staff into repeatedly selling him more than \$250 worth of high-priced cheeses for under \$20 — or the cost of two gallons of carefully positioned milk, investigators alleged.

Eidliz said the curd cover would fill up one crate with expensive feta, goat and assorted sliced cheeses and another with milk. Before reaching the checkout



DAIRY DEVIL: Police say a serial cheese bandit repeatedly raided the dairy aisle at Pomegranate, a grocery store in Midwood.

Photo by Stefano Giovannini

line, he would put his milk crate above the one laden with cheese and never reveal — or purchase — the valuable contents hidden underneath.

Schwartz would then turn the cheddar into cheddar: he would pawn the cheeses at neighboring businesses along Coney Island Avenue, local merchants said.

“He would come around here,” said an employee at the Kosher Bagel Hole on Coney Island Avenue, who would only identify himself as Josh.

Schwartz would come

in claiming to have a great deal on food, but Josh said he never took him up on his offer.

“Every once in awhile someone [like Schwartz] comes around and says, ‘I can beat [the other company’s] prices,’ but we always stick to our products,” Josh said.

It’s unclear just how long Schwartz was preying on Pomegranate, but the con came to an end when workers monitoring store surveillance cameras finally spotted the dairy devil at work.

Detectives from the 70th

Precinct were alerted and a warrant for Schwartz’s arrest was issued — a warrant executed sooner than you can say “cheese”: police arrested Schwartz at his next visit to Pomegranate, charging him with multiple counts of petit larceny.

But even cops were stunned by Schwartz’s cheese-snatching activities.

“A crate of cheese every time?” a surprised NYPD spokesman asked us after learning of Schwartz’s arrest, which was first reported on The Flatbush Scoop. “You can’t make this stuff up!”

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Golden nephew on trial

BY DAN MACLEOD

A lawyer for state Sen. Marty Golden's nephew, who prosecutors say broke a Port Authority police officer's jaw during a bloody Bay Ridge bar brawl, told a jury that the young man was just trying to pick up a girl when he got caught up in the fracas — a fight he claims was sparked by a rowdy off-duty cop who later tried to hide evidence of his guilt.

"[My client] was in the wrong place at the wrong time," Arthur Aidala said of Daniel Golden, claiming that the legislator's nephew was sober and chatting up a young woman when a fight broke out between his cousins and Paul Aparo, an off-duty police officer from the 77th Precinct in Crown Heights.

Prosecutors say Golden, cousins Kevin Crowley, Michael Crowley, and John DeCarlo, and family friend Peter Jung all played a role in the drunken 2010 melee, where an off-duty Port Authority cop was viciously



Photo by Spencer Burnett

ALL SMILES: Daniel Golden, nephew of state Sen. Marty Golden, leaves court.

beaten and a firefighter was stabbed outside the Kettle Black bar on Third Avenue at 87th Street.

Yet the defense tells another story: Aparo and his fellow peace officers started the fight — then doctored the surveillance footage that could prove his guilt.

Defense attorney Michael Cibella said the Kettle Black surveillance tapes initially showed Aparo stampeding out of the bar "looking for blood," but that

minute-long scene wasn't provided to the police. Jasmin Pontic, a high school friend of Aparo's who works for the security company monitoring the Kettle Black's cameras, deleted that segment before it was handed over to investigators, Cibella claims, adding that phone records prove Aparo called Pontic repeatedly hours after the brawl. Pontic was ultimately arrested for doctoring the footage.

Investigators say DeCarlo punched Aparo during an argument inside the corner bar. Off-duty Firefighter Rosario Cicero and off-duty Port Authority Police Officer Ryan McCarthy quickly jumped to the officer's aid, as Golden and his cousins backed DeCarlo.

Bouncers threw everyone outside, but, when McCarthy tried to jot down a defendant's license plate number, DeCarlo, the son of an NYPD detective, allegedly slugged him, even though cops say McCarthy had his police shield out.

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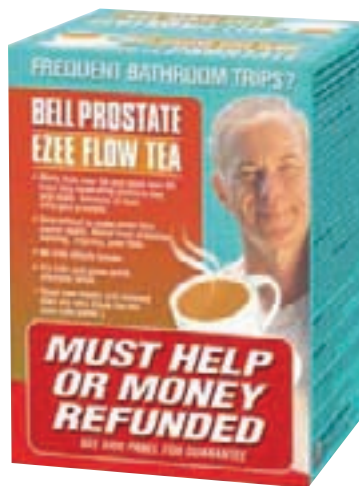
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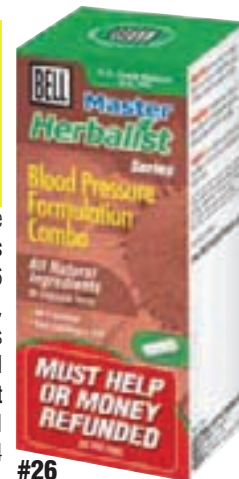
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62ND PRECINCT

BENSONHURST-BATH BEACH

BB bandit

A would-be thief attempted to rob a grocery store on Avenue O on Feb. 17 — with a BB gun.

Employees at the grocer near McDonald Avenue told police that the crook entered at around 12:21 am, whipping out the air-powered BB launcher and demanding cash from a clerk. The employee wasn't too worried about the low-powered weapon, though, and refused to hand over the goods. The crook let off a few rounds, missing each time, and fled.

Apple pickers

Two thugs beat and robbed a boy of his iPhone on W. Fourth Street on Feb. 17.

The victim said he was near Quentin Road at 3 pm when the two crooks jumped him from behind. One of the goons punched the student in the face, while the other took the boy's phone.

Mob madness

A mob of riled-up goons attacked and robbed a high school student of her cellphone on New Utrecht Avenue on Feb. 14.

The victim told police that she was near Bay Ridge Parkway at 2:50 pm when she was attacked by a group of around 10 thugs. When the attack was over, the victim's phone was missing from her backpack.

Stick 'em up

Two stick-wielding thugs robbed a man of his cellphone on 20th Avenue on Feb. 13.

The victim told cops that he had left the Bay Parkway subway station and was near 66th Street at 10:10 pm when two men came up from behind and grabbed him by the neck. One of the thugs grabbed the man's cellphone, while the other threatened him with a stick.

Dangerous encounter

A knife-wielding creep stabbed a man on Kings Highway on Feb. 18.

The victim said he was near W. Ninth Street at 4:15 am when the thug approached him, and the two began to argue. It turned violent when the jerk's blade sliced the victim's forehead.

Xbox grab

A thief looted an apartment on Bay 32nd Street on Feb. 13.

The victim told officials that the burglar entered the home between Bath and Benson avenues through a bedroom window at 12:30 pm, taking a laptop and several Xbox video games.

Door breaker

An intruder robbed an apartment on 21st Avenue on Feb. 10.

The homeowner told cops that the thief broke through the front door of the



POLICE BLOTTER

home near 78th Street at 10:30 am, taking a laptop, an iPhone, two watches valued together at \$200, and Chinese currency.

Purse snatcher

A grabby thief stole a woman's purse on 15th Avenue on Feb. 19.

The victim said she was near 84th Street at 7:50 am when the thief snatched her bag, which contained clothes and prescription cards.

— *Colin Mixson*

68TH PRECINCT

BAY RIDGE-DYKER HEIGHTS

Jacket jacked

A cold thief swiped a coat from a woman on Third Avenue on Feb. 18.

The victim told cops that she was near 73rd Street at 4 am when the perp approached her and grabbed the jacket from her hands. The jerk also made off with her passport and phone, which were in the coat pocket.

Apple eyed

A trio of punks swiped a straphanger's phone at the 69th Street station on Feb. 13.

The victim told cops that she was sitting on a bench at 8:50 pm when the goons snatched her iPhone. The fearless commuter gave chase, but the thieves got away.

BB gun drive-by

Wannabe gangsters shot a man with a BB gun on 79th Street on Feb. 15 in the lamest drive-by in recent memory.

The victim told cops that he left his house between Third Avenue and Ridge Boulevard at 11:40 pm to buy a pack of smokes. That's when a passenger in a red car with a white lightning bolt painted on the driver's side shot him in the back with a BB before speeding away.

Jewel heist

Thieves swiped almost \$8,000 in booty from a 63rd Street apartment on Feb. 15.

The victim told cops that she left her home between 13th and 14th avenues at 9 am. When she returned at 4 pm, she found her back door busted and \$7,500 in cash, jewelry, and electronics missing.

iGone

A thief swiped an iPhone from a woman standing on the 86th Street train

station platform on Feb. 13.

The victim told cops that she was checking her e-mail at 8:25 pm when a goon grabbed her fancy new phone and ran off.

61ST PRECINCTSHEEPSHEAD BAY-MANHATTAN BEACH-
GRAVESEND-HOMECREST**Fightin' words**

Cops arrested a man who they say robbed one man and beat up another on Coney Island Avenue on Feb. 17 — then freely admitted what he'd done.

Witnesses told officials that the thief jumped a man near Avenue U at about 3 am, stealing his property. He ran away, but got into a brawl with a second man further down the avenue, police claim.

Cops broke up the fight, but they couldn't shut the suspect up.

"Yeah, I hit him," the thug allegedly said, freely admitting the robbery. "I love to fight! Gang bangin' till death!"

Two on one

Two goons jumped a 62-year-old man on Quentin Road on Feb. 19, taking \$12 and a cellphone.

The victim was nearing McDonald Avenue at 11:10 pm when the suspects attacked, punching him in the face.

School attack

A 17-year-old was arrested on Feb. 13 for allegedly attacking another teen inside Sheepshead Bay High School on Avenue X — leaving the student with cuts and bruises.

Witnesses said the two were arguing inside the school between Coyle and Batchelder Street at 12:55 pm when they came to blows.

The victim refused medical attention, officials said.

Popped for iPad

An Emmons Avenue store clerk was arrested on Feb. 17 for allegedly purchasing an iPad he knew was stolen.

Undercover officers went into Shoreway Convenience near Nostrand Avenue on 12:05 pm looking to unload the smart tablet. When the worker bought it, he was immediately arrested, and charged with criminal possession of stolen property.

Cops did not say what the iPad was sold for, but the arrest closely resembles a borough-wide NYPD sting that took place last year, where more than 40 people were

arrested for buying iPads cops claim they knew were stolen.

Tow trouble

Cops arrested a motorist who they say roughed up and robbed a tow truck operator in the El Greco Diner parking lot on Feb. 18.

Workers at the Emmons Avenue eatery said that the tow truck operator had hooked up a car when the suspect ran up and pushed him to the ground. The man then took the keys from the tow truck, but stuck around, say police, who arrested him for robbery.

Zoom zoom

A thief looted a 2011 Mazda parked on Avenue S on Feb. 17, taking several credit cards and a U.S. passport.

The owner of the car told police that she left the vehicle unlocked near Coney Island Avenue at 8 pm. When she returned at 7 pm the next day, her handbag, which she claims she hid under the seat, had been rifled through.

Toyota take away

A crook broke into a 2007 Toyota parked on E. 21st Street on Feb. 17, taking a laptop computer and an iPod he found inside.

The car's owner parked her vehicle between Avenue P and Quentin Road at 5 pm as she visited her sister, who lives nearby. When she left at 9 pm, she realized that someone had smashed a passenger-side mirror and popped the trunk, taking the items inside.

Garage raid

A thief broke into a garage on Falmouth Street in Manhattan Beach on Feb. 14, taking two guitars and a bicycle.

The owner of the home between Shore and Oriental boulevards said the thief broke into his locked garage sometime after 6 pm. The theft, however, wasn't discovered until Feb. 17.

— *Thomas Tracy*

63RD PRECINCTMARINE PARK-MILL BASIN-FLATLANDS-
BERGEN BEACH**Packing pipes**

Three pipe-wielding goons robbed a man on Flatbush Avenue on Feb. 18.

The victim said he was near Avenue L at 7:15 pm, when the thugs approached, bearing metal pipes, and grabbed \$10 from the victim's hands.

Flying bottle

A man assaulted a woman at a Ralph Avenue watering hole on Feb. 17.

The victim told cops she was partying it up at the club near Foster Avenue at 3:50 am when an empty bottle of booze flew through the air and struck her on the head.

— *Colin Mixson*

Shallow end for commodities pool operator

A Brooklyn day trader who touted his success at handling a large "investment pool" that generated monthly returns of 20 percent or more pleaded guilty to running a crazed ponzi scheme that cost his clients more than \$400,000.

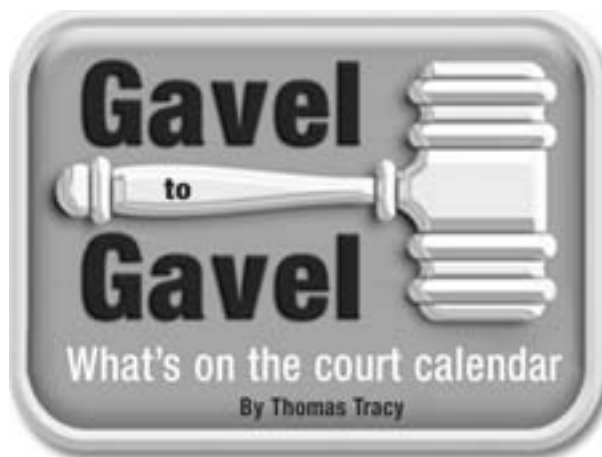
Brooklyn US Attorney Loretta Lynch said that the plea deal will cost Hassan Steel 20 years of his life following capitulation on Feb. 16.

"The defendant solicited money with bogus claims of trading performance and lied about what he did with that money. Claiming to represent a diversified investment pool, in reality, he represented only himself and his greed, plundering his customers' accounts to support his gambling habit and personal expenses. Such conduct undermines the public's confidence in the nation's financial markets and will be vigorously investigated and prosecuted," Lynch said in a statement.

According to the indictment, Steel claimed to be a self-employed day trader and solicited investments in an investment pool that he claimed to manage. Steel allegedly told investors that he would invest their money in stocks and commodity futures contracts, and that he had consistently generated monthly returns of more than 20 percent.

But his claims were bogus: investigators learned that he had traded only a small amount of the money he received from investors and used the bulk of the solicited funds to both pay prior investors and to gamble.

As part of the scheme, Steel sent investors e-mails reflecting fraudulent returns and fraudulent trading account balances for the investment pool, federal prosecutors said.



Spree killer rambles on at second sentencing

The don't call him Mad Max for nothing.

The unhinged 24-year-old who pleaded guilty to a bloody killing spree threatened to kill his victims and cursed out the judge — and even asked Kim Kardashian to marry him — during a sentencing in Manhattan last week.

"The only thing I have to say is, Kim Kardashian, will you marry me?" Gelman asked surprised courtroom attendees when he was slapped with an additional 25 years for the crimes he committed on the other side of the

bridge. "I'll make it last more than 72 days."

But he didn't stop there. When one of his victim's, Joe Lozito, addressed Gelman, the Sheepshead Bay resident fired off a heated rebuttal, telling him to "suck my Russian d--."

Gelman's tirade was quite similar to the one he made in Brooklyn last month, when Judge Vincent Del Giudice sentenced him to more than 200 years in prison, calling the convicted murderer a "pathologically violent predator" and a "sociopath."

Gelman was accused of killing four people and wounding several others during his 28-hour rampage across the borough that ultimately ended in Manhattan.

His lawyer, Edward Friedman, said Gelman pleaded guilty because he was anxious to begin his sentence — but argued that his client had a diseased mind even if he wasn't clinically insane.

"There was, at one time, a different Max Gelman," Friedman said.

Days before his Brooklyn sentencing, Gelman confessed to killing six other people during a twisted jailhouse interview with our sister publication, the New York Post — including two men he claimed to have run over in Sheepshead Bay when he was 18. Gelman also expressed his desire to murder accused child-killer Levi Aron in prison before Aron was transferred to another facility.

The police are looking into the new confessions, but they may not hold water: police sources say there are no unsolved two-person hit-and-runs in Sheepshead Bay in 2004 or 2005 — when Gelman claimed the killings took place.

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Another hit-and-run death

BY ELI ROSENBERG

A 71-year-old man crossing a dangerous stretch of Flatbush Avenue was struck and killed on Feb. 14 in a hit-and-run accident that was eerily similar to one that took place just two miles away in January.

Witnesses said Jeanniot Jean was crossing Flatbush Avenue near East 26 Street around 6 pm when he was hit by one vehicle — then another while he was laying in the middle of the street.

Police said the first vehicle — a dollar van, according to one source — sped off after striking Jean. The second driver stopped and waited for police to arrive, witnesses said.

Jean, who worked at BG L'Auberge Creole, a Haitian restaurant near where he was hit, died en route to Kings County Hospital.

The crime is similar to the death of Noah Foxman, a 58-year-old man who was clipped by a van on Coney Island Avenue near Avenue K before being struck and



ANOTHER DEATH: Police investigate the hit-and-run death of Jeanniot Jean (inset) that was eerily similar to Noah Foxman's death on Coney Island Avenue.

Photo by Steve Solomonson

killed by another car as he was trying to get up. In that case, the second vehicle fled and the first driver that hit Foxman stayed.

Both accidents took place in Community Board 14, which is considered the worst district in the borough for pedestrian safety, according to a recent study by the pro-bicycle and pedestrian group Transportation Alternatives, which said 3,920 pedestrian and vehicular crashes occurred within the board's borders

between 1995 and 2009.

An NYPD spokesman said the driver of the van was still at large — and no charges were filed against the driver who stopped.

Friends said Jean was well-liked.

"He was everybody's friend," said Michel-Guy Alexis, who lived in the same building as Jean. "If you saw him and said, 'Hey Papi, buy me a soda,' he'd laugh and say, 'If you don't have the money, you want me to pay for you?'"

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Pay up! State Sen. Marty Golden wants the city to subsidize a ferry service to Southern Brooklyn.

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Ferries

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won't set sail until the city agrees to fund the project.

"The idea works but the investment has to be there on the city's end," said Golden. "If the city's trying to find a way not to subsidize the system, it's not going to happen."

The lawmaker asked NY Waterway — the East River ferry service that currently runs boats to Greenpoint, Williamsburg, DUMBO and Downtown — to crunch some numbers and figure out how much it would cost

to expand their routes to Southern Brooklyn.

But the city has already said no: a 2011 Economic Development Corporation ferry service report found that ridership in Southern Brooklyn wouldn't be high enough to justify spending the money needed to bring waterborne transportation there.

Yet that didn't stop Markowitz from floating the proposal in his State of the Borough address.

"[Southern Brooklyn] has it all except for one thing — a ferry," Markowitz said.

NY Waterway opened its

Brooklyn ferry routes after the city Economic Development Corporation agreed to spend \$9.3 million over three years to help pay for the service.

The 100-person ferries run every 20 minutes and cost \$4 a ride, or \$140 for a monthly pass — much more than the \$2.25 single ride and \$104 unlimited monthly ride offered by the MTA.

An Economic Development Corporation spokeswoman said the Williamsburg ferry venture has to be profitable before any new

routes are added.

"We're certainly open to expansion — it's just a question of funding," spokeswoman Jen Friedberg said.

A spokesman for New York Waterway touted the company's East River Ferry service, but declined to comment on the possibility of expanding to southern Brooklyn.

Yet ferry advocates hope that Markowitz and Golden will resurrect a plan that's been dead in the water for years.

"If you build it they will

[ride]," Bay Ridge civic leader Peter Killen said. "I'm all for the city spending money to enhance [transit service]."

Ferries shuttled commuters from the financial district to the 69th Street Pier in Bay Ridge for years, but the city suspended the route in the early 1990s, when the pier was renovated. The city later opened a ferry route to a pier on 58th Street in Sunset Park, but shut the ferry down in less than a year — citing a lack of ridership.

Parking

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So he believes he should be able to rent a parking space in front of his apartment building near 72nd Street for his beloved 1997 Ford Crown Victoria.

"It's worth it to me because I can't walk," he said. "If I come back from a community board meeting at 10 or 11 pm, I can't find anywhere to park."

Bortnick says that his parking rental plan would not extend to everyone — just people with disabilities.

"The idea is not to make this a millionaires playground," said Bortnick, 81. "I'm not asking for favors that I don't deserve. It is just to provide legitimate handicapped people with a parking space so that they can survive."

Under Bortnick's proposal, the city would install poles in residential areas bearing placards that say the spot is reserved for the bearer of the listed license plate.

His idea is somewhat

in step with some borough lawmakers who wanted to give residents living near the soon-to-be opened Barclay's Arena the ability to purchase parking permits for their blocks. Residents would not have been guaranteed a spot, but roughly eight out of every 10 spaces on residential streets near the arena would have been reserved for permit holders.

The proposal passed the City Council, but died in Albany when state Sen. Marty Golden (R-Bay Ridge), who opposes street parking permits, stopped the bill from coming to a vote.

"The idea that someone would have to pay to park in front of their own home is ludicrous," Golden said at the time. "This is nothing more than another tax on our communities."

Golden did not respond to a phone call seeking comment on Bortnick's idea.

But Bortnick's plan has one major flaw — his \$600 offer is way too low.

If the city were to entertain such an idea, the fee would have to be in line with current city parking garage rates, which, on

average, amount to \$170 a month. If Bortnick was allowed to rent a spot in front of his home, he would probably have to pay more than \$2,000 a year.

Still, other disabled Ridgites think Bortnick's plan should be considered.

"I think it's a good idea for people who have a real problem walking," said Jean Ryan, a wheelchair-confined Ridgite who regularly lobbies on behalf of local disabled people.

And at least one Bay Ridge legislator is listening to Bortnick's pleas.

"Designating handicapped parking spaces in residential areas is something we are currently looking at," said Councilman Vincent Gentile (D-Bay Ridge).

"However, the idea is in the very early preliminary stages right now."

Currently, disabled drivers with city handicapped permits can park in any no parking zone — except for taxi stands or spaces reserved for doctors, press, diplomats and government employees. They cannot park in front of hydrants or in bus stops.

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Aviator players score big

Hockey heroes visit kids at children's hospital

BY DANIEL BUSH

Star members of the Brooklyn Aviators hockey team put their end-of-the-season playoff push on ice — for an afternoon, anyway — to visit children at SUNY Downstate Medical Center on Feb. 13 and students at PS 212 on Bay 49th Street in Bath Beach on Feb. 14.

Goalie Jo St. Pierre, forward Mike Thompson, and other players from the Federal Hockey League's Brooklyn squad dropped by the Flatbush hospital's pediatric department to play board games and read books to a surprised group of children.

The hockey pros scored

a goal with the kids — with an assist from the team's high-flying, fan-friendly mascot, Ace Eagle.

"The Aviators really cared about the kids and the kids just loved them," said SUNY Downstate representative Sandy Dell, who asked the team back for a second straight year. "Everyone wanted to have their picture taken with the players and Ace."

Not content to stop there, the Aviators glided over to PS 212 off Harway Avenue the next day for a skills and sportsmanship clinic with star-struck elementary school students who took turns learning how to push plastic pucks around the school's hardwood gym.

"Knowing that we can put smiles on these kids' faces means the world to us," said Aviators head coach Rob Miller.

The Aviators are fin-



POWER PLAY: Fifth-grader Jie Zhang runs through a drill.

Photo by Steve Solomonson

ishing up their second season at the arena fans have dubbed "The Hangar" at Floyd Bennett Field.



NOT-SO-PUZZLING: Center Jesse Felten and Blessed Webb assemble a jigsaw puzzle. Photo by Arthur De Gaeta

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Nutrition Word Find

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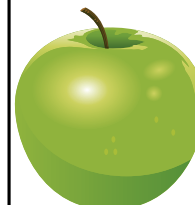
Nutrition Match

Match the food with its main nutritional category.

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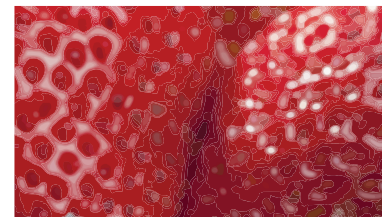
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Brooklyn's Biggest Booster

by Joanna DelBuono

Eat, drink and be merry – it's Fat Tuesday!

CONEY ISLAND

Save the beads and break out the masks. Creative residents and students shared a masked moment when fifth graders from **PS 216** showed up at the **Shorefront Center**, paired up with a grandparent, and prepared masks to celebrate Mardi Gras, which is French for “Fat Tuesday” or the last day of feasting before Lent begins. For nearly an hour, the artists diligently worked on



Mollie Goldsmith and her “granddaughter for a day” Dacchanel Beckford, a student at PS 216, show off their Mardi Gras masks.

their “masker-pieces.” Some were elaborate, some were funky, but they were all cute and certainly unique. Like comedy and tragedy, half of the mask represented the student and the other the resident. Standing O says “Eat today, for tomorrow we fast.”

Shorefront Center for Rehabilitation and Nursing, [3015 W. 29th St. at Surf Avenue in Coney Island, (718) 266-5700].

PARK SLOPE

Fundraising Sis-Boom-Bah!

Spring is in the air, which means it's time to kick off the annual **Strong Kids Campaign** at the **Prospect Park YMCA**. Entrepreneurial fifth graders from **PS 205** stepped up the action by opening a book store to sell used books after school raising \$200 in funds. The talented tycoons, all participants in the Afterschool program at the Y, gave \$100 to the campaign and saved the rest to supply a cooking class that the class



Yvette Aguirre, principal emeritus of PS 169 in Sunset Park, now has a wing in the school named in her honor. Photo by Elizabeth Graham

Hey Yvette: they named a wing after you!

SUNSET PARK

Standing O pal and educator extraordinaire **Yvette Aguirre** never dreamed that someday a wing would be named in her honor. Her only dream was to see a new facility where the children in her beloved Sunset Park could go to school and get the best education around, with great teachers, reasonably sized classes, and small learning communities. In 1987, Yvette was appointed principal of **PS 169**, where the attendance was 2,000 children and counting. With the help of elected officials, parents and community leaders, Yvette began downsizing the classes, creating more space, and

will host in the future. Sales associate **Xiomara** said, “I really feel like an entrepreneur.” “We are grateful to have the Y Afterschool Program in our school,” said **Beth Grater**, principal at PS 205.

transforming PS 169 into a school she could be proud of. But all good things come to an end, and after 33 years in the city's education system, she retired in 2005. “I miss the daily interactions with the kids, parents and faculty,” she told Standing O. And the kids, parents and faculty miss her. But now they don't have to. Every day, whenever the kids, parents and faculty walk past the plaque bearing Yvette's face that reads “Principal Emeritus Yvette Aguirre Wing” they will think of the educator that dreamed a dream that came true.

Public School 169 [4305 Seventh Ave. at 43rd Street in Sunset Park, (718) 853-3224]

This year, the Y is challenged with raising \$175,000 to support the program. Standing O suggests you take a tip from the PS 205 fifth graders and kick in a shekel or two; call (212) 912-2371 to find out how.

DOWNTOWN

Welcome aboard!

Standing O lays out the welcome mat for **W. Trent Crable**, who was recently named as the executive vice president and COO of the **Brooklyn Hospital Center**. “Mr. Crable (our pal W.) brings over two decades of healthcare experience,” said **Dr. Richard Becker** (he's the president and CEO). “His will play a critical role in the growth of the hospital.”

Prior to W. coming here, he served as the CEO at **George Washington Univer-**



State Sen. Martin Golden (R-Bay Ridge) with the Xaverian Clippers in his Albany office.

BAY RIDGE

New York State of mind!

The **Xaverian Clippers** sailed up I-95 to Albany and visited with state **Sen. Marty Golden** (R-Bay Ridge) for a behind-the-scenes tour of the capitol, and a day out of school: a win/win in anyone's book. The boys, and teacher **Marianne Teta**, got the 411 from Sen. Golden and **Assemblywoman Nicole Malliotakis** (R-Bay Ridge), when the group discussed matters affecting the city, state and especially our very own neck of the woods. “It was a privilege to welcome students from Xaverian. I am proud to represent these students who are the future of our city, state and nation,” said the venerable representative from the best borough in the state. Standing O wants to know when the next tour bus is scheduled.

Xaverian High School [7100 Shore Rd. at Narrows Avenue in Bay Ridge, (718) 836-7100].

sity Hospital, over there in Washington with the other “Dubya.”

Brooklyn Hospital Center [121 DeKalb Ave. at Ashland Place in Fort Greene, (718) 250-8000].

PARK SLOPE

Why are hips so complicated?

Geriatric hip patients say yeah! **New York Methodist Hospital** introduced its **Geriatric Hip Fracture Program** designed to streamline the process of care for elderly patients who have suffered a broken hip. Each year, more than 300,000 Americans over the age of 65 will fracture a hip — that's a lot of hips! Thanks to the team at NYM, this new program has speed in mind, “immediate attention yields positive results when treating a broken hip in older adults.” Seniors, if you have had a fall, get thee to the ER ASAP, according to **Dr. Henry Tischler**, chief of orthopedic surgery, “Prompt treatment means less risk of complications.” And we could all use fewer complications. With the new program in effect, recovery time for hip fracture patients at the hospital has decreased by 50 percent. Now those are the odds seniors can bet on!

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



High-end high-rise for D'town

BY KATE BRIQUELET

He has a background in real estate and a name linked with entertainment, but the developer behind the borough's newest proposed luxury high-rise says he's no Donald Trump — and he's not building a garish, Trump-like tower.

Douglas Steiner insists his proposed 720-unit, 52-story rental building, which could begin rising at the corner of Flatbush Avenue and Schermerhorn Street early next year, will offer Brooklyn a refined, modern skyscraper that “will be more interesting than the typical rental box.”

“I’m the anti-Trump, starting with the hair,” said Steiner, who along with running the development company Steiner NYC oversees the Navy Yard movie lot Steiner Studios. “Nothing we do is gaudy but has an industrial and clean aesthetic.”

One story taller than Lawrence Street’s The Brooklynier, the borough’s highest building, and just



GOING UP: A 52-story residential tower will rise up on Schermerhorn Street.

steps away from the Barclays Center and the historic 37-story Williamsburgh Savings Bank tower, the planned \$325-million

high-rise — called “The Hub” — could reshape the borough’s skyline.

But Steiner says his design of masonry and glass will pay tribute to the nearby Williamsburgh Savings Bank — Brooklyn’s answer to Manhattan skyscrapers — with a series of architectural setbacks.

“We didn’t want to build a monolith,” said Steiner, who also owns 58 and 80 Metropolitan, a condo project in Williamsburg, and 25 Washington Ave., an extension of Steiner Studios.

The development is slated to replace a state parole office and set of low-rise properties.

Market-rate units will rent for between \$40 to \$50 a square foot, with 1,000-square-foot pads going for about \$4,000 per month.

Residents will enjoy a giant landscaped sun deck, health club, dog run, grilling terrace, and bike storage, Steiner says.

The building will also boast about 144 units of “affordable housing.”

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Shavana gets reader's 'SEAL' of approval

To the editor,

Shavana Abruzzo, I really loved your column about the Navy Seals ("Long live the U.S. Navy SEALs," A Britisher's View, Feb. 2). I find them endlessly fascinating!

I don't always pick up your paper, but I am certainly glad I did this time! Happy reporting!

Patti Donohoe
Bay Ridge

Jeers, Shav

To the editor,

Once again Shavana Abruzzo (A Britisher's View) shows her bias, racism and bigotry by pursuing her one-issue column with the fervor of a paid lobbyist. She is not impartial and she is totally unfair.

If a person keeps repeating the same things over and over again, anything he or she says is totally unbelievable and devoid of merit. She has an agenda and everyone can see it.

If she can't be so hopelessly repetitive and redundant, she should be limited to once a week and her space should be released to one of your other contributors.

Henry Finkelstein
Homecrest

Editor's note: "A Britisher's View" is a column that features the opinions of Shavana Abruzzo.

Cheers, Shav

To the editor,

We in the Uriel family want to cheer on Shavana Abruzzo (A Britisher's View), an American patriot.

Suzanne Uriel
Sunset Park

Shav's 'right'

To the editor,

"Jihad" film a vital anti-terror tool," by Shavana Abruzzo (A Britisher's View, Feb. 9) is right on target — as usual.

It is not up for debate whether there are radical Muslims who are out to destroy us.

LET US HEAR FROM YOU

Letters to the Editor should be addressed to Vince DiMiceli, Editor, Courier Life Publications, 1 MetroTech Center North, Brooklyn, NY 11201, or sent via e-mail to editorial@cnglocal.com. All letters, including those submitted via e-mail, MUST be signed and the individual's verifiable address and telephone number included. Note that the address and telephone number will NOT be published and the name will be published or withheld on request. No unsigned letters can be accepted for publication. The editor reserves the right to edit all submissions which become the property of Courier Life Publications.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

It is fact. They may be few, but they do exist as does the sun and moon. We must never be persuaded or intimidated by Muslim groups not to continue to keep a "relentless spotlight" on radical Islam here. Peace loving Muslims should be supporting us 100 percent, and speaking up, unless, of course, they fear for their lives. Their future and well being is directly related to our diligence regarding this matter.

We must not, and cannot, bury our heads in the sand about radical Islam in this country — for our sake, and for our children's sake.

Ruth Weiner
Sheepshead Bay

Shav's 'fan'

To the editor,

Shavana Abruzzo, each week my friend gives me a copy of your column (A Britisher's View). She's a big fan of yours and I understand why. You have a lot of courage to tell it like it is.

It's so true that many "moderate" Muslims are busy blasting those who seek to keep us safe, but they do not similarly protest against "honor" killings and the persecution of Jews and Christians by Muslim maniacs.

We're on a bumpy ride, I am grateful for people like you who expose the truth.

Name withheld upon request

Buggin' out

To the editor,

Carmine Santa Maria, I enjoy reading your columns ("Big Screecher"), and try not to miss any.

You are really a down-to-earth columnist. I can't leave out Shavana Abruzzo ("A Britisher's View"), Stanley Gershbein ("It's Only My Opinion") and Joanna DelBuono ("Not for Nuthin").

Bedbugs are not a subject anyone feels comfortable with ("Carmine's had it with bedbugs! Not that he's actually had them," online, Jan. 28). As you said, they don't just affect people who are not very neat or people who check their homes with a white glove for cleanliness. They do not discriminate between wealthy and poor.

My son and I are self-employed pest control operators, and we've spent more than \$3,000 on one piece of equipment alone and sent our employees to learn about these invaders of our castles. Carmine, bedbugs are picked up in hotels, school clothes closets, trains, sardine-packed subway cars and on aircraft seats. I've been in this business since 1968 and, until a few years ago, had never heard of them.

Prior to the scourge of bedbugs, we thought illnesses such as breast cancer

were caused by pesticides. The Environmental Protection Agency began removing two or three basic pesticides, leaving us with one basic insecticide — pyrethroid, a natural plant derivative. We normally spray moldings behind and under furniture and appliances in a steady, uninterrupted stream, so as the insect goes from place to place, it will pick up the material and slowly die.

The Department of Environmental Protection says only spray a little here or a little there, leading to an incomplete job in my opinion. We also place materials in the walls, under dressers, behind drawers, mirrors, picture frames, under chairs and any place where even one bedbug can hide. We try to get them all — one miss and all is for nothing.

At the end of the year, we send a list to Albany of every home, business, institution and other locations that we've sprayed, along with their addresses, amount of spray used, percentage of mixture used, and other particulars — or else we receive a heavy fine. With all of this, there is still no proof that pesticides cause breast cancer. Wow!

Mike Baglivo
Bensonhurst

News muse

To the editor,

The New York Times just raised its price from \$2.00 to \$2.50. Several years ago, it received favorable eminent domain, zoning, regulatory and tax relief to assist in covering relocation costs to its new mid-town Manhattan offices. The New York State Empire State Development Corporation also granted it a \$1.25 million grant to pay for expansion of its Queens printing facility.

As a teenager in the 1960s, I can still remember being able to buy four newspapers for less than a dollar — and getting change back. I remember the original daily Long Island Press and Long Island Star Journal, which suspended publication decades ago. There were actually 12 daily newspapers published in the Big Apple prior to the city's 1962 newspaper strike, which resulted in the closing or consolidation of several papers.

At the end of the day, increasing newsstand prices, shrinking content, reduction in actual newsprint size or favorable government subsidies will not be the determining factor for the survival of all daily newspapers. We live in one of the few remaining free societies, with a wealth of information sources available for any citizen to access. Most American cities and suburbs, however, are sadly down to one

local daily or weekly newspaper.

Most papers have to deal with continued increasing costs and competitors from surrounding suburbs and across the nation, including all-news radio stations, local independent news broadcasts and cable news stations. Many get breaking news from the Internet. This is stale when reaching print the next day. Also, new immigrants support their own media.

These financial challenges have resulted in less resources being devoted to investigative reporting, and a greater reliance on wire service stories. As a result, original newspaper content continues to diminish, putting more pressure on reporters and making it more difficult to provide real detailed coverage of local news.

Neighborhood weekly newspapers, including this one, provide the type of coverage usually overlooked by other media. In the marketplace of ideas, let us hope there continues to be room for everyone — regardless of cost.

Larry Penner
Great Neck, N.Y.

'Rainbow' family

To the editor,

The Rainbow Heights Club in Flatbush is a great place for members of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community living with mental illness.

It's the best day treatment program I've ever been to with intelligent, socially mature and sexually tolerant individuals.

I feel very comfortable and relaxed there without feeling as if I have to conform to anything. I like the staff and members who are exceptional and a pleasure to be around.

This is the closest I've ever come to being "outside" the mental health system.

Sebastian Casalenova
Bath Beach

Shedding light

To the editor,

There is a dangerous traffic light on the corner of Oriental Boulevard and Ocean Avenue in Manhattan Beach. It blinks red on one side and yellow on the other. Drivers never know when to go or stop. It is controllable by a button to allow pedestrians cross for about five seconds. There have been numerous accidents at the corner, and last year a young boy was killed by a speeding bus.

Speed bumps and cameras will not correct this situation, and according to the Department of Transportation, it is the worst traffic light in Brooklyn.

Norman Smith
Manhattan Beach

Occupied territories? Hey, Delta, it's Israel

By now, everybody knows that I am not a fan of Delta. A good friend sent me an e-mail with a comment, "Hi Stan. Here's another reason not to fly on your least-favorite airline." The following is from that e-mail and before sending it off to my editor (fine gentleman that he is), I checked it for accuracy.

Delta Airlines has a frequent flyer program and a website that tells you how many miles one must have to get a free ticket from one place to another.

On this site, there was a chart which stated (my emphasis is added):

"For travel from the Middle East: Bahrain; Egypt; Iran, Islamic Republic of Iraq; Israel; Jordan; Kuwait; Lebanon; **Occupied Palestinian Territory**; Oman; Qatar; Saudi Arabia; Syrian Arab Republic; United Arab Emirates (composed of Abu Dhabi, Ajman, Dubai, Fujairah, Ras El Khaimah, Sharjah, Umm Al Qaiwain); Yemen, Republic of; Kazakhstan; Kyrgyzstan; Uzbekistan."

The table shows you how many miles are needed to fly from this **Occupied Palestinian Territory** to another place. I didn't know that Delta flew from **Occupied Palestinian Territory**. It flies from Ben Gurion airport in Lod, about nine miles from Tel Aviv. But that real estate is in Israel. How dare they call it the Occupied Palestinian Territory?

Well, that's where this story gets even more interesting.

When I got the original e-mail, the words "**Occupied Palestinian Territory**" was still on the Delta website. So, on Feb. 8 I e-mailed the following letter to Delta CEO Richard Anderson, expressing my disapproval:

Subject: OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN TERRITORY

The country is ISRAEL. Not very nice of you.

One day later, I received the following response:

Dear Mr. Gershbein,
On behalf of Richard Anderson and all of our executive staff, we thank you for sharing your concerns



IT'S ONLY MY OPINION

Stanley P. Gershbein

over the reference used on delta.com when referring to travel from the Middle East countries. It was mistakenly posted to our website and immediately removed when brought to our attention.

We appreciate the time you have taken to share this feedback.

Sincerely,
Jan Holland

Man, nothing travels as fast as e-mail news — not even a jet plane. That day, many of us told Delta what we think. Good for us.

Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer's book hit the shelves last November. I don't know one person who bought the book.

In it, the governor describes a 2010 meeting at the White House, which upset President Obama. He must have told her so on the tarmac at the airport, where the two got into a heated discussion and the media snapped photos of the governor wagging her finger at him.

Many on the left tell us how rude it was for her to direct a finger at the president. Many on the right say that she used the wrong finger.

Either way, "Scorpions For Breakfast" climbed from 285,568 on the Amazon seller to 21 in one day.

I am **StanGershbein@BellSouth.net** saying that an altercation with the president can be very profitable. I hope the governor sent him a thank-you card.

Free Ryan Jerome, D.A. Vance!

Ryan Jerome, a jeweler from Indiana, is a model tourist. He investigates local law before making a trip, and then sticks to it like white on rice while spending his hard-earned cash on sightseeing and boosting the area's economy.

But trying to do the right thing in the Big Apple can reap rotten returns. Jerome, a retired, third generation Marine, discovered as much on his first trip here last fall when he was arrested and jailed for attempting to check his licensed handgun at the Empire State Building. The entrepreneur, who had just established his business, was carrying the firearm because he had several thousand dollars worth of jewelry on him which he wanted to show a refiner in New York.

Jerome paid a steep price for his honesty. He was cuffed, slapped with life-altering gun possession charges, and hauled off to jail for two days while he tried to make bail. Now, he is facing a three-and-half-year prison term if indicted at his March 20 court date — unless Manhattan District Attorney Cyrus Vance does the right thing by junking this trumped-up case altogether.

Jerome's ordeal puts Vance's crime-fighting chops on the chopping block. The prosecutor is an out-



A BRITISHER'S VIEW

Shavana Abruzzo

spoken advocate of the city's wacky gun amnesty program, which gives \$200 to anyone surrendering an illegal firearm — without questions or fear of prosecution. Yet he's made Jerome his whipping boy for our anti-gun laws, offering him a dubious plea deal only after the case sparked a national furor which produced a "Free Ryan Jerome" Facebook page.

Jerome rightfully rejected the offer, which would forever brand him a violent felon, because he is neither a criminal nor someone with an illegal gun.

Vance, who wouldn't comment on the matter, has served better justice in worse cases. One that received his kid glove treatment is detailed in a Feb. 14 letter sent to his office by Jerome's lawyer, Mark Bederow. It involves a man charged in 2009 with bringing a loaded gun to a Manhattan college campus, and then telling a witness that he had come to "shoot that motherf----- in the head."

"Nevertheless, in early 2011, on the motion of [District Attorney Vance], the case was dismissed and

sealed," writes Bederow.

Even at a cursory glance, the facts point to Jerome's innocence and good faith. He tried to check his gun repeatedly, cooperated readily with law enforcement before and after his

arrest, and even conducted "Google" searches on his cellphone before departing Indiana, leading him to believe that his carry permit was valid in New York.

"All the information was on my phone, the history was there," Jerome told me.

This case could be the final nail in Cyrus Vance's prosecutorial coffin. His skimpy skills have taken a serious beating since he took office two years ago. The two cops charged with rape, and the three construction supervisors charged in the deaths of firefighters in the 2007 Deutsche Bank blaze, were acquitted, while his rush to judgment in the sex assault case against Dominique Strauss-Kahn turned embarrassingly on its ear after it was found that the victim lied.

Vance must mend his tattered reputation if he is seeking another term. One easy way is by delivering swift justice to Ryan Jerome, whose only crime was acting with grace under fire — and then some.

Sabruzzo@cnglocal.com

Joanna breaks down her television week

Let's see: Water? Check. Mystery? Check. Deepest, darkest Amazon river? Check. Lost TV personality? Check.

Sound familiar? Well, it's ABC's latest attempt to fill the void left in the wake of "Lost," (and cash in in the process), and it's called "The River."

Me being me, and with a little downtime on a couple of Tuesday nights, I decided to give it a go, being that I love a good whodunit. So I gave it a twice over, but the second time after the first go-round didn't get any better, and I gave up.

The mystery off-screen supernatural monster that tackled the cameraman was just over-the-top campy. I could only laugh as the poor cameraman was twirled around by what appeared to be his feet, only to land dead-as-a-doorknob on the deck of the ship — very Mr. Eko and the Smoke Monster. Drop on the deck and flop like a fish anyone?

The question is, can ABC come up with anything better than rehashing old series and really inane reality shows like "The Bachelorette," "The Bachelor" and "Shark Tank" to name a few?

Personally, the best thing on ABC is "WipeOut," and only because the con-



NOT FOR NUTHIN'

Joanna DelBuono

testants are so darn silly. I chuckle away every time one takes on the "big balls" and falls, err, bounces flat into the water. My second fave on the network is "Jeopardy," which is in a class by itself.

Strangely enough, CBS, which I only watched when "Ghost Whisperer" was on (I still don't know why I liked the show, but I did), and of course "Two and Half Men" (before tiger blood and the Charlie Sheen meltdown), has come up with a pretty good

line up — "The Big Bang Theory," (a "Friends" for geeks on Thursday nights), "The Gifted Man," (sort of like "Ghost Whisperer," but not really, on Fridays), followed by "Blue Bloods" with Tom Selleck (but I've been a Tom fan since his days on "Magnum,") and "Unforgettable," (a detective with a great memory on Tuesday evenings).

I can't say ABC is totally off, there is "Grey's Anatomy," but I think that it has already jumped the shark and is on life-support, and no-one wants to pull the plug; "Desperate Housewives," which is dunzo at the end of this season, and only living out its last scandal (gasp); and finally "Revenge," which is a revamped "Dynasty" with the same old nastiness — and great clothes!

Some will argue that "Dancing With the Stars" is a great show, but it always reminds me of "Americas' Funniest Home Videos," probably because of Tom Bergeron, so I'm always waiting for the shoe to drop.

Not for Nuthin™, but I'm very grateful to CBS, as I now have something to enjoy on Friday nights, especially since "Eureka" and "Warehouse 13" were moved to Mondays. I didn't like it, but I adjusted, now if only Syfy had not canceled "Eureka," I'll be set.

Carmine has a thing or two to say about typos

I'm madder than Bill Gates in a blackout when he's forced to use his old Smith Corona over the stupid typos that get past me and to my editor, who then rips me a new one because he wants to send my columns through with a minimum of effort.

Look, you all know ol'Carmine bangs out this prose without using that fancy "backspace-white-out" feature they have on the latest models of for-home typesetting machines (electric or otherwise), and the only way I can be sure my copy is as clean as a G-rated movie is to look it over with my own lying eyes.

But every once in a while, a little typo gets through to the Editor-in-Chief, who's sitting all high-and-mighty-like in his fancy office in MetroTech.

Now, I don't need to tell you that I do have one of those phones that lets you know who's calling so you don't have to pick it up when that guy from the Daily News is trying to sell



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you a prescription. So when I get the call, I know even before I pick up the kitchen phone that I am about to get a mouthful from a guy who makes Perry White look like J. Jonah Jameson!

And that's what happened this week.

But in the end, I thank my lucky stars I've got a guy looking over my every word, so when I want to honor

great people like the Bensonhurst West End Community Council's Woman of the Year, her name gets printed correctly: Connie Hamilton.

Now, the reason I point this out is because of an egregious error I made when spelling Connie's name in my first draft. I don't want to write down what I accidentally wrote, because you all know how the Google does wacky things when you search someone's name. So let's just say that, when typing with my two index fingers, I accidentally hit the "M" instead of the "N." I'll leave the math on this one up to you, but I think you can easily figure out what it wrote. Ok, let me give you a hint: "Commie."

So, thank goodness for editors, and now, a bit more about *Connie*.

She was born in Brooklyn, where she attended PS 177, David A. Boody Middle School, and Edward R. Murrow HS where she grew up knowing she wanted to give

back to the community.

To that end, Connie has been an educator and supervisor in the public school system since 1984, when she first began working with special education students in Sheepshead Bay. From there, Connie earned master's degrees in reading and supervision. Connie went on to serve as an adjunct professor and supervisor in the early childhood program at Kingsborough Community College, as well as an instructional specialist with the UFT Teacher Center.

Connie was an assistant principal at Concord HS on Staten Island, and was the director of new small schools for BASIS High Schools. Connie was named as a regional instructional specialist for Region 7 in 2003, which she held until 2005 when she became a founding principal of Kingsborough Early College Secondary School at Lafayette HS.

Theschool, which opened in 2006, offers a unique educational experience where

students can earn an associate's degree free of charge while still enrolled in high school. They earn college credits through Kingsborough Community College as early as the summer they are going into ninth grade.

I first met Connie when I sat (which, of course, is my preferred state) as an alumni adviser at Kingsborough Community College.

Family is of the utmost importance to Connie; it is truly because of her family that she has accomplished so much personally and professionally. She married her husband, Mitchell, in 1985 and together they have raised three beautiful children, Jessica, Ryan, and Louis.

She is incredibly grateful for the love and support they have shown her over the years as she has devoted so much time and energy to meeting the needs of children other than her own. Connie is also grateful to her parents, Barbara and Louis, for having shaped her childhood with warmth

and love and for teaching her to never give up on herself or her dreams. Connie would also like to recognize her stepfather Peter for the openness with which he and his family welcomed her.

Finally, Connie would like to thank her staff. She is honored to spend each and every day working alongside such talented, dedicated professionals. Without their help, her dream of building the school could never have been realized.

And even more finally, Connie would like to thank all of the individuals responsible for the honor that has been bestowed upon her.

She is truly grateful for having been recognized as the Woman of the Year by the Bensonhurst West End Community Council. So do join us in on March 22 at the incomparable El Caribe, when we fete Connie and her distinguished and deserving co-honorees. E-mail me at Diegovega@aol.com for dinner reservations.

Screech at you next week!

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SHOULD WE TAKE THE LEAP?

Borough President Markowitz wants the city to spend \$2 million to light up the Coney Island Parachute Jump so the shuttered attraction "can be seen from space." The Parachute Jump is a Coney Island treasure, but some think the money should be spent on something other than a broken ride. Below are two views.



Spend the money on the Boardwalk

The Parachute Jump is a unique structure that deserves the landmark status it was granted in 1988. However, when funds are in short supply, they should be used to address the most pressing needs first. Rather than spending an additional \$2 million, beyond the 1.4 million already spent, on making the lighting on the Parachute Jump brighter — a superficial concern — these funds should be spent addressing Coney Island's most important and immediate need: preserving its iconic, world-famous wooden Boardwalk.

The Parks Department insists that in order to fix the Boardwalk, they first must destroy it. They claim that a concrete walk is, in fact, still a boardwalk. By this standard, New Yorkers are blessed with thousands of "boardwalks," including Park, Madison, and Fifth Avenues. There are simple solutions that the Parks Department refuses to consider: minimizing the use of heavy vehicles on the boardwalk; using non-rainforest, sustainable woods that are both structurally and financially viable; and performing basic maintenance. Our politicians too are to blame for this sad state of affairs. While mouthing tepid platitudes of support for maintaining the character of the Boardwalk, they have done little, for many years, to commit some of their funds to an appropriate and reasonable maintenance budget that would keep



BY ROB BURSTEIN

the Boardwalk in good repair. Imagine the uproar, if the City said Central Park needed to be paved over with concrete, because its maintenance required funding.

The cost differential between concrete and wood decreases significantly over time. The two concrete sections, installed less than two years ago, have already required significant repairs. Concrete is much harder to walk, run, or dance on — all ac-

tivities enjoyed by various groups here. It's also not as safe, and is prone to icing over in the winter, and flooding in the summer.

The wishes of the people in our community and throughout our city are clear and need to be respected. Thousands have signed both paper and online petitions stating that they value and want a true wood Coney Island Boardwalk to be maintained.

This unique and historic aesthetic entity, which visitors and locals alike interact with in intimate and meaningful ways on a daily basis, forms the spine of our communities and acts as the anchor for all of the businesses on or near it. Rather than spending limited funds on what amounts to a cosmetic facial for the Parachute Jump, those funds should be used to preserve New York City's most unique respite from concrete — its jewel, the authentic Coney Island Boardwalk!

Rob Burstein is the president of the Coney-Brighton Boardwalk Alliance.

Let the Parachute Jump light the way

A century ago, Brooklyn had the largest and most popular resort in the world. Brighton Beach, Manhattan Beach, Sheephead Bay and Coney Island attracted millions every summer. Coney Island boasted three amusement parks, Dreamland (1904-1911), Luna Park (1903-1944) and Steeplechase Park (1897-1964). Astroland opened in 1962 and closed after the 2009 season.

While vacationing in England in 1896, George C. Tilyou witnessed a horse race called

"The Steeplechase." This gave him a bright idea. He came to Brooklyn, bought land in Coney Island, and in 1897 opened Steeplechase Park, where the main attraction was the famous, mechanical horse race ride. Steeplechase became one of the most famous amusement parks in the world.

One of the major attractions of the 1939 World's fair in Queens was the Parachute Jump. When the fair closed in 1940, the attraction was purchased, disassembled and transported to Steeplechase Park. It was rebuilt and ready for the 1941 season.

For the next two decades, the Parachute Jump was one of the top attractions in Coney Island. It got to be known as Brooklyn's "Eiffel Tower." However, during the early 1960s there was a decline in the amusement area. After 67 years of amusing the millions, Steeplechase Park closed its doors at the end of the 1964 season. The Parachute Jump had dropped its last parachute.

The Parachute Jump had become a rusted



BY RON SCHWEIGER

tower of steel. Many believed it was going to collapse, and thought it should be demolished. But in 1988, the Parachute Jump was designated a New York City Landmark. It underwent a restoration and painting in 1993, and again in the early 2000s.

For many years there was talk of a "new Coney Island." In 2001, a ballpark was built on the site of Steeplechase Park. It is home to the Brooklyn Cyclones, a Mets farm team. The Cyclones fill the ballpark for their 38 home games. The

Parachute Jump stands just beyond the right-field fence. In 2010, the resurgence continued with the opening of a new Luna Park on the site Astroland. More than 400,000 flocked to this new park during its first season. In 2011, it added a new "Scream Zone" with new rides and attractions.

In 2013, the historic 1919 B&B Carousel, which graced Surf Avenue for nearly a century, will be returning to Coney Island, following a major restoration. It will be relocated along the boardwalk, in the shadow of the Parachute Jump, as part of a new entertainment center.

Developers are investing in Coney Island. Tourists are coming in record numbers, having a hot dog at Nathan's, going on the Cyclone, taking in a ball game at MCU Park and riding the Wonder Wheel. Coney Island has a "bright" future, and the Parachute Jump should light the way.

Ron Schweiger is the Brooklyn Borough Historian.

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The danger signs of age-related health problems

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BY JOANNA R. LEEFER

When we are young, our parents seem powerful, even invincible. As our parents age, it can be difficult and even frightening to watch them become increasingly frail. I know this firsthand: one of the scariest experiences of my life was witnessing my mother's decline into Alzheimer's disease.

But even if we find it hard to acknowl-

edge a loved one's mental or physical decline, it's important to do it, because denial can be dangerous. It's far better to acknowledge that your father is no longer safe at home before he falls and breaks a hip than to hear from a neighbor that he was found laying on the floor overnight with no one to help him.

To give yourself the chance to look for solutions before a crisis strikes, be on the lookout for these five key danger signs:

IS YOUR PARENT BECOMING MORE FORGETFUL?

I'm not talking about misplacing the car keys occasionally, or forgetting the name of an acquaintance — that's a normal part of aging. But if you notice that your mother is repeating the same information again and

again, or if she is asking the same questions multiple times, she may be in the beginning stages of dementia.

IS YOUR PARENT EXHIBITING DISTURBING BEHAVIOR CHANGES?

My big "ah-ha" moment occurred when my husband, son, and I visited my parents

one weekend and my mother served us sandwiches filled with dog food instead of cold cuts. There had been previous signs of forgetfulness, but this was something we could not ignore. A change in behavior doesn't have to be that drastic — but if you find non-food items in your parent's refrigerator,

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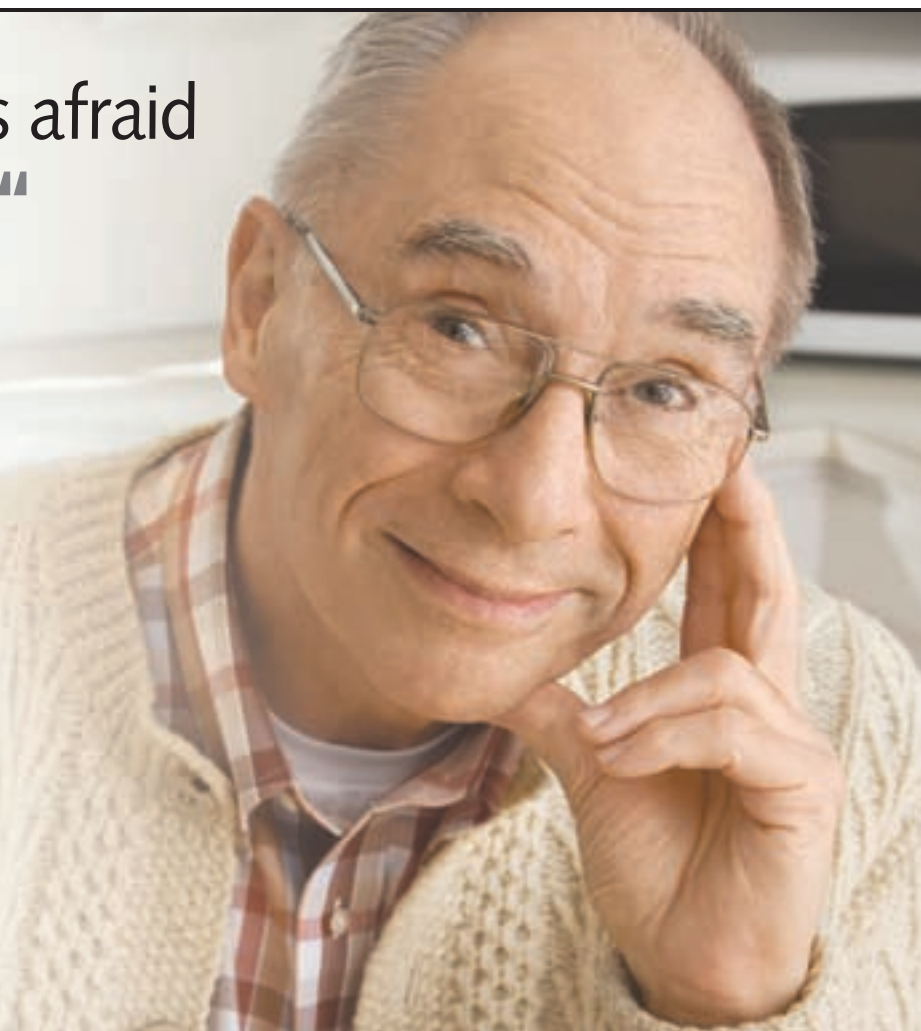
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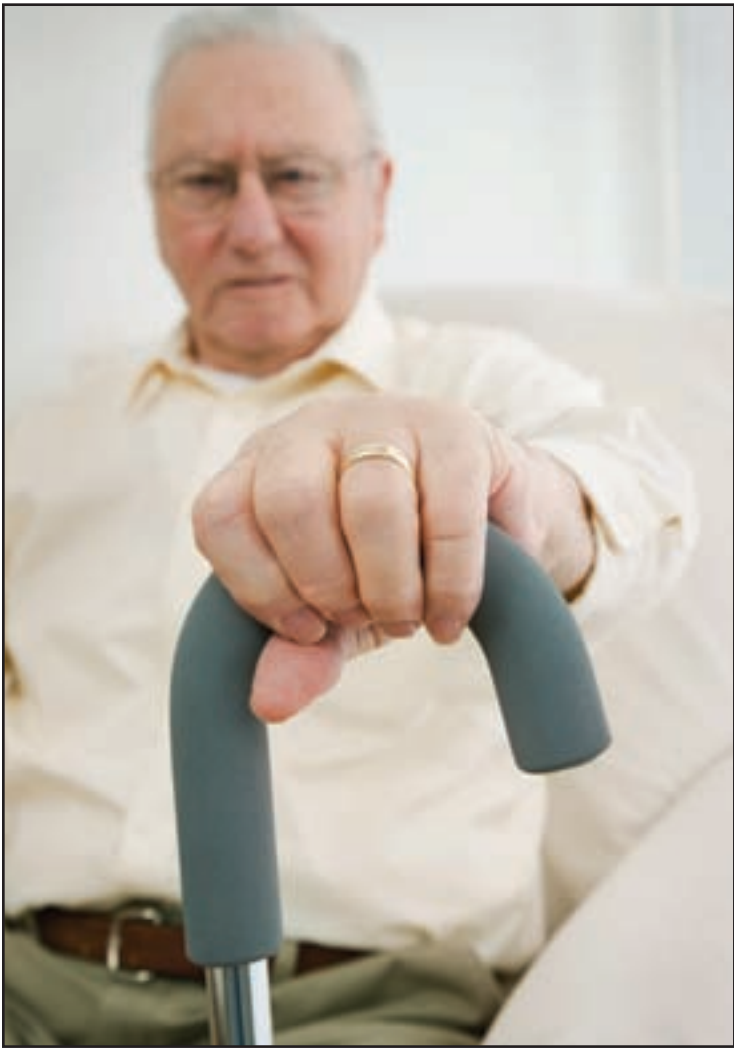
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Among older adults, falls are the leading cause of injury deaths. They are also one of the most common reasons seniors visit the emergency rooms for trauma each year. Falls are largely preventable.

More than one-third of U.S. adults aged 65 or older fall each year, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Many of these falls lead to serious injuries, such as head trauma, hip fractures, other fractures, and bruising. Due to the nature of bones becoming more brittle as a person ages, falls that would be minor for someone younger can be dangerous to older adults. Most fractures experienced by older adults are due to falls.

The risk for injury increases the older a person is, say experts. And falls can also contribute to early death. The key to reducing injury is to prevent falls and ready the body, should a fall occur.

•Exercise regularly, as much as is possible for your level of health. Low-impact activities, such as Tai Chi and yoga, can improve balance, flexibility and strength.

•Ask your doctor to review your medications to see if any side effects are loss of balance, vertigo or something that can compromise mobility. Some medicines may also contribute to fragile bones.

Use an assistance device if you feel unsteady. A cane or walker can provide a little more balance, if needed.

•Improve the lighting in your home. Illuminate staircases and entryways. Place night lights in bathrooms or hallways for ease of traveling in dim light.

•Most falls occur in the bathroom and kitchen. In the bathroom, place grab bars that make it easier to enter and exit the shower. Consider using a seat in the shower if you become lightheaded or feel unbalanced.

•Have your vision checked by a professional every year to ensure your prescription is unchanged. If your glasses or contact lenses are adding difficulty to walking properly, address this with your eye doctor.

•Look around the home and identify potential fall hazards, such as unsecured rugs or cluttered furniture. Remove the hazards.

•Use an assistance device if you feel unsteady. A cane or walker can provide a little more balance, if needed.

•Wear shoes or slippers with nonslip soles for better traction.

•Ask for help with tasks that involve climbing, heavy lifting, or standing on a stool or ladder.

•Sit on the edge of the bed for a few minutes before standing up. This will enable your blood pressure to equalize and prevent dizziness while standing.

•Limit alcohol consumption, especially if it can interfere with medication you are taking.

•Eat a balanced diet and take a calcium supplement to help strengthen bones.

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A hip fracture occurs when the femoral bone (the long bone running through the thigh) ruptures and dislocates from the hip joint. Broken hips are most common in older adults because bone density decreases with age. Because elderly patients usually have weaker immune systems and are more prone to infection from treatment, hip fractures pose dangers that go beyond



Henry Tischler, M.D., chief of orthopedics at NYM, explains the loss of bone density in older adults.

the injury, itself.

During recovery, many older adults contract pneumonia or develop bedsores from the prolonged period of immobility. In addition, if they are not treated quick-

ly, some hip fracture patients experience additional fractures. Gradual loss of density weakens bones and makes them more susceptible to fracture.

"If a patient experiences a fall and is immobile afterward, or has severe pain or bruising in the hip, he or she should go to the emergency room immediately because prompt treatment means less risk of complications," said Henry Tischler, M.D., chief of orthopedic surgery at NYM.

When a patient comes to the Emergency Department with a broken hip, he or she needs to be assessed for treatment as quickly as possible. Under the guidelines of the Geriatric Hip Fracture Program, the Department of Surgery performs surgery on eligible patients within 48 hours of injury. The patient is then checked for post-operative symptoms and levels of vitamin D and calcium are checked, as these are im-

portant for bone strength. Afterward, he or she is transferred to the Division of Rehabilitation Medicine for physical therapy to strengthen the hip.

The Geriatric Hip Fracture Program is designed to shorten a patient's length of stay and reduce post-treatment symptoms. The program represents an intradepartmental effort, with physicians and staff from the Emergency Department, the Department of Surgery, the Division of Rehabilitation Medicine and the Department of Case Management working together to treat patients with hip fractures.

While there are always risks of complications, New York Methodist Hospital's Geriatric Hip Fracture Program is designed to minimize the risks and improve the experience of patients.

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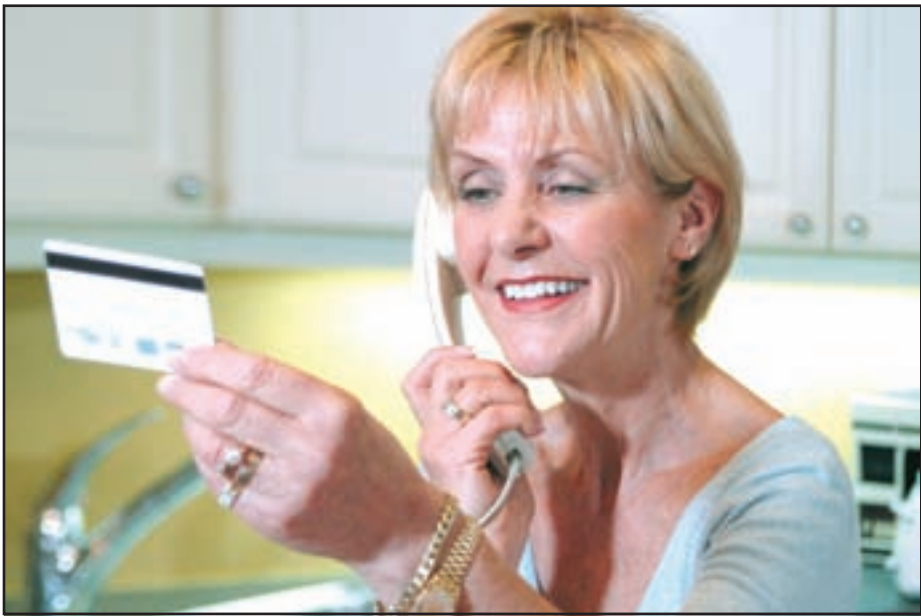
Seniors are often targets of scam charities

Donating money to charity is one of the most selfless things a person can do. Unfortunately, criminals can easily prey on these selfless acts, using a person's desire to help the less fortunate for their own personal gain.

According to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, seniors should be especially mindful of fraud schemes. That's because seniors are considered easy targets for criminals for a number of reasons. The FBI notes that seniors are most likely to have a nest egg and an exceptional credit rating, making them very attractive to criminals. What's more, seniors are more likely to be ashamed if they feel they have been victimized and therefore are less prone to report the fraud.

But seniors should know that con artists don't discriminate when it comes to their victims, and people of all ages are victimized each and every year, particularly during the holiday season when people most commonly donate. Before donating to charity this year, older donors should take the following precautions to reduce their risk of being victimized by con artists posing as charities.

•**Get off the phone.** Seniors are commonly victimized by con artists over the phone. No reputable charity will want you



to donate over the telephone. Instead, the charity will want you to familiarize yourself with its mission and history and then make a donation based on your research. If a caller wants you to donate over the phone, simply request he mails you information about the charity, and then hang up. If its a

reputable charity, this should not be a problem. If the caller continues to pressure you for a donation over the phone, just hang up.

A caller soliciting a donation might be a con artist, an employee of a for-profit fundraiser, or an employee of the charity itself. Ultimately, if you decide to make a dona-

tion, don't do so over the phone. Instead, send that donation directly to the charity to ensure the charity receives the entire donation, instead of a portion going toward a fundraiser.

•**Don't feel pressured.** No reputable charity pressures prospective donors into making contributions. That's because its doesn't need to. A reputable charity can afford to keep its lights on and its programs running with or without your donation. If a caller or a letter is pressuring you to donate, don't succumb to that pressure, and kindly decline to donate.

•**Don't let "gifts" pressure you.** Another tool employed by con artists or even less reputable charities is to send "gifts" to prospective donors. These can include mailing labels or cards. The hope is that recipients will feel pressured into donating once they receive a gift. However, a charity that is worth a donation does not need to resort to such tactics, which are a waste of resources as well as a dishonest way to solicit donations. Seniors should not feel compelled to donate because they received free mailing labels.

•**Verify all information.** Con artists are especially good at impersonating a reputable charity, sending e-mails with a well

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By Camille Sperrazza

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Dr. Russell Greenseid and Dr. Nick Chiapetta are chiropractors at the Sheepshead Bay facility, and one of the innovative treatments they offer is the use of the spinal decompression machine.

"It's FDA-approved, and is safe and effective," says Dr. Greenseid. Via mechanical traction, pressure is alleviated from the pain-sensitive structures.

Patients who have suffered with debilitating lower back pain have found relief from its use, says the doctor. It's used primarily to

treat disc injuries to the lower back, providing an alternative to those who do not wish to have surgery.

"This is just one of the many tools we offer," says Dr. Chiapetta. Manual manipulation is another option, as are joint injections. The latter, too, uses technology so doctors can work more efficiently. In this instance, an ultrasound machine provides the doctor with a picture of the area that needs treatment, and this allows him to guide needles precisely to these affected areas.

The Nostrand Avenue facility offers many forms of treatment, including chiropractic care, neurology, orthopedic, pain management and physical therapy. The facility's medical director is Dr. Igor Stiler, a neurologist, who oversees the care of those who suffer with neurological disorders, as well as patients recovering from surgery or accidents.

Orthopedic specialties include sports medicine, pediatric orthopedics, and care to feet, ankles, hips, knees, shoulders, elbows, hands, and spine.

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Dr. Nick Chiapetta and staff members Debbie Candido, Julissa Cardenas and Kiara Alvarado use the latest technology available to treat pain.

ternal ear" is used to reduce cravings.

"It is proven to be an effective and painless option that enables one to lose weight," says the doctor.

Weight loss can also help alleviate joint pain. HealthQuest has been servicing the community since 1994. Most major medical plans, including No Fault and Medicare, are accepted. The facility is handicapped accessible, and there's parking on the premises. Check HealthQuest's website for educational seminars that help improve quality of life.

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IS YOUR LOVED ONE LOSING WEIGHT WITHOUT DIETING?

Dropping a few pounds is usually not a problem, but if your elderly parent suddenly loses 10 or more pounds, it's time to take a closer look. Unwanted weight loss could be a sign of depression. Is your loved one socializing less frequently, or becoming isolated? Weight loss can also signal memory loss; a person living alone may just forget to eat. Arthritis and other physical problems can make meal preparation difficult. Watch to see whether your mother is having trouble opening jars or cans, or is becoming less able to navigate the kitchen because of stiff joints or numbness.

IS YOUR LOVED ONE HAVING DIFFICULTY GETTING AROUND?

Chronic conditions such as arthritis can impede mobility. Inflammation of the knees, hips or ankles can impair movement and discourage activity. Finally, diminishing eyesight or weakening leg muscles can cause imbalance that could result in falls.

In the last few years of his life, my father developed a shuffling gait, and sometimes had trouble walking forward. We also noticed that his handwriting was becoming tiny and cramped. When we consulted Dad's doctor, we learned that these were

classic signs of Parkinson's disease.

DOES YOUR LOVED ONE APPEAR UNKEPT?

Poor hygiene is a major sign that your parent's health is declining. Poor hygiene can be the result of depression, forgetfulness, or physical impairment. If you notice that your mother is neglecting basic grooming, smells of urine, emits body odor — or if her clothes look dirty or unkempt — she probably needs help.

TAKE ACTION!

Once you accept the fact that your elderly parent needs help, you can start taking steps in the right direction. Some of these steps can be relatively minor, such as installing a medical alert system in your parent's home that will alert you if he falls. Or, it may be time to consider hiring an aide to come in a few times a week to clean, run errands, and prepare meals.

If taking such actions is not sufficient to keep your loved one safe and healthy, you may need to consider a more serious lifestyle change. Perhaps it's time to hire a full-time home health attendant, or move your parent to an assisted living residence or skilled nursing home.

Joanna Leefer is an eldercare advisor with more than seven years experience in the aging industry. She was the primary caregiver for her elderly parents for seven years and worked for the foremost advocacy organization in New York City for five years. She will be publishing a handbook on eldercare coming out this summer. For more tips and information, visit www.joannaleefer.com.

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REDUCE RISK OF INJURY IN THE BATHROOM

Perhaps no room can be more difficult for seniors to navigate than the bathroom. Wet tiled floors can greatly increase the risk of falling, so men and women should make sure to have bathroom rugs that are slip-resistant. Slip-resistant rugs typically have a rubber bottom and won't move even if the floor is wet.

Another step to secure the bathroom is to install grab bars on the walls, including in the bathtub and next to the toilet.



Also, make sure the towel bars are secure, as seniors might grab onto towel bars if they feel they are about to fall or need to regain their balance.

As for the bathtub, be sure to place a non-skid mat or strips on the standing area. This can help

secure arguably the riskiest part of a home not just for elderly residents but all inhabitants of a home. According to the National Safety Council, most falls in the home occur in the bathroom. Securing a slippery tub with non-skid mats or strips can greatly

reduce the risk of a fall.

KEEP THE HOME ILLUMINATED

Understandably, many homeowners look to save money around the house, and turning off the lights at night is both common and financially savvy. However,

when a home has an elderly resident, it's best to ensure the home is at least partially illuminated. Nightlights should be used in hallways and along the staircase as well as in the bathroom and the kitchen. Elderly residents likely won't be familiar with where the light switches are, at least not immediately. So keep the house at least partially illuminated overnight in case a senior housemate must wake up to use the restroom or get a glass of water in the middle of the night.

CLEAR OUT THE CLUTTER

A cluttered home is a fire hazard regardless of whom is living inside. However, a cluttered home is also a considerable safety risk for seniors. When preparing a home for an elderly resident, be sure the bedroom is not overcrowded. Make certain there is a clear path in which elderly residents can walk around the bed.

Clutter can also collect in the living room. Ideally, elderly residents should have a clear path on which to walk from room to room. Make sure cords from the entertainment system are bundled and not lying open in the floor. In addition, magazine or newspaper baskets should be moved away from where residents will be walking.

Clutter can also collect outside the home, particularly in homes with young children. Explain to kids that their toys need to be put away and kept off of walkways to help Grandma and Grandpa avoid injury. Homeowners who love to work around the house should also clean their work areas thoroughly and put everything away before calling it a day.

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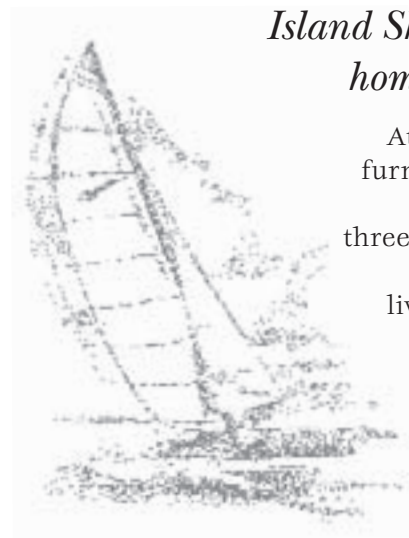
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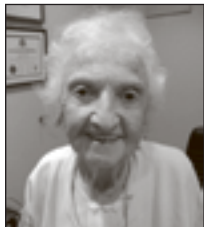
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According to the AARP, slightly more than five percent of people 65 years and older reside in nursing homes, congregate care, assisted living, and board-and-care homes. Though no one plans to live in a nursing home, seniors and their families should at least know what to look for just in case.

DETERMINE INDIVIDUAL NEEDS

Men and women researching potential living facilities might find it difficult to determine their specific needs. Unforeseen health conditions, for instance, might dictate which option is the best fit. Men and women who have a medical condition that requires routine monitoring will almost certainly want a skilled nursing facility. But those without medical conditions who need help with simpler tasks of everyday life are likely to have those needs met by an intermediate facility. Some facilities provide both types of care, which can make transitioning from one to another much easier if or when that need arises. Facilities

typically have intake planners on staff who evaluate each individual and determine which level of care is the best fit.

RESEARCH POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Each facility should be ready and willing to share and discuss its policies and procedures with regards to residents. What is the procedure when a resident has a medical emergency? What if a resident finds a living situation unpleasant? What is the facility's philosophy regarding staff and resident interaction? What are the facility's hiring practices, including certification requirements, for its personnel? What is the ratio of staff to residents? Each facility should be able to answer these questions promptly and adequately. Those who can't should be checked off the list of residences to consider.

FACILITY RATINGS

According to the AARP, recent research has shown that nonprofit nursing homes offer higher-quality care, better staff-resident ratios, and have fewer health violations than facilities managed by for-profit companies. Men and women researching facilities can visit Caring.com, an online resource for men and women caring for aging relatives. The website enables adults to compare nursing homes in their areas, in-

cluding if a home is for profit or nonprofit, and the home's capacity. U.S. residents can even learn each facility's Medicare ratings, which are determined by examining the safety of the facility and its overall quality of care and a host of other factors.

GET A FIRSTHAND ACCOUNT OF THE FACILITY

Before choosing a facility for themselves or an elderly relative, individuals should spend some time at the facilities they're considering to get a firsthand account of what life at that facility is like. Observe the staff interactions with residents, including if they address residents with respect and patience. How do the current residents look? Are they unkempt and left to their own devices, or do they appear well groomed and are they encouraged to interact with other residents? Does the facility seem warm and welcoming, or is it antiseptic? The move to an elderly care facility is often difficult and sometimes depressing, so each of the above conditions can carry significant weight when choosing a facility.

Finding a nursing home or a similar facility for yourself or an aging relative is not necessarily easy. People facing such a difficult decision should begin the process as early as possible to ensure they find the facility that is the best fit.

Seniors

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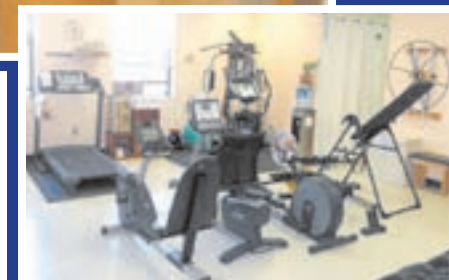
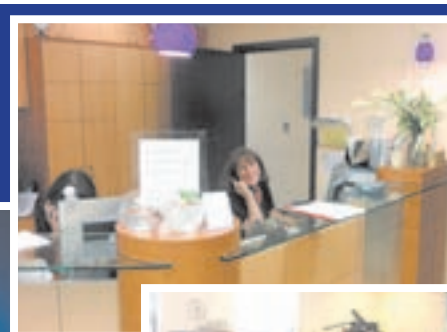
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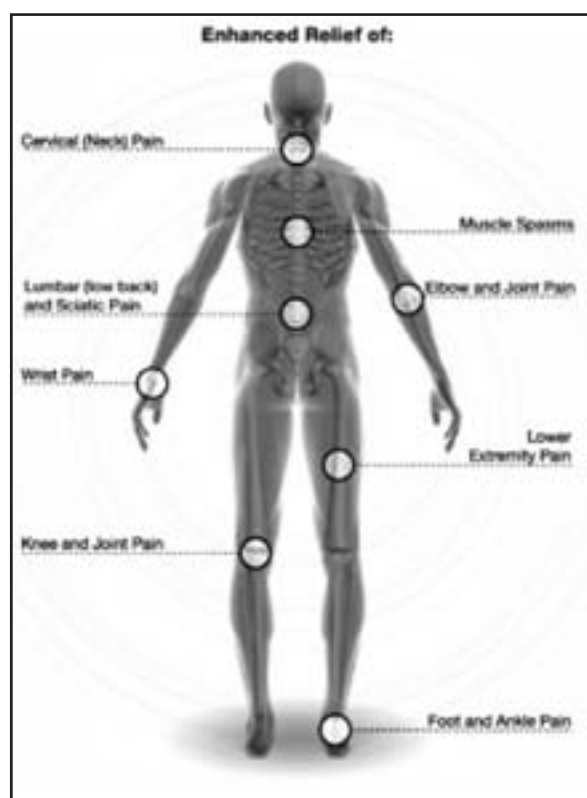
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Dan Holzman, owner of the Meatball Shop on Bedford Avenue, is one of six contenders who will face off at the Brooklyn Kitchen's Meatball Slapdown on March 2 to settle the score as to who makes the meanest meatball in Brooklyn.

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Now that's a spicy-a-meatball

By Juliet Linderman

Hungry for meatballs? We bet you are. Check out this recipe from from "The Meatball Shop Cookbook."

Classic beef meatballs

Makes about 2 dozen 1-and-a-half-inch meatballs



Ingredients:

2 tablespoons olive oil
2 pounds 80 percent lean ground beef
1 cup ricotta cheese
2 large eggs
½ cup bread crumbs
¼ cup chopped fresh parsley
1 tblsp. chopped fresh oregano
2 tsp. salt
¼ tsp. crushed red pepper flakes
½ tsp. ground fennel
4 cups classic tomato sauce (see below)

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By Juliet Linderman

It's meatball madness — and you can hold the spaghetti.

On March 2, this meaty side dish is taking center stage at the third annual Meatball Slapdown at the Brooklyn Kitchen, in which the city's best chefs will pull out all the stops to prove their culinary chops as they compete for the title of the borough's meatball maestro.

"There's no shortage of food competitions happening all over this city, but meatballs are concise — you can tell a whole story in a single meatball, in a very small portion," said Harry Rosenblum, the creator of the competition who owns the Brooklyn Kitchen with his wife, Taylor Erkkinen. "The only requirement is meat, in the shape of a ball."

Indeed, in years past, participating chefs have devised crafty, creative meatballs using unlikely ingredients such as fish, lamb, cheese, pine nuts, raisins and whole cubes of Guanchale, to name a few.

Having been long considered an add-on to saucy spaghetti or a quick, cheap and filling lunch when plopped in between two halves of a hero roll, recession-friendly meatballs are enjoying a renaissance of sorts in Brooklyn of late, and even boast a whole restaurant dedicated to their deliciousness.

"They've always been a staple of the American diet, but now they're hip and cool, and definitely in the zeitgeist," said Dan Holzman, owner of the Meatball Shop, whose rotating menu offers approximately 50 different varieties of meatballs at any given time with inventive flavor combinations such as buffalo chicken. Chefs are looking for less expensive ways to use some of the scraps, so meatballs have made their way onto menus at more and more restaurants. I don't know why meatballs are cool, exactly — but we try our best to keep it that way!"

Six chefs from Masten Lake, the Meathook, and Meatball Shop in Williamsburg and Roberta's in Bushwick among others will bring their juiciest, beefiest balls with which to wow hungry attendees and a panel of judges. All proceeds will go towards the Brooklyn Kitchen's Classrooms in the Kitchen educational program, and the Brooklyn Grange Farm's City Grower program. Apart from all that, this slapdown is any meat eater's paradise.

"We're going to be cooking meatballs, scary amounts of meatballs," Holzman said. "God bless all the piggies we're sending off to piggy heaven!"

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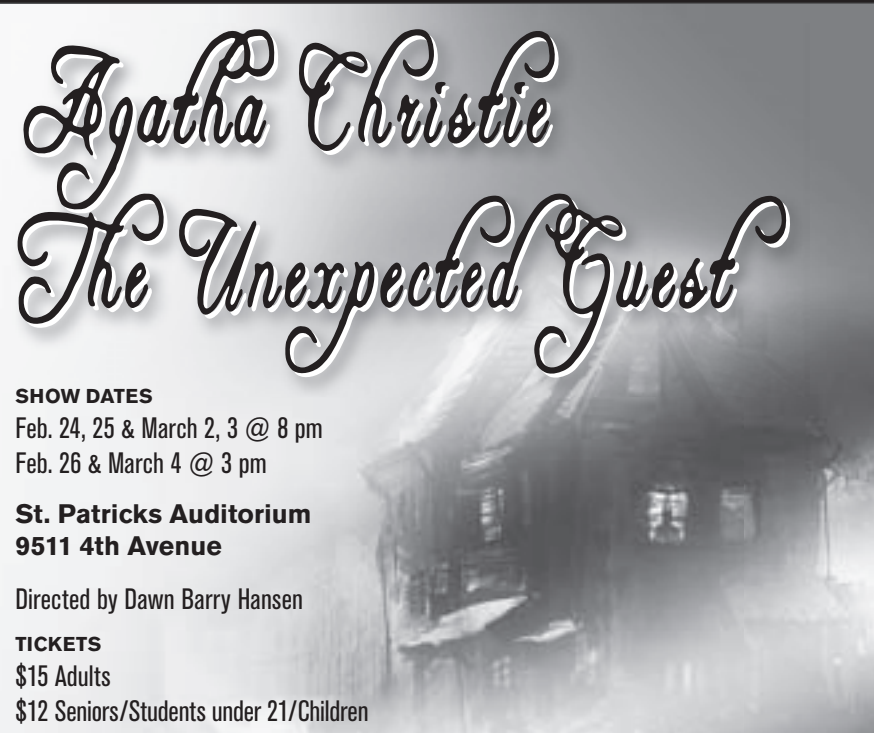
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Theatrical journalism

A heart-wrenching play that exposes the bizarre ethos behind small-town homophobia hits the stage at Heights Players on March 2.

“The Laramie Project” — Moisés Kaufman’s acclaimed tale about the real-life murder of Matthew Shepard, a gay college student in Wyoming — offers a documentary-style peek at the events surrounding the chilling 1998 crime.

“It pushes the limits of theater to find truth,” said Director Robert Weinstein. “It forces the audience to look in the mirror.”

Part crime thriller, part sociological study, the sound-bite-driven play is a bold stylistic departure for the Heights Players theater, which often sticks with light-hearted classics. It’s a risk worth taking.

“The Laramie Project” at the Heights Players [26 Willow Pl. between State and Joralemon streets in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 237-2752], March 2–18, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 pm; Sundays at 2 pm. Tickets, \$15.

— Natalie O’Neill



Rob Weinstein and the Heights Players will stage “The Laramie Project,” a documentary-style play about the real-life murder of a gay man in Wyoming.

Photo by Stefano Giovannini

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BEST BETS

Behind the scenes of the city

In an unprecedented show of transparency, 25 architectural firms in DUMBO are opening their doors to the public as part of an ongoing series organized by Open House New York called “Open Studio,” beginning on Feb. 25 —and, when it comes to architectural firms in Brooklyn, there’s no better place to start.

“The architects who are in DUMBO are among the most creative in the city,” said Bill Menking, editor and chief of Architect’s Newspaper. “Perhaps it’s because they’re of a certain age, but those companies who have been there for 10–15 years have really matured. People will get to see what they’re working on and sort of de-mystify what architects do.”

Visitors can tour the participating firms at their leisure; perusing architectural models, drawings, photographs; exploring the creative work-spaces; and enjoying presentations by the architects themselves. Capping off the day will be a reception at the Garrison Architects’ studio featuring drinks, snacks, and



Architects Sandra Wheeler and Alfred Zollinger, of Matter Practice, are inviting the public to their 20 Jay St. studio on Feb. 25 to peruse their stockpile of models.

Photo by Stefano Giovannini

the chance to snag some one-on-one time with some of the city’s most brilliant designers.

One of “Open Studio’s” biggest draws, however, is providing patrons with the opportunity to check out the participating firms’ various design practices — while the creative process for many architectural firms has become predominantly digitized, the architects over at Matter Practice, for instance, like to do things the old fashioned way.

Architects are hoping that

the event will give patrons a greater understanding and appreciation of the buildings that surround them.

“You live in a city that’s surrounded by what we do,” said Jim Garrison of Garrison Architects. “The more people know about architecture the smarter they’ll be.”

Open House New York [81 Front St. between Main and Washington streets in DUMBO, (212) 919-6470] Feb. 25, at 12:45 pm. \$35 (30 in advance).

For info, visit www.ohny.org

— Colin Mixson

Sat.
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The Mark Morris Dance Group production of “Four Saints in Three Acts” is hitting BAM’s stage on March 1.

Courtesy of the Mark Morris Dance Group

Making their dance ‘Mark’

What do Gertrude Stein, Isaac Mizrahi and Maira Kalman have in common?

The Mark Morris Dance Group is combining the works of all three geniuses for its dual production of “Four Saints in Three Acts” and “A Choral Fantasy,” which will open on BAM’s stage on March 1.

“It’s a gorgeous, surprising, beautiful, tender piece of music,” said Mark Morris, the choreographer who created the hour-long dance piece to Virgil Thompson’s 1928 choral arrangement, with a libretto by Gertrude Stein and sets designed by New York-based author and artist Maira Kalman.

“Four Saints in Three Acts,” will be accompanied by a world premiere of Morris’s “A Choral Fantasy,” set to Beethoven’s “Fantasia in C minor for Piano, Chorus, and Orchestra, Op. 80,” with costumes by fashion icon Isaac Mizrahi.

Mark Morris Dance Group at BAM [30 Lafayette Ave. between Fulton Street and Ashland Place in Fort Greene, 718.636.4100]. March 1–3, 7:30 pm. Tickets, \$25–\$80. For info, visit www.bam.org.

— Juliet Linderman

Thurs.
3/1

Aargh! Rum is not just for pirates and scallywags anymore!

By Eli Rosenberg

Rum-running is back.

The popular pirate-swill is the latest elixir to titillate the borough’s ever-shifting tastes, as drinkers are rapidly realizing that rum drinks are so much more than the umbrella-garnished cocktails of yore.

“Rum is delicious and sweet, and light and refreshing,” said Wil Petre, the beverage director at The Farm on Adderley. “But it can be dark and complex, too.”

On Feb. 25, thirsty Brooklynites are invited to Sycamore Bar and Flowerhip in Ditmas Park to explore rum’s dynamic properties, and learn to make a mean rum cocktail, at the bar’s “Art of the Rum” cocktail course.

Rum’s recent popularity is a return to its original status in the country: the sugarcane-based spirit, was the sip of choice for early American colonists, though it fell out of favor after the revolution made American-crafted whiskey more appealing to newly founded nation.

Bartenders now promise there is nothing unpatriotic about drinking the Caribbean liquor.

“It’s speaking to a different era,” said Mike Mikos, a bartender at Sycamore who will be hosting the cocktail course. “But I don’t think

it’s un-American.”

The sweet swill does not spring from a history of life, liberty and happiness, however; like many New World products, rum leaves behind a tangled past.

“Sugar was the oil of its age,” said Frederick Smith, a professor at the College of William and Mary, who wrote “Caribbean Rum: a Social and Economic History” after spending many summers in Barbados. “And the development of rum is tied to the rise of African slavery [in the New World]. Rum was also a way to reward enslaved people’s for hard work — and keep the system going without rebellion.”

But the spirit also represents the sweeter side of the Caribbean — it goes extremely well with fruits, for example — making this variety of hooch particularly appealing to chilly New Yorkers in the middle of winter.

“We’re still pushing forward with some of the tropical-style cocktails [at the event] so we can all imagine a better time,” said Mikos. “If you feel your manliness is challenged by the idea of a rum cocktail, you can just remember it was in Hemingway’s cocktail of choice.”

The Art of the Rum Cocktail at Sycamore Bar & Flowerhip [1118 Cortelyou Road between Westminster Road and East 11th Street

in Ditmas Park (347) 240-5850] Feb. 25, 5 pm. Tickets are \$45. For more information, visit www.sycamorebrooklyn.com

Want to drink like Ernest Hemingway? Of course you do! Here’s a recipe for the literary master’s drink of choice: a rum daiquiri, courtesy of the skilled bartenders at Sycamore.

Ingredients:

El Dorado 3 yr (Guyana)
Kraken spiced rum (Trinidad and Tobago)
Lemon Hart 151 (Guyana)
Smith & Cross Navy Strength (Jamaica)
Ron Zacapa 23 yr. (Guatemala)

The recipe:

La Floridita Daiquiri
1 1/2 oz. white rum (El Dorado 3 yr.)
1/2 oz. Maraschino liqueur
1/2 oz. fresh squeezed grapefruit juice
1/2 oz fresh squeezed lime juice
1/2 oz. simple syrup

Shake well, and strain into a chilled cocktail glass.



Sycamore’s John Hagan holds up a Mikos Mule drink made with dark rum, lime juice and ginger ale.

Photo by Alice Proujansky

Sheepshead Bay takes to the stage

By Daniel Bush

Sheepshead Bay takes center stage — literally — in Brooklyn native Erika Sheffer's off-Broadway debut, "Russian Transport," starring comedian Janeane Garofalo, about a Russian American family from the neighborhood struggling to make ends meet, whose daily routine is upended by a surprise visit from a trouble-making relative named Boris.

We caught up with Sheffer, a Flatbush resident and graduate of Edward R. Murrow High School, to discuss the drama, immigrant life in Brooklyn and her upcoming play, set in Midwood.

Daniel Bush: Why did you set "Russian Transport" in Sheepshead Bay, as opposed to Brighton Beach? What is it about Sheepshead Bay in general, and Russian immigrants in particular, that you find so interesting?

Erika Sheffer: My parents and brother emigrated from the Soviet Union in 1975. We first lived in Boro Park, but moved to the Sheepshead Bay–Marine Park area when I was five. As a kid, I remember going to Brighton Beach and feeling like I'd wandered into another country. A Russian immigrant could live there and never have to learn English. Sheepshead Bay feels more diverse to me. Since the kids in the play are not totally immersed in Russian culture, their struggle to balance their parents' values with their own assimilated point of view mirrored my own experience.

DB: The character played by Janeane Garofalo, Diana, and her husband Misha are struggling to maintain their small business. But their children seem more concerned with fitting into mainstream American culture. What does this generational divide say about the immigrant experience?



"Russian Transport" playwright Erika Sheffer grew up in Marine Park and lives in Flatbush.

Photo by Elizabeth Graham

ES: When my parents came to America, they brought a lot of anxiety and fear with them. They wanted to make a better life for their children, but when that involved going away to college, moving to another state, or pursuing a less than lucrative career in the arts, fear of the unknown took hold. I'm lucky my parents supported me despite their fears.

Like Diana and Misha, their focus was to ensure the safety of their children, but coming from an oppressive regime, their idea of what it meant to be safe is very different from the average American high schooler. The biggest differ-

ence I've found between my parents generation and mine, is that we expect to find happiness. They hope for stability.

DB: Would the play have been any different if you focused on Mexican immigrants in Sunset Park, say, or the growing Turkish community in Sheepshead Bay? Or do different immigrant groups share more things in common than we might assume?

ES: When you come to a new country, understanding its values is a battle you often lose. At least in the beginning. Personally, I can relate to that story whether the players are Chinese,

Cuban, or Sudanese. We all come here wanting to fit in while retaining that which feels uniquely home. It's a paradox that's universal to immigrants. Except for the food and jewelry, I'd say we're a pretty similar lot.

DB: You grew up in Brooklyn. Where were some of your favorite places to go as a child, and what do you do for fun now?

ES: When I was a kid, the biggest treat was a trip to Nellie Bly. You can't even call that place an amusement park. It's off Shore Parkway and they used to give you a dirty potato sack to wear when you went down the "Fun Slide," so you could gather momentum and sustain more lasting injuries.

Caesar's Bay Bazar was another classic trip. Now it's just a big chain mini-mall, but back in the day, it was filled with independent vendors selling everything you could think of. You could buy a carpet from the middle east and a snow cone in one location.

Nowadays, there is always something amazing happening at BAM or St. Anne's Warehouse. Also, don't leave this borough without eating at L&B Spumoni Gardens, Brennan & Carr, and my local falafel cart on Cortelyou Road.

DB: Will your next play be set in the borough, too?

ES: Well, I've got two in the works and one is indeed set in Brooklyn. We're moving north to Midwood, this time.

"Russian Transport" at the Acorn Theater [W. 42nd St. between Ninth and Tenth avenues in Manhattan (212) 239-6200] on Mondays–Wednesdays at 8 pm, Thursday–Friday at 8 pm and Saturdays at 2 pm and 8 pm, through March 24. Tickets start at \$61. For more info visit www.thenewgroup.org.

'Black' comedy comes to Greenpoint

By Kate Briquet

Michael Ian Black will say what most people are unwilling to admit about themselves: he hates his baby, gets verklempt over Creed on the radio, and fantasizes about divorce.

The funnyman behind the smash hit movie "Wet Hot American Summer," will regale fans with his new memoir, "You're Not Doing It Right," at a book party moderated by conservative sweetheart Meghan McCain at Word in Greenpoint on Feb. 28.

Black's sardonic tome tackles marriage, childhood neuroses, and the horrors of suburban living with this unvarnished essay collection — featuring chapters such as "I Hate My Baby" and "F--- You, Alan Alda."

It's all about coming to terms with your middle-aged existence.

Black shared some of these exhortations with The Brooklyn Paper last week, from a Hampton Inn in Arkansas.

Kate Briquet: Is this the opus that proves once and for all that Michael Ian Black has emotions?

Michael Ian Black: Well, yeah, I suppose it might, much to my chagrin. Chagrin ... I've read about that one, but I don't know that I've actually experienced it.

I just figured I'd write about what I'm think-

ing about and what I was thinking about was myself, because I'm a narcissist. So I had to find a way to write about myself in a way that was honest and hopefully entertaining.

KB: Which essays would you require as mandatory reading for denizens of suburbia?

MIB: I would recommend to all young parents regardless of gender, the chapter entitled "I Hate My Baby." It comes from me hating my baby. In all fairness, I hated both of my babies, because they were s---- babies and I resented the amount of sleep I wasn't getting as a result of their existence. It was very difficult and quite awful, but nobody ever wants to acknowledge that sometimes parents hate their babies. I'm happy to acknowledge it, to celebrate it even!

KB: You also discuss how you and your wife daydream about divorce. How does she feel about the book?

MIB: My wife and I discuss divorce the way other people discuss vacation plans — with some regularity and certain amount of wistfulness.

I was dating another girl when I was going out with my wife and broke up with her. My wife was in another relationship when we got together. We started having an affair when she was living with her boyfriend, and that's probably how my marriage will end as well.

She likes the book, though she was nervous about it. In a lot of ways, it is a love letter to her directly. Because it's as much about how I value

our marriage and our family as it is about me bitching about her.

KB: What should we expect at your debut reading at Word?

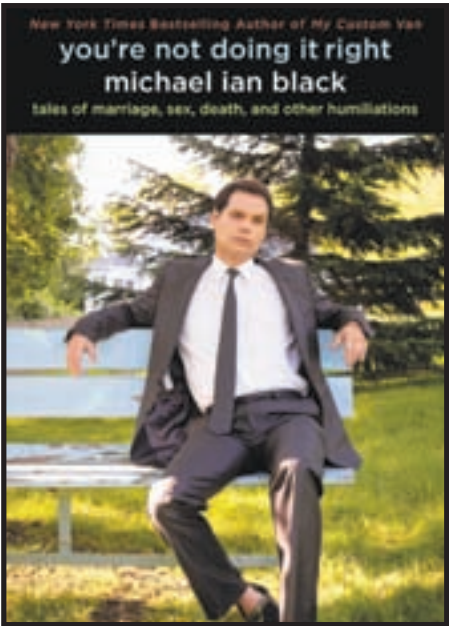
MIB: Meghan McCain is going to moderate, I'll do a short reading, and then she'll ask me some questions and we'll make out a little bit. I may randomly open up the book to pages and see if anything gets a laugh, the way some people look for answers by randomly opening up the Bible.

KB: How did you end up becoming friends with McCain and working on a book — "America, You Sexy B-----"?

MIB: Ambien and Twitter. She's one of my dearest friends now. She's like my kid sister. If you think it's weird that you'd make out with your kid sister, you're so in the last century that I don't even want to talk to you anymore.

KB: Why should we pick up "You're Not Doing It Right?"

MIB: If you're looking for a book about showbiz and what it's like to fail on VH1, this is not the book for you. If you're in a relationship and thinking about marriage or thinking about having kids and want someone to tell you the honest truth about how either of those things are the worst mistakes of your life, this if for you — coupled with heart-tugging reminiscences and joyful exhortations on matrimony and children. Hipster a----- in Brooklyn better f----- read it.



Michael Ian Black will read his memoir to fans and Meghan McCain (yes, that one!) at Word in Greenpoint on Feb. 29.

Photo by Natalie Brasington

Michael Ian Black with Meghan McCain at Word [126 Franklin St. between Milton and Noble streets in Greenpoint (718) 383-0096], Feb. 29 at 7 pm. For info, wordbrooklyn.com.

And at Greenlight Bookstore [686 Fulton St. between S. Portland Street and S. Elliott Place in Fort Greene, (718) 246-0200], March 15 at 7:30 pm. For info, visit greenlightbookstore.com.

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Making meatballs

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Preheat the oven to 450°F. Drizzle the olive oil into a 9x13-inch baking dish and use your hand to evenly coat the entire surface. Set aside.

Combine the ground beef, ricotta, eggs, bread crumbs, parsley, oregano, salt, red pepper flakes, and fennel in a large mixing bowl and mix by hand until thoroughly incorporated.

Roll the mixture into round, golf ball-size meatballs about 1 1/2 inches), making sure to pack the meat firmly. Place the balls in the prepared baking dish, being careful to line them up snugly and in even rows vertically and horizontally to form a grid. The meatballs should be touching one another.

Roast for 20 minutes, or until the meatballs are firm and cooked through. A meat thermometer inserted into the center of a meatball should read 165°F.

While the meatballs are roasting, heat the tomato sauce in a small saucepan over medium-high heat, stirring often.

When the meatballs are firm and fully cooked, remove them from the oven and drain the excess grease from the pan. Pour the tomato sauce over them. Return the meatballs to the oven and continue roasting for another 15 minutes.

Classic Tomato Sauce, "The Meatball Shop Cookbook"

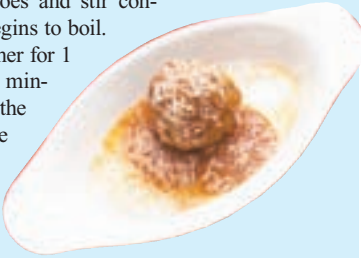
Makes 7 cups

Ingredients:

- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 1 onion, finely diced
- 1 bay leaf
- 1 tsp. chopped fresh oregano or 1/2 tsp. dried
- 2 garlic cloves, roughly chopped
- 2 tsp. salt or to taste
- 2 tblsp. tomato paste
- 2 26-ounce boxes Pomi Chopped Tomatoes or two 28-ounce cans whole plum tomatoes, chopped with their liquid

Heat the olive oil in a large pot over medium heat. Add the onions, bay leaf, oregano, garlic, and salt and cook, stirring often, until the onions are soft and translucent, about 10 minutes.

Add the tomato paste and continue cooking for five minutes. Add the tomatoes and stir constantly until the sauce begins to boil. Lower the heat and simmer for 1 hour, stirring every five minutes or so to prevent the sauce on the bottom of the pot from burning. Taste and season with additional salt, if desired. Remove the bay leaf before serving.



WHAT TO DO 24 SEVEN EVENTS

FRI, FEB. 24

WORKSHOP, FUN FRIDAYS: Children get together with friends and play video games. **Free.** 4 pm. Eastern Parkway Public Library [1044 Eastern Pkwy. at Kingston Avenue in Crown Heights, (718) 778-9330], www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org.

MUSIC, ESNABI: **Free.** 8 pm. BAM-Cafe [30 Lafayette Ave. between Ashland Place and St. Felix Street in Fort Greene, (718) 636-4129], www.bam.org.

THEATER, "THE UNEXPECTED GUEST": A performance by the Narrows Community Theater. \$20. 8 pm. St. Patrick's Auditorium [97th St. at Fourth Avenue in Bay Ridge, (718) 482 3173], www.NarrowsCommunityTheater.com.

THEATER, "FOLLOW THE LEADER": An evening of short plays about cults. 8:30 pm. Triskelion Arts [118 N. 11th St. between Berry Street and Wythe Avenue in Williamsburg, (917) 270-7279], www.PanickedProductions.com.

SAT, FEB. 25

PERFORMANCE

THEATER, "THE UNEXPECTED GUEST": 8 pm. See Friday, Feb. 24.

OTHER

TAX HELP: State Sen. Marty Golden is sponsoring income tax preparation for seniors; by appointment only. **Free.** 9-11:30 am. District office [7408 Fifth Ave. at 74th Street in Bay Ridge, (718) 238-6044].

TAX HELP: 10 am to 2 pm. See Friday, Feb. 24.

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.

CLASSIC COCKTAIL COURSE — RUM: Learn to make a variety of rum cocktails. \$45. 5 pm. Sycamore [1118 Cortelyou Rd. between Stratford and Westminister roads in Ditmas Park, (347) 240-5850], www.sycamore-brooklyn.com.

SUN, FEB. 26

PERFORMANCE

THEATER, "THE UNEXPECTED GUEST": 3 pm. See Friday, Feb. 24.

MUSIC, FRED ARMISEN'S PLAYLIST LIVE! Comedian and "Portlandia" star's one-man show. 8 pm. Union Pool [484 Union Ave. at Meeker Avenue in Williamsburg, (718) 609-0484], www.myspace.com/unionpool.

MON, FEB. 27

FILM, "DAYS OF MAJESTY": For adults. **Free.** 1:30 pm. Brighton Beach Public Library [16 Brighton First Rd. at Brighton Court in Brighton Beach, (718) 946-2917], www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org.

BINGO NIGHT: Bring your luck. \$3. 6:45 pm. St. Columba RC Church - Auditorium [2245 Kimball St. Avenue U and Avenue V in Marine Park, (718) 338-6265].

READING, AMERICAN CREATIVE WRITERS READING: Featuring Shelly Read, Michele Carlo, Caitlin Foyle, Monica A. Hand, Sonya Huber, Emily Hunter, Leslie Jamison and Rebecca Klein. **Free.** 7 pm. PowerHouse Arena [37 Main St. at Water Street in DUMBO, (718) 666-3049], www.powerhousearena.com.

READING, AMERICAN CREATIVE WRITERS ON CLASS: A reading featuring Shelly Reed, Monica A. Hand, Sonya Huber, Emily Hunter, Leslie Jamison, Rebecca Keith and others. **Free.** 7 pm. PowerHouse Arena [37 Main St. at Water Street in DUMBO, (718) 666-3049], www.powerhousearena.com.

TUES, FEB. 28

BINGO NIGHT: 11 am. See Monday, Feb. 27.

FILM, MOVIE TIME: A different title each week. For adults. **Free.** 2 pm. Clinton Hill Library [380 Washington Ave. at Lafayette Ave. in Clinton Hill, (718) 398-8713], www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION: Includes a screening of "Slavery and the Law," with a series of special talks on the topic of race. **Free.** 5:30 pm. Borough Hall [209 Joralemon St. between Court Street and Brooklyn Bridge Boulevard in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 250-4850].

BEGINNER'S ESL: 6:15 pm-9:15 pm. See Monday, Feb. 27.



Go see Portlandia star Fred Armisen's Playlist live at Union Pool in Williamsburg on Sunday, Feb. 26.

FILM, "CORALINE": **Free.** 6:30 pm. Brooklyn Public Library's Central branch [Flatbush Ave. at Eastern Parkway in Grand Army Plaza in Park Slope, (718) 230-2100], www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org.

WED, FEB. 29

LEGAL CLINIC: NY State attorneys are offering counseling in the areas of domestic violence, child custody and visitation issues. Private consultations are available. Call to reserve an appointment. **Free.** 10 am-3 pm. Union United Methodist Church [121 New York Ave. at Dean Street in Crown Heights, (718) 467-0458].

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

BEGINNER'S ESL: 6:15 pm-9:15 pm. See Monday, Feb. 27.

READING, CRAIG TAYLOR: Author of "Londoners: The Days and Nights of London Now." 6:30 pm. Greenlight Bookstore [686 Fulton St. between S. Elliott Place and S. Portland Avenue in Fort Greene, (718) 246-0200], greenlightbookstore.com.

SADIE HAWKINS DAY: Celebrate Leap Day/Sadie Hawkins Day by choosing a bachelor and raise funds for the Francesco Locisano Memorial Foundation. The evening includes a cocktail hour, sit-down dinner and an old fashioned auctioneer to lead the bidding on these engaging bachelors. Tickets must be purchased in advance. \$65. 6:30 pm. The Rex Manor [1100 60th St. and 11th Avenue in Dyker Heights, (718) 238-6001], frankiesmission.com.

org/upcoming_events.php.

THURS, MARCH 1

WORKSHOP, ENGLISH CONVERSATION: 1 pm. See Tuesday, Feb. 28.

WORKSHOP, CROCHET: Adults meet every week and work on their projects. 2 pm. Midwood Public Library [975 E. 16th St. between Avenues J and I in Midwood, (718) 252-0967], www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org. **BEGINNER'S ESL:** 6:15 pm-9:15 pm. See Monday, Feb. 27.

FRI, MARCH 2

TAX HELP: 10 am-2 pm. See Friday, Feb. 24.

WORKSHOP, FUN FRIDAYS: 4 pm. See Friday, Feb. 24.

THEATER, "THE UNEXPECTED GUEST": 8 pm. See Friday, Feb. 24.

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— Nazareth sophomore Samson Usilo

● 'We all love to play. Games are what's most important.'

— Nazareth coach Lauren Best

Poly Prep marksman voted city's top shooter

BY ZACH BRAZILLER

Poly Prep junior Charlie Marquardt is one of the city's best high school shooters — and he has his daddy to thank.

The son of Molloy College coach Charles Marquardt was given that lofty honor last week after receiving 24,521 votes out of a possible 68,158 votes, according to a recent NYPost.com poll.

But Marquardt plays like a coach's son.

He arrives early for practice and leaves late, Poly Prep coach Bill McNally said. Marquardt's a team leader, playing out of position and never complaining. He leads Poly Prep's Blue Devils in drawing charges and is always thinking about his teammates before himself. Above all, he credits his shooting prowess to all the hours McNally spends with him in his free time, working on technique and getting shots up, and to the team's guards freeing him up for open looks.

"Things coaches love to see," McNally said, "he definitely excels at."

Marquardt said his father "had a big impact on the player I am today. He always gives me pointers on what I can do better, what I'm doing well, but overall how to improve my game each and every day."

But Marquardt has some stiff shooting competition nipping at his heels. Holy Cross' Anthony Libroia came in second in the NYPost.com poll, with 21,069 votes (30.91 percent) and Andrew Utate of Mount St. Michael was third with



SHOOTER FOR THE STARS: Poly Prep's Charlie Marquardt won the NYPost.com poll asking who is the city's best high school boys basketball shooter.

Photo by Denis Gostev

8,354 (12.26 percent).

"I was very surprised because of all the great players that were on it," Marquardt said. "They're all outstanding players and I was just

honored to be recognized at first, to even win it was very surprising."

Marquardt is enjoying a solid junior season, leading young Poly Prep to a

13–8 record and third place in the competitive Ivy Prep League. His best game was a season-opening 83–76 win over Catholic High School Athletic Association Class A foe LaSalle when he poured in 35 points.

Shooting always came natural, Marquardt said. An avid basketball fan growing up, he picked up different techniques from different players. Now he just lets it fly.

And McNally is always giving him the green light.

"One of the things that makes him so deadly is he really has NBA range — without hesitation, without really any reservations from me at all," the long-time coach said. "He has complete free reign because it's a good shot for him. He can make an NBA 3 with the same ease of making a high school or a college 3. He's got a great, great stroke and he's got a quick release. His range is what separates him. You have to pick him up almost one or two steps over half-court."

To describe Marquardt as merely a shooter would dismiss everything he's done for the Blue Devils. Despite standing just 6-foot-3, he's one of their top rebounders, one of their leaders and a top defender.

When McNally approached him about playing out of position on Poly Prep's youngest team in over a decade, Marquardt didn't flinch, the coach said.

"He's been a tremendous asset," McNally said. "He just wants to do the right thing for the team."



DO OVER: Christ the King (above, with coach Bob Mackey) and Bishop Ford will not have to forfeit girls basketball games against Nazareth, the principals committee ruled.

Photo by Denis Gostev

CK, Ford to play 'forfeited' games

BY MARC RAIMONDI

Christ the King and Bishop Ford will not have to forfeit unplayed girls basketball games against Nazareth that stemmed from the death of Apache Paschall, the principals committee ruled last week, despite a recommendation to do so by the Catholic High School Athletic Association Brooklyn-Queens Eligibility and Infractions Committee.

Christ the King principal Peter Mannarino said it would be in everyone's best interest to reschedule the games, following the principals committee meeting.

"It was a very amicable meeting," Mannarino said. "When everyone left, I think everyone was comfortable."

In the days following the death of Paschall on Jan. 3, both schools' administrations declined to play games against the Lady Kingsmen. Both presidents said it was too

soon and Christ the King was under the assumption Paschall would be buried the day of its game with Nazareth.

Bishop Ford was scheduled to play Nazareth on Jan. 5 and Christ the King's game was to be Jan. 7, which was slated to be part of Nazareth's Homecoming.

Players, coaches and administrators at Nazareth all wanted the games to go on, feeling like that is what Paschall wanted. Grief counselors at the school said it would even be good therapy for the girls to get back on the court. The two teams have met Nazareth since and the nationally ranked Lady Kingsmen won both in blowout fashion, saying they were motivated by a show of disrespect.

On Feb. 3, the Eligibility and Infractions Committee recommended that Christ the King and Ford should both forfeit.

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Jefferson loses, 71-60

BY ZACH BRAZILLER

The grudge match between Thomas Jefferson and Jersey City's St. Anthony nearly came to blows when the Friars beat the Orange Wave 71-60 last week — but the near in-game fracas took place off the court.

St. Anthony was leading Jefferson 25-23 with 3:55 remaining in the first half when Orange Wave coach Lawrence (Bud) Pollard got into a shouting match with junior guard Jalen Evans' father, Ken.

Ken Evans was angry with Pollard for pulling his son, and let his feelings be known. After a verbal exchange, in which spectators said Pollard and Ken Evans were cursing at each other, a brief altercation ensued and play was stopped for five minutes as Ken Evans was escorted out of the gym by school safety officers.

"He was a little upset with Jalen's playing time," Pollard said. "He said a few things. I've known the guy a long time, things happen. We play on the same 40-and-over team."

Jalen Evans was "shocked" when he saw Pollard and his father getting into it. The guard had just come out of the game and didn't realize it was his father behind the bench barking at the coaching staff.

"I wanted them to stop," he said. "I wanted the win no matter what."

With Jefferson (21-6) somewhat dazed, St. Anthony took over when play resumed, ripping off a 12-1 run to go into the half with a 37-24 lead. They slowed the pace from frenetic, which Jefferson prefers, to methodical.

"I think that took a lot out of them and we capitalized," said St. Anthony star Kyle Anderson, the University of California at Los Angeles recruit who had 13 points, eight rebounds, three assists and three blocks.

Jefferson opened in a full-court press intended to take Anderson out of the game, but it often led to easy baskets for his teammates in transition. Pollard said the plan was to press only after made baskets, but too often



STUNTED GROWTH: Thomas Jefferson's Thaddeus Hall goes up for a contested layup in St. Anthony's 71-60 win at Lincoln High School. Photo by Denis Gostev

the Orange Wave didn't get back on missed shots, and they paid the price.

The Orange Wave got within six points in the final minute, as Thaddeus Hall and Jaquan (Son Son) Lynch nearly shot them back into it. The two scored 21 points apiece, but Jefferson saw its 10-game winning streak snapped nevertheless as St. Anthony made its free throws down the stretch. The Friars, meanwhile, have now won 54 straight contests, 33 of them in last year's perfect season. For all its accomplishments, St. Anthony (21-0) has never had consecutive undefeated seasons.

"That's great, but that's something we want to discuss after the season," Anderson said.

Hurley played down the streak's significance — they don't even talk about it, he said. The Hall-of-Fame

coach is more worried about his team getting better on a daily basis, which he felt happened last Wednesday. He lauded the overall experience — from the packed crowd and narrow court to relentless opponent.

"It's something to make us more resilient and tough," he said. "It was like a game in the playground. We had to play a 32-minute game, which we have only been forced to do four or five times."

He later said: "This is the No. 1-rated public school team in New York City in a public school gym. This is not home for them, but it's sure not neutral."

Hall, Jefferson's talented southpaw swingman, was visibly frustrated after the final buzzer sounded. He said the game was there to be won. He refused to take any kind of a moral victory from the loss.

"They are just ranked higher on the Internet. I don't play off of who is ranked. I really felt like we could have beaten them today, but a lot of things went wrong," he said. "They're just like us. All of their players aren't better than [ours]."

Pollard felt there was a lesson to be learned from the loss. Jefferson has been winning, the coach said, despite making mistakes. Those errors — such as turnovers and missed assignments on defense — were magnified against a team of St. Anthony's caliber. And while the Orange Wave won't see anyone near the Friars' level in the city playoffs, there are areas of their game that can be tightened up.

"There are certain things you can't do," Pollard said. "It was definitely a good lesson."



FIGHTING ON: The campaign to save Nazareth from closing continues this week. Photo by Paul Martinka

Nazareth fights on, despite closure

BY MARC RAIMONDI

Nazareth High School might be closing, but you wouldn't know it if you watched the first-place Kingsmen play: they've won their last eight games, and are making every bout count.

"Every game right now feels like our last," junior point guard Naquan Chandler said, reeling from the news that Nazareth would be closing for good in June due to declining enrollment.

But any emotions about the schools' impending closure hasn't affected the team's success on the boards. Nazareth routed Cathedral Prep, 58-28, in Catholic High School Athletic Association Class B boys basketball last Tuesday night in Brooklyn to extend its winning streak to eight games. It was the team's first game since learning the school would be closing.

"My guys, they're very positive that the school's gonna remain open," Nazareth coach Todd Jamison said. "They love the school. I have great kids. It's a great school. I don't understand why it's come to this, I really don't."

Samson Usilo, a freakishly athletic 6-foot-4 sophomore, poured in 22 points, Chandler had 12

points and Mike Megafu — who could be Nazareth's final valedictorian — added 10 points for the Kingsmen (16-6, 10-0 'B').

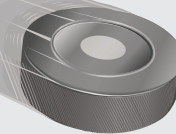
Jamison said a Big East assistant coach came to the team's practice last Monday and said that Usilo, right now at age 16, was a college-level player. He ignited the gym with multiple highlight reel dunks and alley oops — like he's done all year — including a reverse jam on a fast break where his head almost clanged against the rim.

"He's one of the best players I've played with," Chandler said of Usilo. "He's a true athlete. He's big. Every time he's on the floor with me, it makes the game easier for me."

Nazareth would have been a 'B' contender this year. But with Usilo, a Nigerian import who transferred from Mount Zion (N.C.), the Kingsmen are the clear favorite to win the title. They finished second in the division last year before being upset in the quarterfinals by St. Joseph by the Sea.

In his short time at the school, Usilo, whose grades are in the 90s, has been moved by Nazareth and how the community at the East Flatbush school

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Skid row! Aviators lose three straight

The loss of Chase Watson has left Brooklyn's Boys of Winter skating on thin ice

BY COLIN MIXSON

The on-again, off-again Brooklyn Aviators got their switch stuck in the off position this week after getting raided by the hated Akwesasne Warriors in two weekend bouts — then getting flat-out robbed by the Outlaws from Dirty Jersey.

The soul-crushing five game losing skid has left the Aviators in fifth place, meaning that as the Federal Hockey League play-off season gets closer, the chances of Brooklyn having a home ice advantage seem less and less likely.

Aviators coach Rob Miller says the loss of center Chase Watson — who made six goals and 16 assists over the last 10 games — put the team in a downward spiral.

“We’re kind of in a scoring funk right now,” Miller said. “We gave up Chase, who’s up in the East Coast Hockey League right now. He was a big piece to our puzzle and we’re probably not going to get him back this season.”

The torturous three-day weekend began on Friday night when the

Warriors, last year’s commissioner’s Cup champions, defeated the A’s during a 4-3 come-from-behind victory in Ontario.

Brooklyn was looking good with a 3-1 lead going into the final period, when Akwesasne scored three unanswered points — the final, heart-crushing goal coming four minutes before the final buzzer.

Saturday was even uglier. Brooklyn’s hopes of beating the Federal Hockey League’s Commissioner Cup champions were again shot down as they fell to the Warriors, 5-3.

The Aviators were loaded for bear, and out-shot the Warriors at every turn — making 66 attempts at the net to Akwesasne’s 34 — but Akwesasne netminder Alexandre Vincent blocked every puck until the third period, when Aviator center Joe Dabkowski made Brooklyn’s first goal of the night during a power-play.

Returning Aviator right-winger Michael Thomson managed to smack in two more goals



VICTORY SLIPS AWAY: Aviator Jesse Felten battles Outlaw Dan Mercer for the puck at the Aviator Sports and Events Center during Monday’s 4-1 loss.

Photo by Steve Solomonson

during the last 10 minutes of play, but the Aviators couldn’t close in on the two additional points Akwesasne made in the third as they skated toward their fifth victory against Brooklyn this season.

Monday was a plain old massacre: the Brooklyn Aviators were shot down — and nearly shut out — by the New Jersey Outlaws, falling 4-1 before the Federal Hockey League’s top-ranked ice bandits at the Aviators Sports and Events Center on Monday.

Fortunately, the game ended with a crowd pleaser for Aviator fans still seeing red: netminder Jo St. Pierre and Outlaw goalie Dan McWhinney left their creases to duke it out to a roar of approval from a disgruntled audience.

The Brooklyn Aviators will return to the Aviator Sports and Events Center [3159 Flatbush Ave. in Floyd Bennett Field in Marine Park, (718) 758-7580] on Feb. 23 at 7:35 pm to take on the Akwesasne Warriors. Tickets are \$12 (\$10 for seniors and children under 14). For more info, visit www.BrooklynAviators.com.

Forfeits

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The initial principals meeting for last Wednesday was postponed by Nazareth principal Providencia Quiles, because she announced that day that the Brooklyn school would be closing for good in June.

Nazareth co-coach Lauren Best said she was disappointed by the prin-

cipals’ decision.

“They definitely should have been punished, but the girls want to play, so I back my girls,” Best said after her team beat Molloy, 55-46, last Monday night in Briarwood. “But they definitely should have faced some type of consequences.”

Bishop Ford coach Mike Toro declined to comment. There are no dates yet for the resched-

uled games.

Everyone seems happy to be getting back to basketball.

“Playing them again doesn’t bother me,” Nazareth junior guard Sadie Edwards said of Bishop Ford and Christ the King. “It’s games. I love to play. We all love to play. Games are what’s most important. With all the things this year that have gone on, basketball is like our getaway.”

Nazareth

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has embraced him. His game is the mirror opposite of his demeanor: polite and soft-spoken. Usilo says he’s extremely motivated to do whatever he can on the court to help Nazareth stay open.

“We take it so very seriously,” he said. “Right now we have to prove something to the world that there’s

something going on at Nazareth. That’s what we’re trying to accomplish.”

The school could be in for an incredible postseason. The girls’ team is nationally ranked and attempting to win a second straight New York State Federation Class AA championship. The boys’ team has a chance to be right there alongside them in Albany.

“It’s very emotional for us, because right now we don’t really know why they

have to [close the school],” Usilo said. “We’re coming up. The sports are all coming up. We still hope for the best.”

Jamison and players are pulling no punches when it comes to their goals.

“I think they feel that in event the school does close, they want to go out on top,” the 17th-year coach said. “They want to go as far as they can go — city, state, Federation. I think we’re good enough to do it.”

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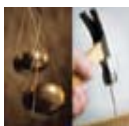
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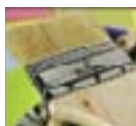
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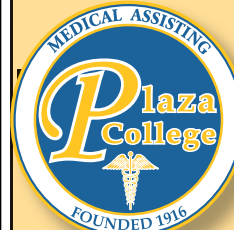
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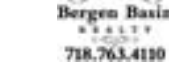
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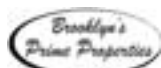
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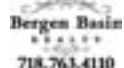
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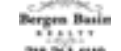


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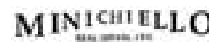
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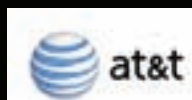
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