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## City chops Boardwalk planks

BY DANIEL BUSH

It's official: the Boardwalk is going to get a concrete makeover.

The city's Public Design Commission unanimously approved the Parks Department's plan to replace a section of the Boardwalk with concrete and recycled plastic lumber on Monday — outraging Coney Island residents and preservationists who fear that the controversial project will ruin the historic beachfront walkway's look and feel and pave the way toward turning the rest of the iconic 79-year-old promenade into an ordinary sidewalk.

"This is a sad day for Coney Island when concrete is made a part of our Boardwalk," said Rob Burstein, the president of the Coney-Brighton Boardwalk Alliance.

The commission's 6-0 vote gives the Parks Department per-  
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**AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL:** Bay Ridge residents Carmen Joachimsthal, Katherine Khatari, Ali Khatari, and Nasser Khatari display their new flag – a replacement for one which was stolen from their home last month.

Photo by Alice Proujansky

# RIDGE'S BANNER WEEK

## Three stolen flags are replaced

BY DANIEL BUSH

Thieves swiped American flags from the front of three Bay Ridge homes last month — and the Old Glory-hating goons will get away with their unpatriotic crimes because they were never reported to cops.

Instead, the families whose

flags were taken mentioned their problem to state Sen. Marty Golden, who did the next best thing to prosecuting the culprits: he gave them new star-spangled banners.

Golden (R-Bay Ridge) gave new flags for Katherine Khatari  
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# PINCHED PUP FOUND

Stolen Yorkie is back at pet shop after a cloak-and-dagger style drop off

BY COLIN MIXSON

A valuable Yorkshire Terrier swiped from a Flatbush Avenue pet shop last month was returned safe and sound last Thursday after employees received a series of cryptic messages leading them to the 10-week-old puppy — a cuddly little pooch Puppy Paradise owner David Dietz has named “Brooklyn.”

“He’s a Brooklyn-based dog now,” an overjoyed Dietz said after finding the small dog cowering in a box at the Floridian Diner, right where the woman who cared for the \$1,400 Yorkie for the past three weeks said he would be. “He has the experience of being dog-napped in Flatbush, so I think we’ll go with Brooklyn.”

Brooklyn is back where he belongs, but it wasn’t easy, as the search for the prized pup morphed into a hostage drama and ended in a bizarre treasure hunt.

The two teens who were videotaped taking the dog on Feb. 16 were arrested last week, but Brooklyn was never found.

No one knew where Brooklyn was — or even if he was alive — until March 7, when pet shop employee Mary Weinstein received the first of two covert phone calls.

The woman on the other end of the line, who refused to identify herself, said she had the stolen puppy and would call back the next day with the dog’s location.

Store employees got the second call shortly after noon on Thursday.

“I don’t want any trouble,” the mystery caller told Dietz. “If you want the dog,



**REUNITED!:** (Above) Pet store owner David Dietz couldn't be happier after finding his stolen Yorkie that was left at a Flatbush Avenue diner on March 8 after a cloak-and-dagger style drop-off. (Top right) Dietz and Steve Zaharakas — who found the stolen pup at his Floridian Diner. (Below right) Dietz with the note. Photos by Tom Callan

go to E. 87th Street and Faragut Road.”

“Who are you?” Dietz demanded — but the caller had already hung up.

Dietz, with this reporter in tow, raced over to Canarsie, where he found a note tacked to a tree. In the note, the caller explained that “a boy” had given her the puppy, which she left at

the Floridian Diner — a few blocks from his store.

“This is fantastic,” said Dietz upon finding the note. “I can’t believe this is really happening.”

Dietz sped back to Flatbush Avenue, where diner employees had already found the puppy inside a cardboard box left atop the restaurant’s Claw vending machine.



phone,” said the diner’s hostess, Barbara Arniotis. “Then she sprinted out of the restaurant. She was really running.”

Dietz said Brooklyn appeared to be healthy, but took the puppy to the vet for a full checkup. Yorkshire Terriers need to be fed six times a day. Without the proper diet, a young Yorkie can develop hyperglycemia, sickness, infection, and liver and kidney failure, Dietz said.

If Brooklyn is given a clean bill of health, Dietz, who once claimed his business could fold if he didn’t recover and sell Brooklyn, says he wants to find a good family for the adventurous pooch — at no charge.

“We don’t want to look like we were only interested in finding the dog to make a profit,” Dietz explained. “All we care about is making a good home for this dog and finding the right owner.”

*Anyone interested in adopting Brooklyn can contact Puppy Paradise at (718) 252-7877.*



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# MARCH MOVE

## Norwegian Day Parade comes to Third Ave.

BY WILL BREDDERMAN

Norwegian Americans are hitching their parade float to Third Avenue's success — and are breaking with nearly 40 years of tradition of marching along Fifth Avenue in Bay Ridge.

The Norwegian-American 17th of May Committee of Greater New York, which holds the Norwegian Constitution Day Parade each year to celebrate the nation's freedom from Sweden, says last year's turnout on Fifth Avenue was so disappointing that it decided to move to more popular pastures.

"We didn't get enough people," says Kenneth Johnson, a committee co-chairman and lodge president of the local chapter of the Sons of Norway.

Some Fifth Avenue leaders understood the move because the Scandinavian population in Brooklyn has steadily dwindled for decades, and attendance of the parade — which will be held on May 20 to mark its 60th anniversary — has shrunk along with it,

they noted.

"They wanted a change of pace in an attempt to revitalize the parade," said Jim Clark, president of the Fifth Avenue Business Improvement District. "Obviously there aren't many Norwegian or Swedish people left in Bay Ridge anymore."

But other Fifth Avenue diehards worried for their peers along the rival strip.

"I'm sure a lot of them are upset that they're losing it — I would be," said Chip Cafiero, a board member of Third Avenue Merchants. "But Third Avenue is hot right now."

Fifth Avenue has been hit with a spreading plague of empty storefronts that has claimed some 30 local businesses in recent years, and the committee cited financial logistics for its change of pace because it allowed Third Avenue businesses to make donations and take out advertisements.

"We thought the Third Avenue board merchants would be more responsive toward our move," noted Johnson.

The move wasn't about investigating a battle of the boulevards, insisted Committee Chairwoman Arlene Rutuelo, who owns Nordic Delicacies on Third Avenue, the last such business in the area, but said that didn't influence her committee's decision to reroute the merry march.

"We're trying to build Bay Ridge as a whole," she said. "Fifth Avenue [Business Improvement District] has been a great sponsor, and they're continuing to sponsor our parade."

Rutuelo pointed out that this was the third time the celebration was relocated to follow the money trail: The cavalcade originally went down Sunset Park's Eighth Avenue, once named "Lap-skaus Boulevard" after a North European stew, but now home to mostly Asian Americans. In the 1970s, it followed the Scandinavian population to Fifth Avenue.

"Every time it's moved, it's been for financial reasons," Rutuelo said. "It's about finding the best route for the parade."



**MOVING ON:** The Norwegian Day Parade will be moving from Fifth Avenue to Third Avenue this year. File photo by Peter Milo

## Shuttered Leske's Bakery to open under new management

### Two neighborhood buds want to bring a taste of Norway back to Bay Ridge's Fifth Avenue

BY WILL BREDDERMAN

Two childhood friends are resurrecting a beloved neighborhood Scandinavian bakery that closed its doors last year.

Leske's Bakery, which provided sweet treats, cakes and pastries to Bay Ridgeites for more than five decades before closing last May during a lease squabble with its landlord, will reopen this spring under new management: neighborhood bread wholesaler Steven DeSimone and his baker buddy Stephen Howe, a former employee at the neighborhood staple.

"My buddy [Howe] worked at Leske's for six years. When I saw that the gates were down, I thought I would give the public the

Leske's items they like," explained DeSimone. "I thought this was a great opportunity for my friend and myself to bring things back to the neighborhood the way it was."

Howe had been a baker for 22 years, getting his start at his family's store Olsen's in Sunset Park and later refining his craft at Leske's, the French Culinary Institute, and the Yale Club.

As fate would have it, Howe was in between jobs when DeSimone called him about his idea for Leske's, he said.

"[DeSimone's] my best friend, we've known each other since the fourth grade," said Howe. "So when he said to me, 'Listen, do you think we can do



**BEHOLD THE RESURRECTION:** Harry Hawk, John Giglio, Chi Ly, Stephen Howe, and Steven DeSimone are bringing back Leske's, which closed last year. Photo by Bess Adler

this?' I said, 'absolutely!'"

Howe and DeSimone said customers can look forward to the return of all

the original Scandinavian Leske's recipes—from danishes to marzipan cakes to pecan rings — plus some

new additions from DeSimone, who runs New York Homemade Breads.

"We're going to have bagels, rolls, muffins, raisin breads, Swiss breads, Italian breads, any kind of bread you can think of," DeSimone explained, adding that former Leske's bakers have been recruited to take part in this grand reopening.

Local leaders say they are excited about Leske's coming back.

"We're very supportive of Leske's reopening. We love Leske's," says Josephine Beckmann, District Manager for Community Board 10, adding that the store's revival will reverse the trend of shuttering storefronts along Fifth Avenue.

Jim Clark, President of

the Fifth Avenue Business Improvement District, is upbeat as well.

"We can't wait till it reopens. We all miss it," says Clark.

But for Howe, it's not about making Danish confections again — it's about restoring Bay Ridge's character as a community.

"I come from the time of baking where you wake up Sunday morning, there was a line around the block, and you knew everybody's name that came in. It's not like that anymore," Howe says. "I'm not too happy with the way times have changed. I'd like to bring that old flavor back."

*Leske's Bakery [7612 Fifth Avenue at 76th Street in Bay Ridge; (718) 680-2323].*



**BATMAN, THE DARK ADVISOR:** Zach Goldberger, 5, and Rabbi Dina Rosenberg are all smiles after his performance as the King's advisor in the Purim retelling. Photos by Steve Solomonson



**PURIM IT ON:** Everyone came in their best costume, including (left to right) Joel Charles as Purim hero Mordecai, Daniel Olshanits as the Knight of Purim, and Twins Eleanor and Hannah Arbeen, 4, of Dyker Heights as princesses.

## Kids and parents act out Purim

BY COLIN MIXSON

Members of the Bay Ridge Jewish Center swapped their stodgy ties and stifling suits to don gay apparel from the days of biblical lore, as they reenacted the valiant Mordecai's battles against evil king Haman in celebration of Purim on March 7.

As per Jewish tradition, Purim was celebrated at the center through a retelling of the classic tale, but instead of the usual oral history, Rabbi Dina Rosenberg decided that a play would be more to her audience's liking.

"It was definitely a new spin on things, and it was very enjoyable," said spec-

tator Mara Olshanitsky.

But even better than costumed parents acting out the roles of biblical figures, were the kids dressed as superheroes acting out the same roles in their retelling.

That's right, after the parents were allowed their time in the spotlight, the

real stars from the center's Hebrew school came up and gave their own performance, but instead of dressing like Mordecai and Haman, they were dressed more like Batman and Prince Valiant.

"The way that they were reading their lines, it was so cute," said Olshanitsky.

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# Parents sue Adelphi

## Claim teacher roughed up child, then expelled siblings

BY COLIN MIXSON

A Bay Ridge prep school that charges up to \$32,000 in tuition has been socked with a \$28 million lawsuit by the parents of an 11-year-old boy who they claim was roughed up by an administrator, and then expelled along with his two brothers in an act of revenge.

But school administrators responded by slapping the family with a counter \$100,000 defamation suit, claiming that they're the ones who have been hurt.

The family alleges in a case filed in Brooklyn Supreme Court that Jon Barry Kablack, an assistant director at Adelphi Academy, grabbed the child in the school cafeteria on Feb. 7, leaving marks and bruises on his arm. The child's mother later notified cops, and Kablack was hauled in for questioning, but no charges were filed.



The family of a 12-year-old student at Adelphi Academy is suing the school after it claims an administrator at the school assaulted the child on Feb. 7. File photo by Bess Adler

The parents' suit states that the victim and his brothers, 14 and 8, were later expelled — a move the family claims was retaliatory and not reflective of the children's school conduct.

Kablack and Adelphi

were the ones out of order, according to family lawyer Bruce Baron.

"A teacher's hands should never be placed on a student's person," he said. "Should it occur, the school's fiduciary duty is medical and law enforce-

ment intervention, not retaliation and cover up."

Private schools, unlike public schools, are not required by law to report alleged abuse to authorities, said a spokesman for the state's Department of Education.

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# Blogger creates buzz at bookstore

## Fizz is fine, encourages ‘The Champagne

BY SHAVANA ABRUZZO

Bubbly Bay Ridge writer Cara Alwill Leyba felt so “beautiful, sexy, and worthy” when she sipped a flute of fizz that she was inspired to write a blog and a book entitled, “The Champagne Diaries.”

“I want every woman to feel that way about her life every day,” said the effervescent MTV worker, who co-hosted a fete at The Bookmark Shoppe on Saturday for area merchants.

The ladies’ night — sorry guys, you’re scheduled for the next bender! — was billed “Keep Calm and Drink Champagne: A Night of Jazz, Books and Bellinis,” and featured lots of cool stuff for outgoing bookworms, including jazz music, cupcakes from Kimmarie Picinnino’s Marcy’s Sweet Creations, and store-wide sales, washed down with tongue-tingling champagne and peach cocktails.

Alwill Leyba named the event after the catchy slogan, “Keep Calm and Carry On,” coined during World War II by Winston Churchill, and co-hosted the event with Bookmark owner Christine Freglette, in part, to promote her healthy lifestyle guide book. The word is that “Diaries” is generating plenty of buzz — here and around the world — ahead of its publication date.

“It’s kind of like a self-help book with a Chelsea Handler twist, if that makes sense? Funny yet inspirational,” she explains.

Glamor and Shape magazines, Cosmopolitan South Africa, Times of India, and More Magazine U.K. are just some of the media outlets that have written about the entrepreneur’s heady tips on how to stave off unwanted pounds without the ultimate buzz-killer — self-deprivation. We haven’t yet created a magical pill to make us all skinny, or a



**CHEERS:** (Above) “The Champagne Diaries” blogger and author Cara Alwill Leyba raises a glass to the fizzy stuff, while (left) Jennifer Quattro says “Bottoms up.”

Photos by Steve Solomonson

Alwill Leyba.

“I encourage glamorizing your meals,” she said. “Don’t order the fatty cheeseburger with fries and cola, instead, get a smoked salmon bagel with a mixed greens salad and a glass of champagne.”

The experts agree with her stimulating logic.

“Findings have shown that champagne can help protect the brain against neurological injuries during a stroke,” said Dr. Pallavi Srivastava in the Times of India article, although she warned that excessive drinking increased the risk of long-term health damage, and that champagne is more intoxicating than other alcoholic beverages.

Alwill Leyba raises a mindful glass to that while serving up another reason to pop the cork.

“The best benefit of all? Champagne is a proven libido booster,” she says.

We’ll drink to that!

surefire way to keep weight off forever, but what we do have is the choice to treat our bodies with the utmost respect, explained Alwill Leyba, who recoils from the word, “diet.”

“It’s about eating high-quality, nutrition-rich foods, and always making room for champagne,” she said. “Dessert tastes a hell of a lot better in a champagne flute than it does in a piece of fattening, sugar-laden cake!”

The feel-good guru of “no forbidden foods” came up with “Diaries” after battling the scale for years with unsuccessful diets that excluded alcohol. Then she discovered that champers delivered 100 calories per glass. That, added to its deluxe reputation, made it the perfect extravagant accompaniment to a sensible eating plan, according to

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# It's the battle for Grady High School

## Parents, city, fight over its closure

BY DANIEL BUSH

Grady High School should be taken off Mayor Bloomberg's school death list because the long-struggling school is now making the grade, said the school's students, parents, and teachers last week during a rally to save the soon-to-be closed institution.

In fact, the city has given the school an overall grade of "B" on its most-recent report card, up from a "D" two years ago, and defenders of the school say that proves it is on the right path.

"It's a huge improvement," said Jane Marziliano, who led a rally in front of William E. Grady Career and Technical School — where her son is a junior — last week, calling for the school to be spared. "The school is fantastic now. It's outrageous that the city wants to close it."

The Department of Education plans to shutter the Brighton Fourth Street school this summer and resurrect it as a "turnaround school" with a new name and overhauled staff.

City officials claim that Grady has never been grade-A material: it received a D on its city-issued report card in 2010 — a less-than-stellar score that made it one of the state's "persistently low achiev-



**SOS!** Jane Marziliano, who's son attends Grady High, is demanding the city scrap its plans to close the Brighton Beach high school.

Photo by Steve Solomonson

ing" schools.

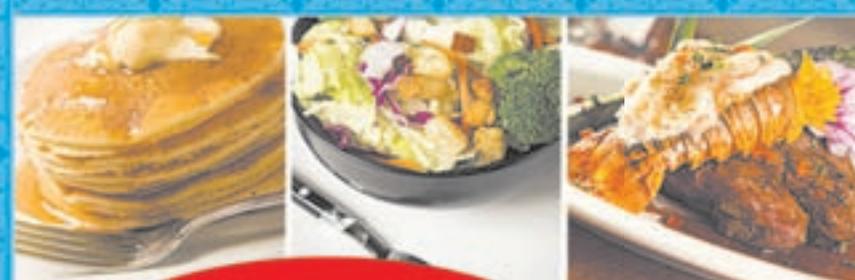
The city put Grady in a federally funded transformation program that would have brought up to \$2 million to the school over three years to improve its performance and tapped Principal Geraldine Maione — who parents credit for the school's improved scores — to oversee the transition, but the funding never materialized: the city and the United Federation of Teachers failed to agree on a teacher evaluation system, prompting Bloomberg to scrap the federal program in favor of the city's new

turnaround school model.

Under the new model, federal dollars will still come to Grady, but only after the school fires 50 percent of its staff. John Dewey High School and Sheepshead Bay High School are also among the 33 public schools that have been singled out.

Department of Education spokesman Frank Thomas insisted that schools like Grady and Dewey would benefit from the new turnaround model.

The city's Panel for Education Policy will decide Grady's fate in April.




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**iRobbed**

Two gun-wielding teens robbed a woman inside the 86th Street subway station on March 5, taking her iPhone.

The victim told police that she had just exited the Bay Ridge-bound R train at 11:30 pm when the two thugs approached and put a gun to her head.

"Don't say anything, just give us your phone," one of the goons growled, and the victim handed over her \$800 iPhone.

**Ransacked ride**

A crook ransacked a woman's car on 88th Street on March 5.

The victim told police that she parked her car between Fourth and Fifth avenues at 6 pm, and returned later to find the front passenger-side window busted in, and her purse and wallet missing.

**Crime ally**

Two thugs robbed a man in an alley off of Sixth Avenue on March 6, taking cash and credit cards.

The victim told police that he was between Bay Ridge and Ovington avenues on his way to meet his ex-girlfriend at 8 pm when he ducked into an alley and was followed by the two crooks. The goons made off with the man's cellphone and wallet, which contained \$15 and credit cards.

**Nasty beating**

Three knife-wielding thugs robbed a man of his iPhone on Bay Ridge Avenue on March 11.

The victim told police that he was standing outside of his home between 10th and 11th avenues at 7:30 pm when he was hit from behind by one of the three goons. One of the attackers proceeded to hold a knife to the victim's neck, and slashed his ear, while the other crooks beat him and then grabbed his iPhone.

**Stripped, almost...**

Someone stripped the tires off of a man's 2011 Nissan Maxima parked on Dahlgren Place on March 7.

The victim told police that he left his

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Nissan near 90th Street at around 7 pm, and returned later to find that all the tires and rims, except for one on the front passenger side, were removed.

**62ND PRECINCT**

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**Badberry**

Three thugs robbed a man of his BlackBerry cellphone on 16th Avenue on March 9.

The victim told police that he was near 78th Street shortly after 1 pm when the goons approached. One of the thieves drew a knife and demanded the victim's phone, which he handed over without resistance.

**Lost service**

A goon mugged a woman on 83rd Street on March 7, taking her cellphone.

The victim told police that she was near 20th Avenue at 6:45 pm when the unknown thug grabbed her and threw her to the pavement. The thief then grabbed her phone from her hand and fled. The phone, which cops said is equipped with a global positioning device, was last tracked to Avenue V and Benson Avenue, before its signal was lost.

**Bad shot**

A man with a prior criminal record is being hunted by police for allegedly firing several shots at a man on Quentin Road on March 3.

The victim told police that he was near W. Fourth Street at 1 am when the suspect sent multiple bullets flying in his direction. Fortunately, the thug wasn't much of a marksman and the victim escaped unscathed. Police said that the 29-year-old suspect is known by the precinct, although

they did not release his record.

**Tire ironed**

A thug assaulted a man with a tire iron on Bay Parkway on March 10.

The victim told police that he was near 85th Street at 11:35 am when the goon took the heavy, metal auto tool to his left ear and arm, causing serious injury.

**Gunned down**

A gun-wielding goon shot a man on Dahill Road on March 6.

The victim told police that he was standing near his car, which was parked between Quentin Road and Kings Highway, at 3:20 am when he was shot by the crazed gunman.

**Jewel heist**

A thief stole jewelry from a W. 11th Street home on March 12.

The crook broke into the house between Avenues S and T after tampering with the locks on one of the doors sometime after 2:35 pm, cops said. The thief nabbed an unknown amount of jewelry before fleeing.

**High times**

A drug-hungry crook robbed a Bay 20th Street apartment on March 11, taking pharmaceuticals and other valuables.

The victim told police that she was in the bedroom of her home between Bath and Benson avenues at 3:52 am when she was awakened by a clock radio blaring from an adjacent room. When she opened her bedroom door, she saw the strange man leaving her apartment.

The victim later found that one of the doors on her car, which was parked behind her apartment, was left ajar and that her apartment key was missing from the vehi-

cle. The thief nabbed \$310, jewelry, and an unknown variety of pharmaceutical drugs.

**Menorah madness**

A thief took jewelry, a menorah, and other valuables from a 62nd Street apartment on March 8.

The victim told police that the thief broke into her residence between 19th and 20th avenues through a window sometime after 11 am, taking a silver serving platter, jewelry, and the menorah.

**Jewelry pinch**

A thief broke into a W. Sixth Street home on March 11, stealing jewelry.

The victim told police that the intruder entered his house between Avenues S and T sometime after 3:40 pm through a window that has an inoperative lock. The crook ransacked two bedrooms and made off with the jewelry. — *Colin Mixson*

**60TH PRECINCT**

CONEY ISLAND-BRIGHTON BEACH-SEAGATE

**Mom hater**

A 25-year-old was arrested on March 8 after he allegedly attacked his mother on Brighton Second Street— then yelled and spit at her while he was in police custody.

Police from the 60th Precinct said that the suspect punched the woman in the back during an argument near Coney Island Avenue at noon.

The woman reported the incident to police, who arrested the young man two days later on W. Eighth Street — but not before he threatened his mom again in front of the cops, they claim.

Prosecutors charged him with assault and harassment.

**The Brighton blade**

Cops arrested two men who they said attacked each other on Brighton Second Walk on March 12.

Witnesses told police that the two men were arguing near Oceanview Avenue at 10:25 pm when they lunged at each other.

One of the men threw a chair at his opponent while the other flashed a knife and threatened to use it, police were told.

— *Tom Tracy*

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# DA: Six-year-old should take stand against mom

Prosecutors want to put a 6-year-old boy on the stand to testify against his mother — the woman who they say allegedly killed his bed-ridden, 4-year-old sister in 2010.

Assistant District Attorney Jacqueline Kagan and attorneys for Carlotta Brett Pierce debated the ramifications of allowing Pierce's son to testify on March 9, even if he already told police that he witnessed his mom force pills down his sister's throat and beat her with a belt.

The discussion got heated when Brett Pierce demanded Kagan leave her son out of the trial.

"He needs to be left alone, just leave him alone," she said, interrupting the discussion, after Kagan called Brett Pierce's son "a key witness."

"This child offers information that no one else can offer," Kagan said, according to the Daily News. "This is the witness that shows the depravity and the reckless conduct in this indictment."

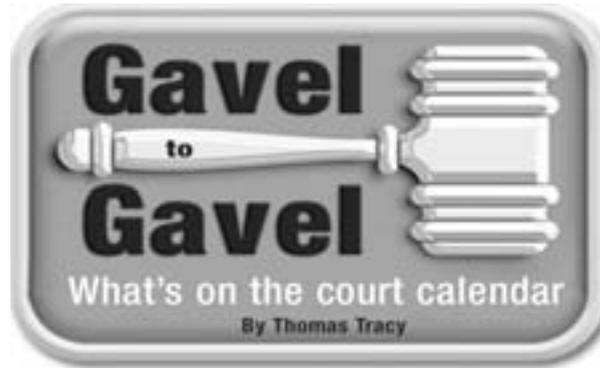
Brett Pierce's daughter Marchella, who was born with a medical condition that required her to use feeding and breathing tubes, died on Sept. 2, 2010, allegedly after days of torture at the hands of her mother.

Police say Brett Pierce tied her daughter to a bed inside their apartment and battered her with household items. She also allegedly deprived her of food and water.

When Marchella died, she weighed just 18 pounds, prosecutors said, and police found marks on her wrists and ankles, a sign that she had been bound by cords.

Carlotta Brett Pierce was charged with murder after an autopsy showed Marchella died of "child abuse syndrome."

Her mother, Loretta Brett, Marchella's grandmother, is facing manslaughter charges for not preventing the child's death.



Brooklyn DA Charles Hynes also charged two city Administration for Children's Services workers for allowing the alleged torture to continue by not bothering to follow up on Marchella's case, although the two case workers are being charged separately.

The trial against Brett Pierce will begin in April. Judge Patricia DiMango has yet to decide if her son will testify in open court or through a close-circuit camera.

## Home invader is guilty

A man who was caught minutes after police say he and his partner raided a tony Mill Island home in 2010 was found guilty of the violent home invasion on March 2 — and it only took the jury an hour to convict him.

After a four-day trial, a jury found 49-year-old Sami Waters guilty of robbery and assault — crimes that could land him life in prison when he's sentenced in June.

His partner, William Soler, was convicted last year and has not been sentenced.

Police say that the two men, who were sporting bullet-proof vests, hid in the bushes outside of an E. 65th Street home near Mill Avenue until their 52-year-old victim came out for a smoke.

The two men pulled a gun on the homeowner and dragged him into the house, where they rounded up his wife and daughter and forced them to lay down on the kitchen floor.

"Who wants to die first?" the thugs asked, taunting their victims before cracking a pistol over the 51-year-old woman's head when she wouldn't move fast enough.

The duo are alleged to have swiped \$2,000 in cash that the victim had set aside for a contractor and an additional \$45,000 worth of jewelry before fleeing the scene in the daughter's 2009 Honda Accord.

The duo ditched the car at the corner of E. 64th Street and Avenue U and were walking out of the neighborhood when they were stopped by police, but not because of the robbery — at least at first.

Cops on patrol in Mill Island thought Soler and Waters — who were decked out in jeans and long-sleeved thermal shirts and lugging backpacks on a balmy 80-degree evening — appeared suspicious and stopped to question them.

As they did so, the 911 call about the home invasion came over the radio.

Soler and Waters ran off, but the officers grabbed them after a brief foot chase, recovering their guns and the stolen property.

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BY ELI ROSENBERG

The most coveted job in Brooklyn baseball is again in the hands of a veteran big leaguer.

Manager Rich Donnelly, who helped the Florida Marlins win the World Series in 1997, is back at the helm of the Brooklyn Cyclones after leading the feared home team to a 45-29 record and a wild-card playoff berth in his first year as head coach in 2011.

The former motivational speaker pledges to top that stellar streak.

"We are going to do so much better this year," said Donnelly. "I promise, promise, promise!"

He will have some sound help around him when the Cyclones take to the dugout on June 18 at MCU Park for the home-opening showdown against the hated Staten Island Yankees. Donnelly will be joined by 30-year hitting coach Bobby Malek, and Marc Valdes,



**HE'S BACK, BABY!:** Rich Donnelly will once again manage the Cyclones this year. File photo by Tom Callan

who spent last season with the Minor League Binghamton Mets.

They have plenty of time to get their squad in order — the Cyclones are currently

in Florida with their big-league brethren, the New York Mets, who will pitch off in April.

Cyclones brass couldn't be happier.

"With the success that Rich and Bobby had with the Cyclones in 2011, we are glad to have them back this year," said General Manager Steve Cohen.

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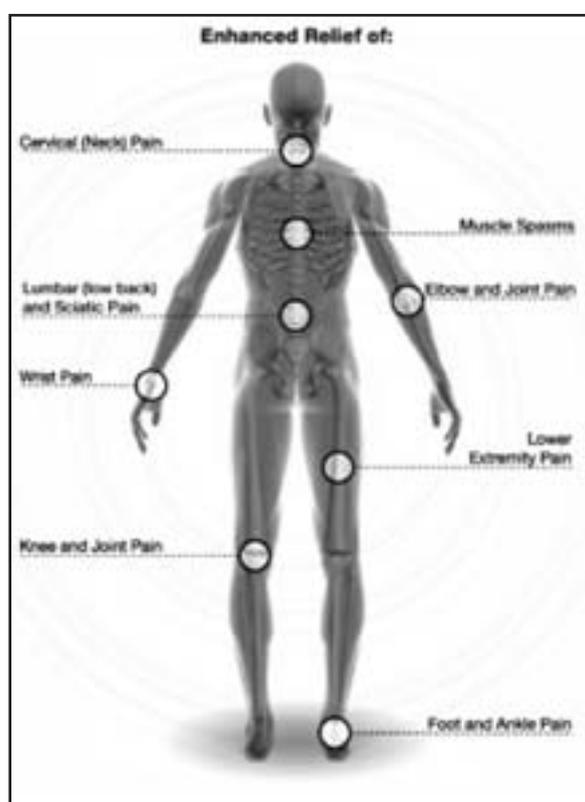
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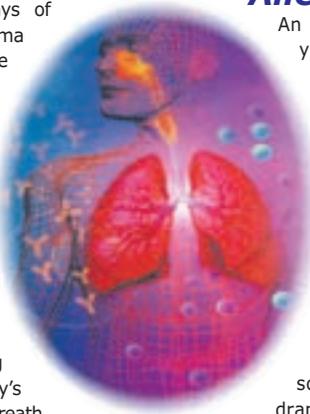
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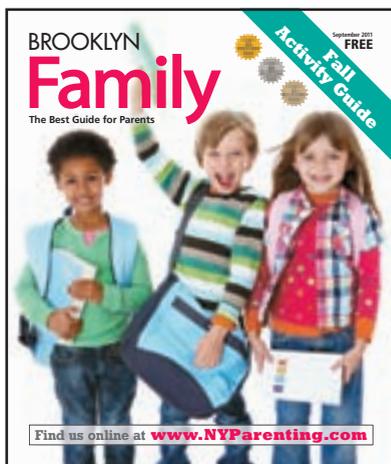
BY SHAVANA ABRUZZO

This is one habit NY Parenting Media refuses to break.

Our family-friendly magazines have consistently racked up awards during the past several years in Parenting Media Association's prestigious annual writing and design contests — and we're proud to say that our showing this year was once again on point. We snagged three gold medals and made it to the finals in nine categories — *out of 840 entries!* — in the international organization's 2011 Editorial and Design Awards Competition.

Brooklyn Family won the gold for Overall Writing, and took another glistening laurel home for the personal essay, "Ten Years Later — Teachers Talk 9/11," by New York City school teachers Wanda Troy and Laura Varoscak. Their compelling story, which appeared in the September issue of Brooklyn Family magazine, describes the ordeal they faced in their Tribeca and Downtown schools on that fateful Tuesday. Their recollections of helping small children cope with the most major crisis of our time moved the panel of 22 judges to comment, "Rather than being sad testaments, they offer hope that any situation can be overcome."

Our Staten Island publication — Staten Island Family — also won a gold medal for a series of columns by Monica Brown which highlighted fun family activities in the com-



munity with such clarity that the judges agreed: "Readers will find themselves right in the room with a chorus that has achieved national recognition."

If a picture is worth a 1,000 words, then the layout of Brooklyn Family's November issue spoke volumes with the judicious panel.

"Terrific use of a few simple elements capitalizes on a great image and appropriate color (and white) typography — the art director understands that effective communication need not require an overabundance of elements, color and the kitchen sink," it stated.

Cheers got out to New York Parenting Media publisher Susan Weiss, editor Vince DiMiceli, art director Leah Mitch, copy editor Lisa J. Cur-

tis, and their dedicated support staff whose hard work paid off in spades.

Weiss, who accepted the accolades last month along with sales manager Sharon Noble at the group's Awards Banquet and Annual Convention in San Antonio, Texas, credited her magazine's success to her staff.

"We have been able to partner with much fine talent, and the reality of these awards is a testament to our good fortune," Weiss said.

The competition, created in 1988, recognizes editorial excellence and outstanding visual presentation in parenting publication.

"The purpose of the P.M.A. awards competition is to encourage a high level of journalistic performance and service to communities," said C. James Dowden, executive director of the trade publications outfit which represents more than 120 parenting magazines and newspapers in the United States, Canada and Australia.

We agree, wholeheartedly.

"We're humbled by this honor because our team works extremely hard to put together the best magazine and website for families everywhere," said DiMiceli.

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**A PATRIOTIC ACT:** State Sen. Marty Golden paid for three new flags to replace the ones stolen from three Bay Ridge homes on 73rd Street.  
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## Flags

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and her neighbors during an emotional exchange last Thursday where he vowed that the thieves would not go unpunished and called on District Attorney Charles Hynes to "prosecute the individuals who stole these things."

"You can't steal American flags in Brooklyn and get away with it," said Golden, who spent \$45 of his own money on the three-foot-by-six foot American-made flags, which came with an aluminum pole and plastic

eagle. "It's just plain wrong."

But the cops aren't investigating; there are no records of the three thefts that took place on 73rd Street near Fifth Avenue last month at the 68th Precinct station house, so no one is actually looking for the hooligans, who swiped a flag from outside the home of Khatari back on Feb. 16.

"When I came outside and saw my flag was missing I was pissed," said Khatari, who said her flag was pulled right out of its stand. "Why would somebody do something like this?"

Thieves also swiped flags from two of Khatari's neigh-

bors: Karen Peet, whose husband served in the first Gulf War, and Skip McNellis, a retired police officer who served in the air force.

McNellis said he was outraged that his patriotism had been violated.

"It's wrong to take somebody else's property — especially a flag," he said.

All the flags were stolen within days of each other, the victims said.

There are no specific city, state or federal laws against stealing American flags, a crime which isn't included in the flag desecration laws that have been debated in Congress.

## Cement

*Continued from*

mission to tear out the wooden Boardwalk between Coney Island Avenue and Brighton 15th Street, and install a 12-foot wide concrete lane that can support emergency vehicles. A 19-foot pathway built out of recycled plastic boards will be put on either side of the concrete path to accommodate foot traffic, according to the city plan.

But the Public Design Commission's approval hinges on the Parks Department consideration of another alternative: moving the concrete lane to the Surf Avenue side of the Boardwalk so visitors to Coney Island can be closer to the beach. The Public Design Commission also requested that the city look into the possibility of replacing a small section of the Boardwalk with new wood.

But city officials say

they've studied other alternatives — such as using sturdy Black Locust lumber, which is favored by preservationists for the Boardwalk — and found that concrete and recycled plastic lumber were still the best and cheapest options.

"We would greatly prefer to use wood," Alex Hart, a top Parks designer, said. "But there's nothing out there that will work."

Critics say the Public Design Commission's recommendations are meaningless, since the city isn't required to conduct these tests.

"It's a done deal even though we don't want concrete," said Todd Dobrin, the head of Friends of the Boardwalk.

More than 40 people testified against the city's plan during a raucous four-hour hearing.

Councilman Domenic Recchia (D-Coney Island) was one of just four people

who came out in favor of the concrete overhaul.

"We have to move forward," said Recchia. "This plan is a compromise."

In 2010, the Parks Department proposed replacing the entire Boardwalk with concrete and plastic lumber — except for a four-block section in the historic amusement district between W. 15th and W. 10th streets.

The agency tested the materials on two sections of the walkway in 2011, arguing that the concrete is sturdier and — at \$90 per square foot — roughly \$40 per square foot cheaper than real wood.

But last spring Community Board 13 rejected the city's proposal to pave over the Brighton Beach portion of the Boardwalk — and in October the design commission ordered another review of the project after residents testified that the test slabs of concrete were cracking up.

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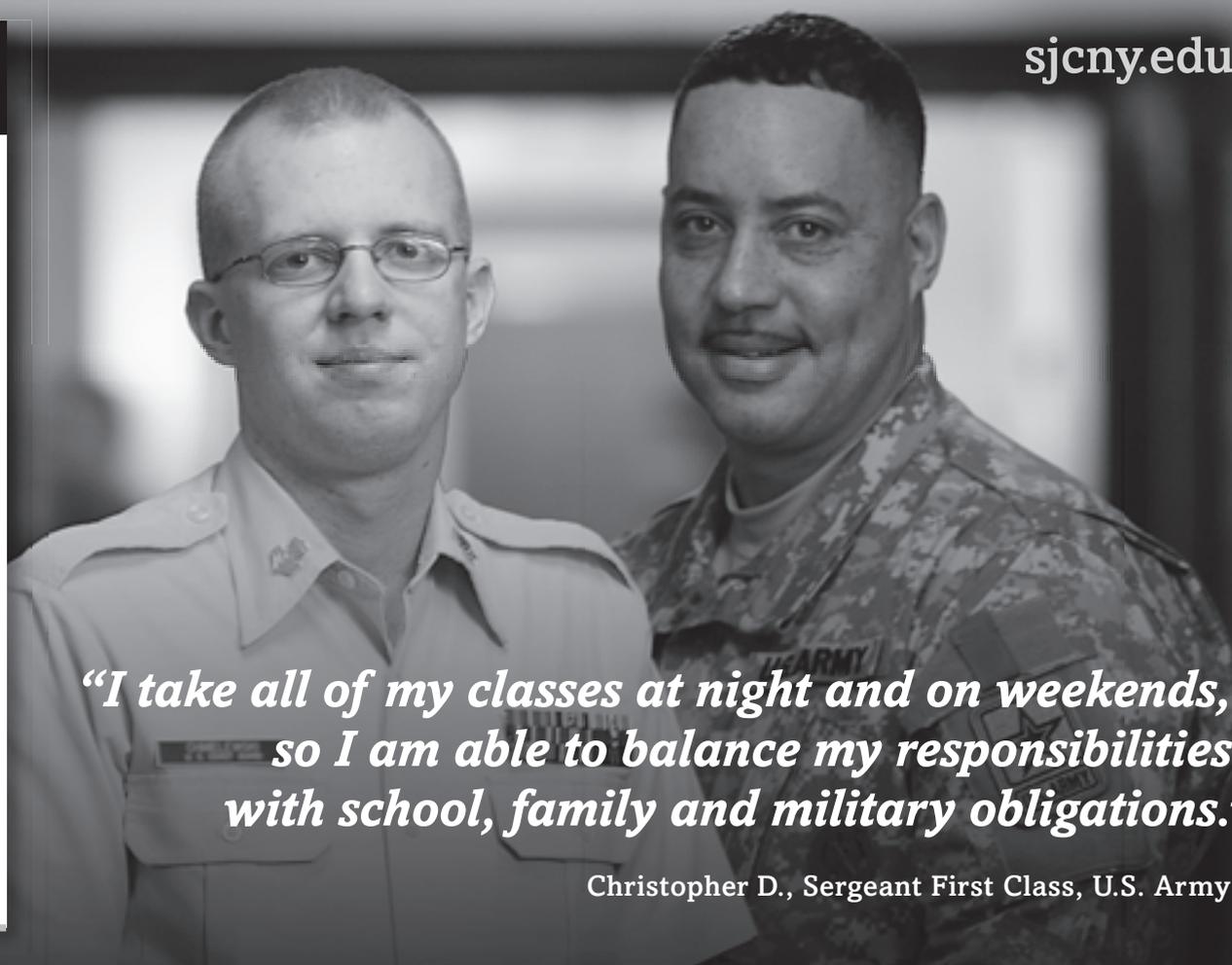
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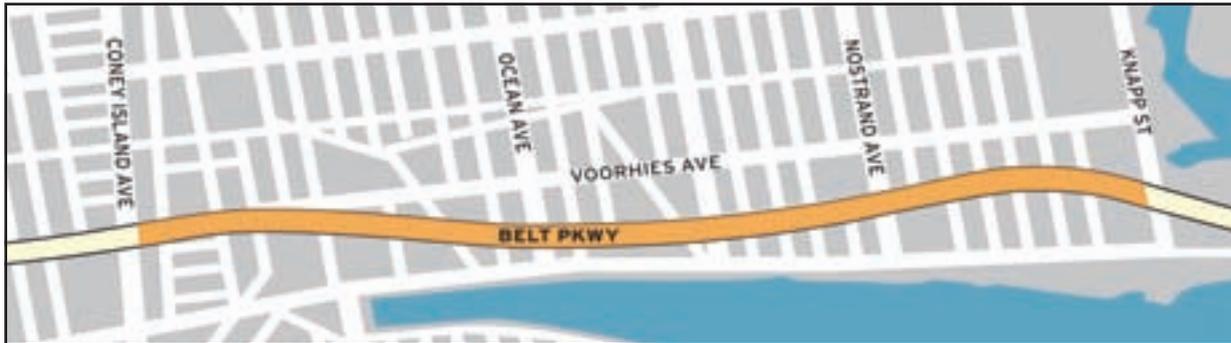
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# Belt rehab starts next month



**BIRDS-EYE VIEW:** The city wants to fix potholes and catch basins on the Belt Parkway between Coney Island Avenue and Knapp Street.

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BY DANIEL BUSH

Get ready to hit the brakes.

The city is moving ahead with its multi-million-dollar makeover of a flood and pothole-prone stretch of the Belt Parkway — half a year after the project was originally supposed to start — guaranteeing that one's nightly commute around Southern Brooklyn is going to get a lot worse.

The city will spend \$6.5 million to restore the highway between Coney Island Avenue and Knapp Street, which officials say is peppered with potholes and backed-up catch basins that overflow during heavy rainstorms.

The city is resurfacing the roadway and adding more basins to improve drainage. New guardrails will also be installed, city officials say.

Work on the Manhattan and Queens-bound lanes of the parkway is set to begin on April 1, and is scheduled to be completed in December, said Department of Design and Construction spokesman Craig Chin.

The project was slated to start last fall. Back then, Chin said that the city would close one lane of traffic for 11 hours each day during weekdays, and block access to two lanes of traffic for six hours on weekends to facilitate the work.

But Chin said the rehab was delayed for months after it was announced in September while the agency sought permission from the Parks Department to re-

move trees along the highway to make room for the new sewer drains.

Now the construction will take place after the evening rush hour, said Chin, who didn't provide more details.

"All the work will be performed at night to try and have less impact on drivers," he said.

Motorists said that despite the nuisance they can't wait to see the highway get fixed.

"It still has to be done, there's no way around it," said motorist Cliff Bruckenstein. "The roadway is in terrible condition."

The work is part of the city's ongoing \$500-million effort to rebuild seven outdated bridges along the Belt Parkway in Sheepshead Bay that transport more than 150,000 cars a day through Brooklyn and Queens by 2017.

The overhaul includes the replacement of the 72-year-old Mill Basin Draw Bridge — which rises just 35 feet over the water, and is the only moveable bridge along the parkway — with a 60-foot-high fixed overpass to accommodate tall ships.

The first phase of the project, to replace the aging Paerdegat Basin and Rockaway Parkway bridges, was completed in January.

In December, the city also reopened the Guider Avenue Bridge that connects Coney Island Avenue at Guider Avenue to the Manhattan-bound entrance to the parkway.



**HIT THE BRAKES:** The city is finally moving forward with a \$6.5-million rehab of the Belt Parkway slated to start last fall.

File photo by Steve Solomonson

# Print your own book!

BY ELI ROSENBERG

The publishing industry has just been replaced by a glorified copy machine.

The Brooklyn Public Library is embracing a new technology that would make Johannes Gutenberg proud — a device that can create a book in less time than it takes to find one on a store shelf and allows budding writers to see their work in print.

Stick a thumb drive with a copy of your novel into the Brooklyn Public Library's new Espresso Book Machine and you can go from no-luck author to published novelist — at least technically — in minutes by printing out a bound copy of your book as well as more than 8-million titles from more established wordsmiths.

Brooklyn Public Library President Linda Johnson said the new machine would be a boon to both writers and book lovers.

"We've been thinking about how to reflect and support the community we serve," said Johnson, who unveiled the Espresso Book Ma-



**PRESS TO PLAY:** Linda Johnson, president of the Brooklyn Public Library, and Dane Neller, CEO of On Demand Books, demonstrate at new book machine to children. Photo by Philip Greenberg

chine at the Brooklyn Public Library's main branch at Grand Army Plaza earlier this month. "This gives all the emerging writers in Brooklyn an opportunity to publish."

It'll cost you around \$150 — spare change compared to the cost of an agent — to have your work published, but you may be able to get some of your investment back — the machine will actually help you sell your tome, Johnson explained, adding that if one

wants to print out an extra copy of his work, the library will stock it on its shelves.

Printing out pre-published novels — some of which may be out of print — will cost about the same as ordering a book on Amazon, she said.

*The Espresso Book Machine at the Brooklyn Public Library's Central Branch [Flatbush Avenue at Eastern Parkway in Grand Army Plaza in Park Slope, (718) 230-2100]. For info, visit [www.brooklynpubliclibrary.com](http://www.brooklynpubliclibrary.com).*

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# On 2nd thought, she's not voting Storobin

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the editor,

I recently had the opportunity to meet and listen to David Storobin, the Republican candidate running to replace former state Sen. Carl Kruger.

He presented himself as a very likeable and knowledgeable young man. He said he left Russia with his family when he was 12 years old.

He has been in the U.S. for 20 years, and has his own business as an attorney. God bless America for the opportunity given to him.

After listening to him, I thought maybe I will vote for him, but after reading your article on redistricting, I had second thoughts ("Wiped away: Senate Republicans yank Kruger's district off the map," Feb 2). He states that he identifies more with the strong Russian areas of South Brooklyn.

He believes that redistricting drawn on ethnic lines is good so there is more political clout representing the Russian-speaking population.

I seem to get the message that his priority will not to be represent English-speaking Americans.

I will not be voting for him.

**Ruth Weiner**  
Sheepshead Bay

### 'Ferry' bad

To the editor,

A \$4 one-way fare from Brooklyn to Lower Manhattan will not draw a large amount of commuters ("Golden: Gangway for ferries," Feb 23).

In the summer, it may draw curious passengers on day excursions, but in order to attract a large commuter base it will have to entail an expansion of the MTA to include MetroCard service as a continuation, such as the Staten Island Ferry shuttle service from the St. George Terminal to Whitehall Street in Manhattan.

It is just the economics of the situation. It would have to be affordable to all, otherwise, it is just a wishful dream.

**Fred Silfen**  
Sheepshead Bay

### Bull-trap

To the editor,

The person who has been springing

the humane traps left for the pit bulls that have been terrorizing Midwood is not only endangering the community, he or she is not doing these dogs any favors ("Midwood hell hounds have a two-legged accomplice," Feb 21).

These dogs are in need of help. In the right hands, and given affection, medical attention if needed, and gentle training, these dogs can most likely be rehabilitated, and — hopefully — eventually adopted into loving homes. Some dogs just do not like other dogs, but can be loving pets with people.

I hope the misguided person can be stopped from springing more traps, thus allowing the dogs to get the help they need.

**Sarah Vogel**  
Sea Gate

### Text-mania

To the editor,

Stanley Gershbein, the reason you are not "hearing" cellphones in the theaters is simple — everyone is texting instead ("Stan on the good, bad and ugly of technology," It's Only My Opinion, March 1).

When I was at the movies recently, my entire row was texting. The glow from their cell phones lit up my entire section.

The glow was brighter than the actual movie screen.

**Stuart Feibusch**  
Brighton Beach

### Red, white, and blues

To the editor,

Hey, government officials, what has happened, and is continuing to happen, to the morals and integrity of people within these United States?

It's embarrassing to me to turn on the radio and hear hip-hop music that uses the "N word" constantly. However, I could be sued if I were to call another person that derogatory word.

It's a shameful word, and puzzling to me as to why it's permitted on airwaves. Why doesn't the F.C.C. speak out against it?

Why don't God-fearing, moral lawmakers speak out against it?

What have they to fear — lobbyists?

A newspaper is delivered to my door every morning, and some days I scratch my head in disbelief as I look at photos of some of the clothes worn by semi-dressed women.

Why aren't they criticized instead of lauded?

Our society is going downhill, and I

blame those who make the laws that allow this.

You are our senators — we elected you — so please show us you care about what is happening to our city, our state, and our country!

We are becoming a Sodom and Gomorrah society, as we live and breathe. From semi-pornography, to common usage of formerly-considered, now accepted curse words on radio and television, to arrogant illegal immigrants demanding — and ultimately receiving — government benefits, the U.S. is rapidly moving downhill, into the gutter.

Rapes, gun-carrying teens, shootings, robberies, etc. are all signs of a decaying, degenerate society.

I am beginning to wonder if maybe God is testing us, and we are not passing his test.

Yes, we are surely failing him and our American children! We do not want our world enemies to tear us apart and bring us down; however, regretfully, we are rotting from within.

Wake up!

Please emphasize good morals, family discipline, and yes, religion, too.

**Joan Applepie**  
Mill Basin

### Profitable nonprofits

To the editor,

Councilman David Greenfield (D-Borough Park) opposing the city charging so-called private non-profit groups paying for trash and recycling is disappointing.

Before shedding any tears for private nonprofit institutions when they protest having to pay for trash and recycling, check out their respective organization finances — especially salaries to their executive management team.

Too many executives of nonprofit institutions earn a base salary of several hundred thousand dollars.

Some even earn over one million per year!

This is supplemented by bonuses, generous health plans, subsidized housing and retirement packages equivalent or greater than the president, governor, mayor, any public official, many private sector corporate executives, or ordinary citizens.

In many cases, these institutions pay excessive funds to public relation firms and lobbyists hired to go after grants from city, state and federal governments. Others attempt convincing

public officials, such as Councilman Greenfield and Council Speaker Christine Quinn, to support earmarking cash for their institutions.

Professional fund-raising firms end up taking a greater percentage of donations actually meant for the nonprofit institutions.

Check with the State Attorney General's office for their list of registered charities before you respond to any solicitation. See what percentage of your contribution actually goes to your favorite charity versus overhead costs for fundraising.

In many cases, the percentage is shocking.

In these lean times, executives of nonprofit organizations can set an example for others.

They could take a pay cut and donate some of the excessive compensation or consider giving up some of perks to help their institutions's bottom lines.

Why can't the thousands of non-profit groups collectively afford to pay the estimated \$17 million cost for trash and recycling?

In essence, they are just recycling a small portion of the hundreds of millions they collectively receive in city, state and federal grant monies back to the public treasury.

**Larry Penner**  
Great Neck, NY

### Thanks much

To the editor,

I want to thank you for the coverage and headline recently ("Barrison: Reporter put words into my mouth," Letters, March 8).

I thought you'd want to know the positive feedback I have received just going about my business in the community.

It is frankly gratifying to have people come up to me while in the local Waldbaum's or drug store, thanking me for speaking up and asking me to do it more often.

Having spent countless hours of doing pro-bono work since February 1983, trying to bring common sense and comprehensive planning to our city and the communities — beginning in Sheepshead Bay, along with many other economic, environmental and quality-of-life issues — this recent exposure and warm support from residents is not only nice, it gives pause for hope in the future.

Thank you again.

**Steve Barrison**  
*The writer is the president of the Bay Improvement Group.*

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# Stan backs up his talk with numbers

Here, dear readers, is another installment of your favorite topic — America by the Numbers.

A recent Gallop Poll tells us that 64 percent of Americans rate the ethical standards and honesty of Congress as “low” or “very low.” This is the worst rating on record. In fact, it puts Congress below telemarketers.

Now that’s low. The most recent Rasmussen Poll found that only five percent of the nation thinks that Congress is doing a good job. Forty-three percent of Americans would rather have Washington run by a random selection of people from the phone book than the current elected legislators. I am old enough to remember the ancient George Burns gag: “It’s too bad the people who really know how to run the country are so busy cutting hair and driving taxis.” There’s probably a lot of wisdom in what he said. So what can we do about it? Let’s throw all the bums out and vote for the challengers.

Eighty-six percent of American adults say that they are paying more for groceries now than they did a year ago. Seventy-six percent predict that they will be paying more a year from now. The Federal Reserve continues to tell us that inflation is under control. Yeah, right!

I wonder where the members of the reserve do their shopping. Maybe in their commissaries where the prices are under control. They certainly aren’t in local supermarkets. Strolling through the aisles in Brooklyn food stores is almost like window shopping in a jewelry store.

For many years I have been saying that there are Floridian Snowbirds who are registered to vote in New York and Florida. A recent investigation would no doubt find that many vote in both. The Pew Research Center tells us that there are 2.75 million Americans that are registered to vote in more than one state. Pew also tells us that there are 1.8 million *dead* Americans from various states registered to vote. Again — many of them still do. Now that is real democracy!

These are the most recent numbers from Rasmussen. Thirty-two percent of U.S. voters now think that Obama’s bailouts of banks, auto companies, and in-



## IT'S ONLY MY OPINION

Stanley P. Gershbein

urance companies were good for the nation. Fifty-one percent view the bailouts as bad for the country. Seventeen percent are still undecided. They are busy watching “Glee,” and haven’t the foggiest idea of what’s happening.

Employment of young Americans is at its lowest since 1948, the year when the government began collecting statistics. Only 54.3 percent of people ages 18 to 24 were employed in 2011. There’s a “Now hiring” sign on the window of the local McDonald’s.

At least half the tables are taken by those young, out-of-work people sitting there with their computers. The manager tells me that these people, with or without an education, sit there for hours and refuse to work in a fast-food restaurant. They want to work in banks, professional offices and government. “My hamburgers are beneath them,” he tells me.

Times sure have changed. When I was a hungry 18 year old, I did everything from washing cars to washing floors to earn a buck. Nothing was beneath me. I wasn’t proud. I was hungry.

Here’s one from Rasmussen that amazed me. If Israel attacks Iran, 48 percent of our nation wants the United States to help Israel. Taking into consideration that the American Jewish population is a miniscule 2.1 percent, I find that 48 percent number outstanding. I am [StanGershbein@Bellsouth.net](mailto:StanGershbein@Bellsouth.net) agreeing with the First Lady about being proud of my country. But then again, I’ve always been proud of my country.

# Betim Kaziu will rot in a cell!

Oh, happy day! Now, world-class James Madison High School dropout-turned-traitor Betim Kaziu can seek cold comfort inside the steel bars of a prison for plotting to murder U.S. troops overseas.

A federal judge wasted no time in handing down a 27-year sentence to the aspiring anarchist last week, shrugging off his 11th-hour pleas that he never meant to hurt anyone. Sob-sob.

Brooklyn jurist John Gleeson was having none of it.

“You grew up in Brooklyn, and you decided to murder your own country’s soldiers,” he snapped, adding that he doubted Kaziu’s “capacity to commit terrorism has been diminished.”

No mistake about that.

Gleeson’s action sends a critical message to other wannabe terrorists: if you even think of killing Americans, we will catch you, expose you in all your villainy, try you in court, convict you, and haul you off to jail for a very long time, where you can think about the er-



## A BRITISHER'S VIEW

Shavana Abruzzo

rors of your vile ways.

The 23-year-old Sheepshead Bay man’s slobbering at his March 2 sentencing was a far cry from the bravado he displayed at his July 2011 trial. He greeted the jury’s verdict — which took a mere four hours — with a smirk.

That gross grin has been wiped off his face — thanks to Gleeson’s swift gavel.

The case was a low-profile one from the start because Kaziu’s stomach-churning scheme didn’t go off as planned. But it wasn’t for the lack of his trying. He went to hook up with Islamic militants in Egypt, acquire weapons, and wipe out American troops in Afghanistan and Iraq — a cold and calculated plan that bombed when he was arrested in Kosovo in Aug. 2009 within months of flying out of John F. Kennedy Airport with high

hopes of committing unspeakable horrors against his own nation.

Betim Kaziu is a blight on humanity and a curse on his Muslim parents who emigrated from Yugoslavia, presumably to give their family a better life. Now, they are left to deal with his demons. Now, they have to avoid the glaring eyes of strangers in the street. Now, their lives will never be the same. But they can rest assured that his crime is not their crime. We are all individuals who act, ultimately, upon our own instincts.

Kaziu’s wish to make history as a scummy terror-monger is an example of the lengths that Islam’s extremists will go to in their crusade to harm innocent people. It is also a shining example of why our law enforcement, whose skilled work helped nab the miscreant, must continue unhampered in their duty to eradicate homegrown jihadists for everyone’s safety.

The devil is no match for the U.S. legal system. Betim Kaziu knows that now better than most.

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# Rush puts his foot in his mouth again

In the “And for good measure department,” I’m adding to my list of what gets my knickers in a bunch — along with stupidity, and misogyny — is Italian bashing.

And leave it to my old pal Rush Limbaugh to set me off again. Well, Rush and some colleagues of mine who pointed out the faux pas (how do you say that in Italian?) that the mouth that roared unleashed at Italians after reading my take on Limbaugh’s attack of Sandra Fluke.

The “greaseball” comment was made about former New Jersey Gov. Jon Corzine late last year, and puts one more nail in Rush Limbaugh’s oversized casket.

A colleague brought to my attention what the over-pompous, portly pundit said in a broadcast about Corzine: “I mean, he’s got Italian greaseball, whatever, 16. He’s lathered it on there; he’s slicked it back. He’s probably got a souped-up ’57 Chevy outside waiting for him to drive him away.”

Why would Rush make this comment from the get go? Why did it take Italians (you and me both) more than a month to demand an apology; and why didn’t the Italian comment get the same uproar in the press as (hold your ears again kiddies), the “slut” remark did?

What’s wrong with the whole picture? What’s wrong with Ital-



## NOT FOR NUTHIN'

Joanna DelBuono

ians for not blaring their indignation and shouting their affront to the rafters? Why didn’t sponsors pull ad spots faster than an unraveling fork full of spaghetti? Why don’t Italians command the same respect as every other ethnic group?

Again, Rush abused his right to freedom of speech.

Do Italians not deserve the same respect as everyone else? Wasn’t Don Imus fired because of his offensive comment aimed at the African-American girls on that basketball team in New Jersey? So why isn’t Rush canned because of his anti-Italian banter?

But what is most shocking is the lack of outcry. Not a voice was raised, just a slight whimper from the Italian-American One Voice Coalition. In fact, I would hazard that in this instance women ranked a bit higher than the Italians on the affront stage, because at least sponsors actually pulled ads and rock stars detached their songs after the Fluke slur. But who pulled what and distanced themselves from after the “greaseball” remark? No one — that’s who.

As an Italian-American, I find it disturbing that there was no outcry against his remark — or any Italian bashing for that matter. Even more disturbing is that fellow Italians didn’t unplug Rush at the very moment his comments were aired.

Not for Nuthin™, but the time has come for my fellow Italian-Americans to start kicking up our heels and putting up a ruckus whenever disparaging comments are made against our culture. Our amazing culture that gave the world opera, art, science, fantastic food, pastry, and vino. How dull this world would be without the music of Vincenzo Bellini, the sculpture of Giuseppe Sanmartino, or the genius of da Vinci and Ettore Majorana. And, of course, the prose of Joanna DelBuono!

# Carmine's had it with silly Italian stereotypes!

I'm madder than Sonny Corleone when he realized he couldn't eat that fish delivered to him that signified the death of Luca Brasi over the negative stereotypes movies like "The Godfather" have dumb people believing hot-dog-and-apple-pie-eating, Chevy-driving, America-loving patriots like your's truly adhere to just because we happen to have a vowel at the end of our name.

Look, you all know "The Godfather" is "celebrating" it's 40th Anniversary, and you also know it is one of The Screecher's favorite flicks that I watch whenever I get a chance, but that doesn't mean I believe everything I see up there on the silver screen (or, in my case, the Zenith in the living room).

But of course, not everyone is as bright as me, and they think the things they see in movies are real.

That's right! They think that me and the misses are mobbed up just because the syllables in Santa Maria flow as smoothly as the Tiber.

Well, I've got some bad news for youse people that think that: once again, you're wrong. Again.

Now, I've got nothing against my old pal Francis Ford Coppola.



**BIG SCREECHER**  
*Carmine Santa Maria*

I love his wine, and he did great things to save that old pasta plant in Park Slope that makes macaroni the old fashioned way (and, no, it does not grow on trees, despite what they say in England!)

But I do have a problem with people that think all Italians are connected to the mob, because there are a good many of us — I'm not great with numbers, but I would guess the majority — who don't celebrate Christenings by "taking

care of the family business." And you know what that means, don't ya?

Well, leave it to ol' Carmine to set you straight. Not only am I not in the mob, but I know some other Italians who aren't as well.

Take, for instance, this year's recipient of the Bensonhurst West End Community Council's Cesarina Soccoa Award for "Parent of the Year." Maria Di Graziano epitomizes the value of the PTA Mom, who raises her family while serving her community selflessly.

Born and raised in Bensonhurst, Maria attended PS 226, St. Athanasius Catholic School, and John Dewey HS, where she was part of Council for Unity with Robert De Sena, President of the Italian Club. But this go-getter didn't just do homework after school: she also worked at Telco Jewelry, and at Joseph Giaramita law office, and at Caesar's Bay Bazaar.

She must have got that can-do spirit from her parents, who each worked two jobs to put her through college at Brooklyn College.

She continued to multi-task through her college years, when she was president of the Italian Culture Club and an executive

board member of Inter-College Italian American Student Association. She also assisted her professors, Luigi Bonafini, Antonio Spedicato and Robert Viscusi, in research and documentation of the Italian-American experience.

In her senior year, she student taught math and Italian at Mark Twain Intermediate school and interned at the CUNY Graduate Center. She graduated with a BA in liberal arts, and received the Italian-American Women's League Scholarship Award for outstanding community service for Italian-Americans.

Maria's first full-time job was as an Administrative Assistant at George R. Funaro & Associates CPA. After a few months there, she was offered a position at the Italian Trade Commission of New York, where she promoted the "Made in Italy" label for an Italian trade commission. There, she met her husband of nearly 20 years, Mimmo Di Graziano. The couple shared the same values of family, hard work and the importance of a good education. They decided to make their roots together in Bensonhurst. When they were expecting their first child, Maria quit

the job that she loved, and dedicate her life to her family. Maria is now the proud mother of three beautiful girls: Caterina (15), Gina (9) and Antonella (8).

On Sept. 11, 2001, Caterina started her first day of Pre-K at PS 177 and Maria, with the nudging of her sister, took the Learning Leaders training course and became PTA corresponding secretary.

Now, Maria sits on the Chancellor's Parent Advisory Council as District 21 President's Council Representatives; on District 21 Title 1 as Parent Chairperson; is a member of the District 21 Leadership Team; is Vice President of District 21 President's Council; is the chairperson of PS 177- Title 1 team; is the Chairwoman of the School Leadership Team; is the Vice President of the PTA; BSS 690 and is a member of the School Leadership Team.

If you want to honor and meet Maria and her distinguished co-honorees you may still have time to make reservations by contacting me Diegovega@aol.com. Come join the mob who will be dancing, drinking, enjoying the food orgy and having great fun at the fabulous El Caribe! Andiamo!

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# New York Harbor Watch



**PRESENT ARMS:** Honor guard members from Hurlburt Field, Fla., perform a 21-gun salute in honor of Lt. Col. John Darin Loftis. Photo by Airman First Class Christopher Williams

## U.S. Air Force hero laid to rest

### HARBOR WATCH

Family, friends, and fellow airman paid their final respects to Lt. Col. John Darin Loftis, who died on Feb. 25 from wounds sustained during an attack in Kabul, Afghanistan. The Rev. Dr. Brian Brewer, Loftis' brother-in-law, officiated at the services at Halburt Field, Fla., and gave the pastoral message of hope.

"My favorite picture of Darin was taken in Afghanistan in 2009," Brewer said. "In this iconic photograph, it is illustrative of an attitude, a service, of which he lived his whole life. That picture is quintessential J.D. An armed trooper makes himself vulnerable, a soldier of arms among admiring children with

outstretched arms. It is representative of the ideal — an emblematic snapshot of Darin's life."

Loftis lived his life with outstretched arms. As a college student, he worked with the homeless in Nashville; in the Peace Corps, he lived alongside the Duna tribesmen of the "bush" in Papua New Guinea; and he broke down cultural barriers by speaking Pashto fluently, drinking tea with village elders, and even attending a traditional wedding in Afghanistan.

His outstretched arms however, were always filled with his two beloved daughters when at home. While helping his oldest with her math homework, he explained least

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## Pacific command changes

### Adm. Robert Willard retires after four decades of service

#### HARBOR WATCH

Defense Secretary Leon E. Panetta and Army Gen. Martin E. Dempsey, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, praised the outgoing chief of U.S. Pacific Command, Navy Adm. Robert F. Willard, for his leadership and welcomed his successor, Navy Adm. Samuel Locklear, at Camp HM Smith, Hawaii.

"Admiral Willard brings to a close a remarkable, nearly four-decade career as a naval aviator," Panetta said. "It has taken him to every corner of the globe and to almost every level of command, from fighter squadron to commander of the mighty Seventh Fleet, and now the Pacific Command."

Panetta characterized Willard as "a proven and very effective leader" who also spent time at the Pentagon serving on the Joint Staff.

"He's a brilliant and accomplished military officer," Panetta said of Willard. "He always offers very deep strategic insights into the most-pressing security challenges. And his very plain spoken manner has made him an outstanding leader here in the Asia-Pacific."

Panetta noted the critical need to maintain a presence in the Asia-Pacific theater.

"This is an extremely important theater," he said. "And this is a pivotal moment in history when America's future, in many ways, depends on the peace and prosperity of this very vital region."

Dempsey added his perspective of Pacific Com-



**AYE, AYE, SIR!** Leon Panetta, Defense Secretary (left), and Navy Adm. Robert Willard salute during a changing of command ceremony at Camp HM Smith, Hawaii. Photo by Glenn Fawcett

mand's important role.

"This is no ordinary change of command," he said. "With the strategic sweep from the West Coast of Bob's home state of California to the West Coast of India, U.S. Pacific Command's responsibility encompasses almost half of the earth's surface and half of the world's population."

"It's also deeply intertwined with our nation's destiny in this 21st century, a fact that we made clear in our recently released emerging defense strategy," the chairman added.

Dempsey praised Willard's leadership since the admiral took command of Pacific Command in 2009.

"For almost three years, Bob and his 330,000 teammates nobly represented

our nation's prestige with 36 of the most-vibrant nations in the world," he said. "He epitomizes credible leadership."

He noted that Locklear's record shows his capability of taking over the leadership role.

"The good news is we're placing this command in the hands of another extraordinary couple, Sam and Pam Locklear," Dempsey said. "Sam, your record for the Navy speaks for itself. And your leadership in Europe, most recently, expertly working with our NATO partners, advanced our efforts to help the people of Libya turn a new and more promising page in their history."

Panetta pointed to a crucial time in the Pacific and

the need for a strong leader.

"I can't think of a more critical time when the nation needs the very best," he said. "The very best in military experience, military leadership, and military advice to be able to confront the challenges and the threats that we face in the world today."

Dempsey said a "new and promising chapter" awaits the new commander as focus shifts to the Pacific region.

"This may sound daunting, but I know the men and women of Pacom are ready for whatever challenges they may face. I can't think of a better couple to lead them than the Locklears," Dempsey said. "You two have my complete trust, confidence and support."

# Navy women learn about new services

## Symposium outlines new resources for sailors

### HARBOR WATCH

Service members aboard the aircraft carrier USS Harry S. Truman were given the heads up on career obstacles faced by female sailors, as well as available resources, at a women's personal and professional growth symposium aboard the ship's auxiliary barge on March 7 while in port at Portsmouth, Va.

"We want female sailors to know they can accomplish anything," said Senior Chief Hospital Corpsman Maria Fernandez, the leading chief petty officer of Truman's medical department. "A successful Navy career and having a family is possible, and it has been done throughout the Navy's history."

Fernandez and other female leaders spoke about experiences with families, pregnancies, marriages, and barriers they faced when they entered the Navy,

and how female sailors can care for families and foster a strong career with planning.

"When I entered the Navy, it was a different environment for females," said Fernandez. "We want the female sailors to be aware of things that have changed since then and all of the career opportunities for junior sailors."

Fernandez said female sailors can take advantage of several programs that were not established when she was a junior sailor, including the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response program, family care plans, and education and special duty assignments.

Navy resources and a base of experienced female senior leadership aboard Truman give female junior sailors several opportunities to receive assistance when making life decisions, said Fernandez.

"What affects one sailor affects us across the board," said Fernandez. "We want to give each woman the tools they need to overcome obstacles we have dealt with in our past."

For Logistics Specialist Second Class Bilikiss Blambert, a supply liaison for the aircraft intermediate maintenance department, the symposium was eye-opening.

"I think that in a comfortable, less formal setting like this, people can absorb and use the information well," said Blambert, who has been in the Navy for 13 years. "In my experience, junior and senior personnel are more apt to be productive if they can trust the people they work with or for."

Senior leadership is accepting of junior sailors talking about and seeking assistance for personal issues, which helps sailors



**GIRL POWER:** Lora Porter, senior chief aviation Machinist's mate, speaks to sailors at the women's personal and professional growth symposium in Portsmouth, Va. on March 7.

Photo by Mass Communication Specialist Seaman Kristina Young

with morale and readiness, said Blambert.

"When we're at work we are all about the mission, but at the end of the day, family is what ties it all together," said Blambert. "Knowing we can come to our chain of command with family matters reinforces that sailors are a family away from home."

Blambert appreciated how positive intrusive leadership considers all facets of a sailor's life.

"They're able to open their arms to us," said Blambert. "Knowing that senior leadership aboard Truman is open to giving junior female sailors support speaks highly of the strong women who serve in the Navy."

Truman is undergoing a docking planned incremental availability at Norfolk Naval Shipyard in Portsmouth, Va.

For more information, visit [www.navy.mil](http://www.navy.mil), [www.facebook.com/usnavy](http://www.facebook.com/usnavy), or [www.twitter.com/usnavy](http://www.twitter.com/usnavy). For more news from USS Harry S. Truman, visit [www.navy.mil/local/cvn75/](http://www.navy.mil/local/cvn75/).

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# Hero

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common denominators as a problem where the solution is to find a common language between them. That summarized his life's work — finding a common language with which to build trust and unity.

In Afghanistan, building trust was his ultimate goal and mission, according to his family.

"Darin was serving humanity through military service," Brewer said. "The Afghan who shot him grossly misunderstood Darin's mission. As an officer told me, 'Afghanistan lost its best friend.'"

Loftis was deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, working as the chief plans advisor for the International Security Assistance Force, in an industrious program called AfPak Hands. In that role, Loftis advised and mentored top Afghan National Police officials in their native language of Pashto.

"Recognized for his superior language and cultural skills, Colonel Loftis guided the security planning for more than 20 major national events," according to his Bronze Star Medal first oak leaf cluster citation.

Most notably, he guided security planning for the re-opening of Kabul's largest stadium complex where Afghan President Karzai held his *Loya Jirga*, or Grand Assembly. This single event demonstrated the ability of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan to safeguard its citizens and 2,000 senior leaders. He also traveled to remote corners of the country where he assessed and prepared Afghan districts for transition from coalition to Afghan National Police security.

According to the citation, "his courageous efforts directly contributed to the successful transition of 45 districts to Afghan control, proving to the international community governance, security, and peace can be achieved."

Loftis genuinely believed peace was built with understanding and solidarity, his brother-in-law said.

Loftis leaves behind an exemplary example to his children of a life of service and sacrifice. Long before he made the ultimate sacrifice though, he recognized his family's support. In one of his masters' theses, he wrote of gratitude to his family, which Brewer read aloud.

"Finally, many of the burdens of this research were borne by my patient family,"

then-Captain Loftis wrote. "A disproportionate share of the household affairs fell upon my lovely wife during this demanding time, and I owe you much gratitude. And to my toddler who became a preschooler and my infant who became a toddler during this time — Daddy's home now!"

Brewer referenced the family's faith and spoke personally to them, "this is not the end."

"WeknowDarin's sacrifice was not in vain. For in dangers, in toils and in snares, we have already come," Brewer said. "J.D. has finished his final mission. He served his country well, served his fellow man well, and served his eternal God very well."

As the service came to a close, in a final roll call, his U.S. Air Force Special Operations School division lead, Lt. Col. Jim Piel, called out with genuine emotion, "Lt. Col. John Darin Loftis, killed in action, Feb. 25, 2012." Then with full military honors, a 21-gun salute fired outside the chapel doors, followed by the bugle playing of "Taps." As the family walked out into the bright sun, a flyover of a MC-130P met them overhead.

Loftis was posthumously awarded the Bronze Star Medal first oak leaf cluster, Purple Heart, the Meritorious Service Medal first oak leaf cluster, and the Air Force Combat Action Medal.

Donations can be made to the USO, Fisher House, and the Special Operations Warrior Foundation.

# Two times the charm

## Cadets ace cyberspace competition second time

### HARBOR WATCH

The Air Force Academy's cadet cyber competition team won the Rocky Mountain Collegiate Cyber Defense Competition, held at Regis University in Denver on March 2 and 3.

This is the cadet team's second regional victory in the two years it has competed in Collegiate Cyber Defense events.

Competing for the Academy team were Cadets First Class Jordan Keefer, Geoff Pamerleau, and Chris Shields, and Cadets Second



**PRACTICE:** Cadets Jordan Keefer and Nathan Hart with Dr. Martin Carlisle. Photo by Mike Kaplan

Class Frank Adkins, Josh Christman, Nathan Hart, Luke Jones, and Mike Winstead.

Teams had to secure a network that had previously been compromised, implement network security policies, and maintain user networks.

"It condenses what would normally take months down to two days," said Keefer, a native of Manheim, Pa.

The Academy will compete in the National Competition from April 19 to 22 in San Antonio.

# Veterans get support from pol

### HARBOR WATCH

Assemblyman Felix Ortiz (D-Sunset Park) is introducing a new piece of legislation that calls for a peer support services program aimed at serving veterans throughout New York state. This program will allow peer counseling services for mental illnesses, including post-traumatic stress disorder, and alcohol and substance abuse.

Trauma and stress experienced in battle can often return home with veterans in the form of post-trau-

matic stress disorder. Veterans may turn to medication or alcohol to relieve the symptoms. This behavior can sadly lead to addiction and abuse.

"It is vital that our veterans are provided with counseling. This peer-to-peer program will allow veterans to support one another through one of the most difficult times in their lives," Ortiz said. He said he is working to provide them the best quality care and treatment possible to overcome their various physical

and mental ailments.

"The supports of peers, or individuals who have had similar experiences, are valuable for people in all walks of life, but especially with veterans in helping them heal from the scars of war," he said. "Furthermore, peer counseling is a proven method of helping veterans overcome their condition. It is imperative that we put this program in place as soon as possible so that veterans will get the help they need and deserve."

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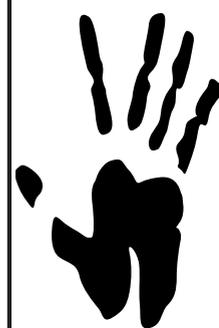
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Wicked Monk bartender Maria Mangiameli holds the perfect post-St. Patrick's Day hangover cure — more booze! Photo by Steve Solomonson

# ERIN GET OVER IT

**Cure your St. Paddy's hangover with a Bloody Mary's at the Monk**

By Colin Mixson

The mixologists at the Wicked Monk in Bay Ridge have developed an ingenious secret weapon to fight this weekend's inevitable St. Patrick's Day hangover — more drinking!

"It's like what you learn in school, two negatives make a positive," explained Wicked Monk bartender Daniel Hallahan, who will be hosting a special hangover party on March 18, where \$3 Bloody Mary specials will be a welcome alternative to the gallons of water and fistfuls of Tylenol



traditionally taken by those still reeling from the side affects of too much St. Patrick's Day cheer.

"The Bloody Mary is a typical hangover drink," said Hallahan. "These days, people are more inclined to drink vodka and Red Bull as a pick-me-up, but we thought that, since it's after St. Patrick's Day, people would be better off with V8 than Red Bull in their vodka."

As veteran sauce servers, the barkeeps at the Wicked Monk know a thing or two about hangovers. According to their expert analysis, there are two days where hangovers traditionally prevail: the day after

St. Patrick's Day and any given Sunday.

March 18 lands on a Sunday this year — promising a veritable perfect storm of alcohol poisoning, explained Wicked Monk bartender Maria Mangiameli.

"People are going to be miserable," Mangiameli explained.

But once enough tomato juice cocktails have been consumed Hallahan promises that Wicked Monk patrons will be more or less back on track, and may even attempt something no sane hangover victim would attempt: a karaoke contest where the



best warbler earns a \$25 Wicked Monk gift certificate — guaranteeing that the winner will be back on the sauce in no time.

Whether you're hanging off the side of a toilet, burrowed under a cold compress, or raring for another party, the hangover doctors at the Wicked Monk will have just what you need, Hallahan said.

"If your liver is still functioning, come on out," Hallahan said.

Wicked Monk [8415 Fifth Ave. between 84th and 85th streets in Bay Ridge, (718) 921-0601] March 18 at 8 pm. For info, visit [www.wickedmonk.com](http://www.wickedmonk.com).

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# Raisin' the curtain on a classic tale

The Gallery Players powerful take on the racially-charged classic "A Raisin in the Sun" is the Morgan Freeman of plays: it's more than 70 years old and still relevant.

The story follows a pre-civil rights era black family from Chicago that wants to break out of poverty — and stay true to itself — after coming across a life-changing chunk of money, and its themes can be applied to modern-day, gentrifying Brooklyn, its maker says.

"It's amazing how contemporary it still is — it empowers women and families," said producer Brian Michael Flanagan.

The acclaimed play, which opens on March 17, displays a modern understanding of racism, using innuendo and subtle jabs, especially as the family tries to use its newfound wealth to move to a white neighborhood.

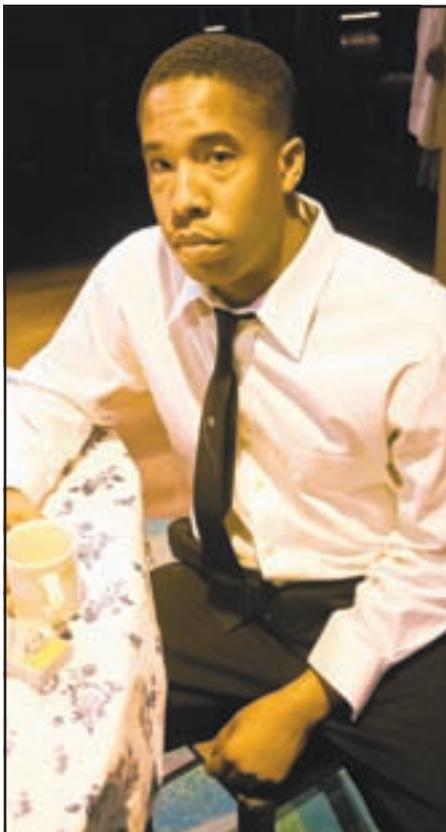
Director Reginald Douglas puts his own spin on the play: in one case, he reinterprets a grumpy racist landlord character, transforming him into a well-meaning but ignorant old man, which adds up to a more subtle, less "in-your-face" depiction of racial tension.

In another, Douglas adds an eavesdropping child to a fight scene to show how attitudes about race can be passed on to younger generations.

"The text is so rich — and it comes during a powerful time in history," Flanagan said. "It's really quite beautiful."

"A Raisin in the Sun" at Gallery Players [199 14th St. between Fourth and Fifth avenue in Park Slope, (718) 832-0617], March 17 through April 1. Tickets \$18 (\$14 for children and seniors). For info, visit [www.galleryplayers.com](http://www.galleryplayers.com).

— Natalie O'Neill



# WHAT TO DO SEVEN BEST BETS

## Apple's bite of Bklyn

The current wave of '90s nostalgia has reached its crest — everyone is wearing flannel, "Beavis and Butthead" is on the air again, and, most importantly, Fiona Apple is back.

The Grammy award winner, who is perhaps the angriest icon from America's angriest decade, will take the stage at the Music Hall of Williamsburg on March 23.

Apple, who made the most memorable music video from when you were in high school (yeah that one), is touring in support of her first album in seven years titled, "The Idler Wheel Is Wiser Than the Driver of the Screw, and Whipping Cords Will Serve You More Than Ropes Will Ever Do."

Unlike '90s peers Sarah McLachlan and Alanis Morissette, the 34-year-old songwriter did not embark on a poorly executed festival revival or see her musical



Fiona Apple, who is releasing her first album in seven years, will perform in Williamsburg on March 23.

AP Photo / Jim Cooper

pursuits fade in prominence after playing god in a movie. Nor was she ever Canadian.

Instead, the "Criminal" crooner followed up her debut "Tidal" with two less commercially successful records released in 1999 and 2005.

Her dedicated fans have eagerly anticipated an Apple revival, while Brooklyn's other '90s revivalists have been using the show as

an excuse to dust off their CD players, throw on their JNCO jeans, and reminisce on how they were too cool for prom anyway.

Fiona Apple at Music Hall of Williamsburg [66 N. Sixth St. between Wythe Avenue and Kent Avenue, Williamsburg (718) 486-5400] March 23, 8 pm. \$40. For tickets, [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com).

— Aaron Short

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## Back to the Futurists

The spirit of the Russian revolution is here — but you have to bring your own manifesto.

You can become a part of a Bushwick performance series about the Russian Futurist art movement if you bring along a copy of Andrei Bely's masterpiece, "Petersburg" — once considered to be Russia's "Ulysses" (which, like the James Joyce classic, is largely unread today).

"We wanted to hone in on the kind of wacky writings of that time," said John Del Gaudio, managing director of Target Margin Theater, which is throwing a wide-ranging set of plays, lectures and dance events based on the Russian Futurism at The Bushwick Starr from March 16 to April 7.

"People can geek out on Russian avant-garde or Russian culture in general."

Bely fans can read along with the text at "0, 2012: The Last Futurist Lab," an homage to an artistic and literary movement whose members lived through — or didn't — one of the



RED SCARE: The Russian Futurists are coming to Bushwick.

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most tumultuous periods of Russian history.

Russo-philes can look forward to reading favorite excerpts and sipping vodka with one of the series' major players, or listening in on a panel discussion with translator Matvei Yankelevich, whose works in part inspired the Russian Futurist celebration.

Brave participants can attend a free biomechanics (Russian futurist for "dance") demonstration, or scope out opera, toy theater, and movement-based theater performances.

"This is a very ambitious lab," said Del Gaudio, who

will make a cameo appearance in one of the performances. "We're hoping people will go along with the ride with us."

"TMT Laboratory: 0,2012: The Last Futurist Lab" at The Bushwick Starr [207 Starr Street Brooklyn, NY 11237 (718) 306-2370], March 16–April 7. Tickets \$15. For info, visit <http://www.targetmargin.org>.

— Sol Park

# Saloon salon

Finally! You can get ready for your night out on the town while you're out on the town.

The geniuses at the Beauty Bar in Park Slope — the borough's only beauty parlor-cocktail lounge hybrid — let you pair your \$10 manicure with a salon-themed libation such as the "Paul Mitchell Swizzle" (vodka, grenadine, and mint concoction with crushed ice; \$10). It also offers a solid selection of beer on tap (\$5–7) — which makes it perfect for grown-ups.

"It's a place for people who want a more relaxed party and couples stopping by for a glass of wine," said manager Sean McCormack.

The Beauty Bar brand has lured coifed-and-tattooed fashionista crowds in party towns such as San Francisco, Austin, and Portland, but its

Bushwick location recently closed.

The Park Slope location is adorned with the same '50s-style aesthetic, complete with vintage hair-drying chairs, mirrors and pink glittery walls.

But you don't have to be getting your nails done to have a good time.

"We bring the ladies and the gentlemen follow," McCormack said.

Beauty Bar [259 Fifth Ave. at Garfield Place in Park Slope, (718) 788-8867].

— Natalie O'Neill



## Bookseller's best seller

It's a Horatio Alger story that the great fabulist himself couldn't even fathom — Brooklyn writer Adam Wilson has penned a novel that now lines the shelves of the bookstore where he used to work.

"Flatscreen," has surged up the ranks to become a best seller at BookCourt, the famed Cobble Hill lit spot where Wilson spent two years as a cashier after earning a degree in fiction writing at Columbia.

Now, Wilson, rags to, well, book-world-acclaim story will be toasted when he reads at DUMBO's powerHouse Arena for the March 20 launch of the Literary Review's winter issue.

Wilson no longer works at the store, but he hasn't left his experiences behind, either — anecdotes from the shop feature prominently in some of his work, like "Tell Me," a short story he wrote for the prestigious quarterly.

For Minna Proctor, editor of the Literary Review, Wilson's inclusion and prominent place at the reading, which also features authors Priscilla Becker and Danielle Blau, was an obvious choice.

"Wilson is incredibly charming and straightforward — his living room is Brooklyn," said Proctor, who lives in Kensington.

The Literary Review's Winter issue launch party at powerHouse Arena [37 Main at Water Streets in DUMBO, (718) 666-3049] For more info, visit [www.powerhousearena.com](http://www.powerhousearena.com)

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## BROOKLYN EATS

# Barks battle to crown top dog

**By Sarah Zorn**  
At the end of this tournament, Park Slope will have a true top dog — unless the burger wins out.

Bark Hot Dogs is taking on March Madness with its own version of the multi-seeded play-off, replacing college basketball teams with brats, patties, French fries and chicken wings.

"We based our bracket off of actual sales, making a Sweet 16 list with our top-selling items, except for beer, 'cause that would win, of course," said co-owner Joshua Sharkey.

Bark fans can vote online for their favorites — and if their choice wins it all they can expect a big prize on the day of the big game.

"Winners will have specials to go along with them, which will get better and better as we go from eight, to four, to two, to one," Sharkey said. "The eventual winner, which will coincide with the NCAA



**Face-off:** (Left) Christopher Sturgul, kitchen manager at Bark, and assistant manager Justin Kilvurn face-off to decide which Bark item is best.

Photo by Elizabeth Graham

Finals, will have a really cool promotion to go along with it. If it's a lower priced item, we'll probably offer it for free. If it's higher, we'll just make it crazy cheap."

Just like in an actual tournament, the Bark Madness bracket staged some serious David vs. Goliath match ups — and as is often the case in the Big Dance, lower ranked

entrants didn't stand a chance.

In the first round, which wrapped up on Saturday, the No. 1 seeded Bark Dog mopped the floor with the No. 16 seeded Veggie Burger, while the No. 2 seeded Bark Burger smashed the No. 15 ranked Heirloom Baked Beans.

But there were some upsets, with the No. 3 ranked Veggie Dog losing handily to the No.

14 seeded Cheddar Brat, and the No. 10 seeded Bark Wings barely squeaking by the No. 7 ranked Kraut Dog.

"I think the wings just might be a sleeper pick," the frank peddler said. "We've only been doing them for a year or so, but people really love them. I think if you paired the wings against the Bark Dog in the end, the vote could go either way."

Sharkey says the sportsman in him can't help pulling for the underdogs, but he fears a big win is in the cards for the eponymous house dog or burger.

"I would like the pork burger to win, honestly. That's my new favorite on the menu right now," Sharkey admitted. "It's something we're really proud of, and I'd kind of like to see it upset the other ones."

Bark [474 Bergen St. between Fifth and Flatbush Avenues in Park Slope, (718) 789-1939]. To vote, visit <http://challonge.com/barkmadness>

# Condimental sandwiches spreads the love

**By Eli Rosenberg**  
Condiments this fancy haven't been made in factories this hip since the days of Andy Warhol.

Toppings are on top of the food chain in Brooklyn with a fleet of local producers selling — and squeezing — new types of mustard, mayonnaise, ketchup, relish and the like onto the borough's plates. And one of the main motivations behind the spread of the spreads is economic, some sauce-makers say.

"With the economy being low, people are looking for simple ways to dress up a simple meal," said Elizabeth Valteau, who is about a month away from opening Empire Mayo, a tony mayonnaise shop in Prospect Heights that will sell varieties of egg yolk spread like smoked paprika, lime pickle, and black garlic. "A fancy condiment is a good way to make people excited about the everyday foods they're eating."

Brooklynites can now choose from an astounding selection of borough-made toppings to dress up their food, like mustard from the Navy Yard by the spice sellers Tin, Mexican chip toppings from Bushwick's Brooklyn Salsa, and jam from the preservationists at Anarchy



**Side to main:** The folks at 606 R and D in Prospect Heights bring the condiment to new heights with their horseradish sandwich.

Photo by Stefano Giovannini

in a Jar.

The borough's foodies are relishing all this, well, relish, because the stuff that's getting made in Brooklyn tops Heinz and Hellman's best offerings, according to Matt Burns, whose Brooklyn Salsa Company makes preservative-free dip from heirloom tomatoes.

"It's pretty obvious that what everyone is doing is better than what exists," said Matt Burns, whose company dubs itself the "leaders of condimentation." "People are tired of what's out there. The system is corrupt and the ingredients

that are being used in condiments make them kind of like vegetable junk food — there's a much more pure way to do it."

Even restaurants are catching onto the condiment craze, with eateries like Ox Cart Tavern in Ditmas Park drawing regulars with its homemade ketchup. And in some cases these simple spreads are even becoming main courses, like the "horseradish sandwich" at the new Prospect Heights restaurant 606 R&D.

It might sound Spartan, but the \$6 meal — which features just horseradish, sourdough bread, butter and onion — is perfect as is, according to its maker.

"The sandwich needs not a single more thing — no one has really asked for anything else added to it," said Ilene Rosen, the chef and co-owner of 606 R&D. "I very much enjoy creating something for nothing."

(The eatery will serve topped with bacon for an additional \$2).

Condiments are ubiquitous in fridges across the country and immortalized in the work of pop artists like Warhol, but these utilitarian sauces and seasonings are not a distinctly American phenomenon — in

truth, they extend far back into the reaches of history.

One of the world's first condiments was a sauce made from fermented fish innards that was a staple of nearly every Roman dinner table, says Tom Nealon, a food historian who wrote a twelve-part series on the spreads for the website HiLoBrow.com and argues that one can divine the prevailing ethos of a culture through its condiments — or lack thereof.

"Condiments represent and encourage the democratic power of the individual to decide how to eat," said Nealon.

In fact, toppings have long been a food of the people, he told this publication.

"If you look at the history of cookery, 'bourgeois cookery' was full of condiments while 'royal cookery' has none."

Perhaps the borough's high-end condiment craze isn't as luxurious as it sounds, but the fact that Brooklynites are going out of their way for fancy toppings says something about our tastes — and ourselves.

"People intuit condiments as the basis of choice in food and control over their diets," Nealon said. "People have a yearning to control their food destiny."



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## RESTAURANT GOSSIP

BY SARAH ZORN

**M**att and Allison Robicelli take the cake, Elizabeth Falkner is sweet on the Slope, and Smith Street gets it's own crack at pie in this week's sugary slice of down-home gossip.

**In the books:** It was only a matter of time before our favorite cupcake-baking team, Matt and Allison Robicelli, snagged their own cookbook deal (if Pippa Middleton, Hobbit scholars, and Louisiana vampires can be paid to pen food-tomes, why not this fun-loving duo?) As they officially shared with Grub Street — and unofficially shared with us in a personal e-mail — the Penguin/Viking published venture will feature pastry techniques, a comic-book section, essays, and (of no surprise to us), “a lot of four-letter words.”

**Taster's choice:** The Village Voice's annual Choice Eats tasting event always proves to be a feast of epic proportions — with some of the best restaurants in the city serving bites of their best dishes. This year's lineup proves that our fair borough is quickly becoming the epicenter of gustatory goodness, with 29 Brooklyn-based businesses (by far the most in Choice Eats' history), laying down the gauntlet with premium ice cream (Ample Hills), top-notch noodles (Zuzu Ramen), killer bivalves (Littleneck), bodacious deli-meat (David's Brisket House), fantastic Filipino (Umi Nom), and more.



**In the books:** Robicelli's owners (and spouses) Matthew and Allison Robicelli will release a cookbook with pastry techniques, essays, a comic book section, and (of no surprise to us), “a lot of four-letter words.”

Photo by Bess Adler

**All pain, all gain:** Sleeper sofas are nice, but how can they possibly compete with smoked salmon tartines, homemade walnut bread, and pain au chocolat? The Brooklyn Heights blog reports that the borough's first branch of Le Pain Quotidien will fill the old Jennifer Convertibles space on 121 Montague St.

**San Francisco treat:** Famed Bay Area pastry chef Elizabeth Falkner — formerly of Citizen Cake and the competition shows Top Chef Masters and The Next Iron Chef — is readying to take a walk on the savory side (of the East Coast). The blog Inside Scoop SF reports that Falkner (a recently certified Neapolitan pizzaiolo) will open a pizza, pasta and cocktails joint in either Park Slope or Boerum Hill by summer.

**Grand hotel:** Add another entry to Andrew Tarlow's considerable Brooklyn empire (think the ever-popular Roman's, Diner, and MarlowandSons). Reynard's — an addition to the upcoming boutique Wythe Hotel in Williamsburg — will feature “whole animal, wood-fired cooking,” and daily-changing menus that “center around the produce of farmers throughout the seasons.” You don't say!

**More momofuku:** Hot on the heels of news that Williamsburg's branch of Momofuku Milk Bar had added expanded delivery service comes this tasty tidbit — Eater has uncovered this bit of news from Momofuku Milk Bar's incarnation in Carroll Gardens. Look for soft-serve cereal milkshakes to take over 360 Smith St. soon!

**The earl of sandwiches:** Is this the best thing to hit Fort Greene since sliced bread? Although the Brooklyn Sandwich Society — an upcoming farm-to-table sammy store on Dekalb Avenue — sounds alluring, it has a lot of sublime area competition (No. 7 and Food Freaks, anyone?) According to Brownstoner, the shop will source most of its product from the nearby Greenmarket to use in creations like the Carlton; roasted lamb, fava mash, grilled ramps and mint persillade on sunflower rye. We might have to stage a chomp to the death against No. 7's General Tso's fileto-fish!



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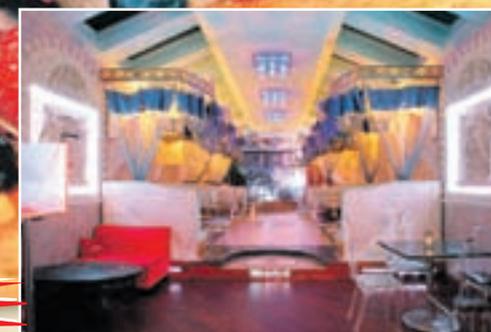
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- Calamari Fritti.....\$11 • Turkish Style Liver Cubes.....\$10
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- Quattro Formaggio Puff Pastry (2 pieces).....\$6
- Thai Salad w/ Beef.....\$14, w/ Salmon.....\$15, w/ Shrimps.....\$16

### Meat:

- Side order choice of Vegetable, Rice, Mashed Potatoes or French Fries
- Rib Eye Steak.....\$23 • Organic Veal Chops.....\$25 • Filet Mignon.....\$23
- Lamb Chops.....\$26
- Asado Beef Short Ribs (in a barbecue Cabernet Sauce).....\$25
- Beef Shish Kebab.....\$18

### Poultry:

- Side order choice of Vegetable, Rice, Mashed Potatoes or French Fries
- Grilled Chicken Breast.....\$14 • Chicken Shish Kebab.....\$12

### Mediterranean Style Fish:

- Fish Side Order Choice of Vegetable, Rice, Mashed Potatoes or French Fries
- Grilled Salmon.....\$18 • Grilled Chilean Sea Bass.....\$25
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- St. Peter's Tilapia (Grilled or Fried).....\$21 • Freid Flounder.....\$19 (Fish of The Day)

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- Grilled Shrimps in Scampi Sauce.....\$16 • Mixed Seafood Platter.....\$25

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- New York Cheesecake.....\$9 • Tiramisu.....\$9 • Napoleon Cake.....\$8
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By Sol Park

Who can you always count on when you're in a bind and need a good book? The employees at your neighborhood bookstore, of course, who conceivably read all the newest books before anyone! But you don't have to talk to them to be well read, because we've got a hotline that they call in to tell us about all the must-reads at all your favorite independent bookstores in Brooklyn. We report below:

### The BookMark Shoppe's pick: "Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children" by Ransom Riggs

A mysterious island. An abandoned orphanage. A strange collection of very curious photographs. And so the story begins for 16-year-old Jacob. Listening to stories told by his grandfather throughout the years, after a terrible accident, Jacob decides to venture to the coast of Whales. What he finds on this mysterious island is both expected... and un-expected. "Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children" is filled with fantasy and adventure for both young adults and the young at heart. Beautifully illustrated, this book needs to be experienced in hardcover, reading it on an e-reader just won't do it justice.

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

### Greenlight's pick: "Blood, Bones and Butter" by Chef Gabrielle Hamilton

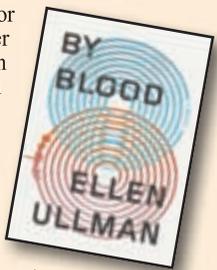
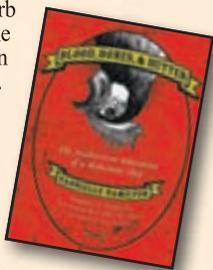
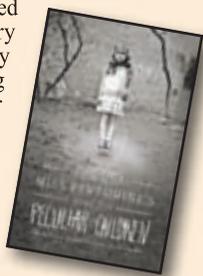
Chef Gabrielle Hamilton's superb memoir of her life in food may be the antithesis of Julia Child's "My Life in France" (although I loved that, too!). For every fancy meal Child was lucky enough to taste in Paris and beyond, Hamilton was battling the break-up of her family, a brush-up with the law, occasional drug usage, along with other nefarious doings. Food (and cooking), despite the author's many, many attempts to get away from it, became a source of stability and comfort for Hamilton when everything else was going wrong. Owning a restaurant was never a "dream," but finally, a hard-won battle with herself over what ultimately made her happy. "Blood, Bones and Butter" is raw, gritty and delightful.

— Emily Russo Murtagh, interim events coordinator, Greenlight Bookstore [686 Fulton St. between S. Elliott Place and S. Portland Avenue in Fort Greene, (718) 246-0200].

### WORD's pick: "By Blood" by Ellen Ullman

"By Blood," an unnerving story in an eerie setting about some odd people, was the book I didn't know I wanted. A professor overhears a woman talking to her therapist and ends up gets involved in manipulating the patient out of both a sincere desire to help and deep dislike for the therapist. Set in 1970s San Francisco, home of the Zodiac Killer and the crumbling remnants of the Swinging Sixties, you'll be spellbound by your time with our narrator, the Professor, who is one of those characters who becomes creepier and yet somehow more understandable the more you read him. It's fantastic.

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



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# EVENTS

## FRI, MARCH 16

**ART, ARTWORK ABOUT THE VIRGIN MARY:** "Immaculate: Reflections of Mary". Free. MF Gallery [213 Bond St. between Butler and Baltic streets in Cobble Hill, (917) 971-7367], www.MFgallery.net.

**MOVIE NIGHT:** Shorts and a full length family appropriate movie. Free! 6:15. The Moxie Spot [81 Atlantic Ave., between Hicks Street in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 923-9710], themoxiespot.com.

**MUSIC, CLASSICAL CONCERT:** The Brooklyn Brandenburgers String Quartet performs. Coffee and cake served. Free. 10:30 am - 12:30 pm. The Bay Ridge Jewish Center [Fourth Ave. at 81st Street in Bay Ridge, (718) 836-3103].

**WOMEN'S HISTORY:** Celebrate women at the museum with readings, performances and crafts. Free with museum admission. 11:30 am-12:30 pm and 2:30-3:30 pm. Brooklyn Children's Museum [145 Brooklyn Ave. at St. Marks Avenue in Crown Heights, (718) 735-4400], www.brooklynkids.org.

**TALENT SHOW:** The students at the school dance, sing and entertain. \$5. 7 pm. Bishop Kearney High School [2202 60th St. at Bay Parkway in Bensonhurst, (718) 236-6363].

**THEATER, "BYE BYE BIRDIE":** The 50's musical. \$15. 7:30 pm. Christa McAuliff School [1171 65th St. at 12th Avenue in Dyker Heights].

## SAT, MARCH 17

### PERFORMANCE

**THEATER, "BYE BYE BIRDIE":** 7:30 pm. See Friday, March 16.

### SALES AND MARKETS

**PARK SLOPE FLEA MARKET:** Peruse antiques, collectibles, vintage, crafts, and furniture. 8 am-6 pm. PS 321 [180 Seventh Ave. between First and Second streets in Park Slope, (917) 991-7807], www.parkslopefleaarket.com.

**RUMMAGE SALE!** Forget the Flea — head to this rummage sale to dig up some true vintage treasures. Free. 10 am - 4 pm. Flatbush Reformed Church [890 Flatbush Ave. in Flatbush, (718) 284-5140], www.flatbushchurch.org.

### OTHER

**ART, ARTWORK ABOUT THE VIRGIN MARY:** See Friday, March 16.

**ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE:** The annual event begins at 11 am and winds its way along Fifth Avenue and passes the American Irish Historical Society at 83rd Street, and then ends at the Metropolitan Museum of Art at 86th Street. Free. 11 am-5 pm. Manhattan (44th Street and Fifth Avenue in Midtown).

**ST. PATRICK'S CELEBRATION:** Learn about the traditions, foods and celebrations of the Emerald Isle. Free with museum admission. 11:30 am-12:30 pm. Brooklyn Children's Museum [145 Brooklyn Ave. at St. Marks Avenue in Crown Heights, (718) 735-4400], www.brooklynkids.org.

**POT OF GOLD:** Celebrate Irish heritage month by listening to folktales told by Timothy Connell. Free. 1 pm. Brooklyn Public Library's Central branch [Flatbush Ave. at Eastern Parkway in Grand Army Plaza in Park Slope,

(718) 230-2100], www.brooklyn-publiclibrary.org/branch\_library\_detail.jsp?branchpageid=265.

**YOGA:** For individuals 18 years and older. Free. 3:45 pm. Greenpoint Public Library [107 Norman Ave. at Leonard Street in Greenpoint, (718) 349-8504], www.brooklyn-publiclibrary.org.

**WII AND NTENDO:** Prizes, games and food. Free. 6 pm. The Moxie Spot [81 Atlantic Ave., between Hicks Street in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 923-9710], themoxiespot.com.

**DANCE:** Celebrate St. Patrick's and St. Josephs with a night out. \$40. 7 pm. Msg. Scanlon Center [Bath Ave. at Bay 20th Street in Bensonhurst, (718) 236-3312].

## SUN, MARCH 18

### PERFORMANCE

**THEATER, "BYE BYE BIRDIE":** 2 pm. See Friday, March 16.

**MUSIC, CONCERT:** Irwin Meyer conducts the Kings County American Legion Headquarters Band. Free. 2:30 pm. New Utrecht Reformed Church [18th Ave. at 84th Street in Bensonhurst, (718) 256-7173].

**DANCE, BALLET:** Members of the Russian Ballet perform selections of "Don Quixote," "Le Corsaire," and "Sleeping Beauty." \$30. 3 pm. Kingsborough Community College [2001 Oriental Blvd. at Decatur Avenue in Manhattan Beach, (718) 368-5000], www.kingsborough.edu.

**MUSIC, CONCERT:** A potpourri of popular arias, pop selections and show tunes. Presented by the Regina Opera Company. \$15 (\$20 at the door; All students free accompanied by an adult). 3 pm. East Midwood Jewish Center [1625 Ocean Ave. between Avenues K and L in Midwood, (718) 338-3800], emjc.org.

### SALES AND MARKETS

**PARK SLOPE FLEA MARKET:** 8 am-6 pm. See Saturday, March 17.

**RUMMAGE SALE!** 12:30 - 2:30 pm. See Saturday, March 17.

### OTHER

**ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE:** The 37th annual parade kicks off with a pre-parade mass at Holy Name of Jesus Church, 245 Prospect Pk West at 14th Street followed by the parade. Free. 9 am. Holy Name of Jesus Church [245 Prospect Pk W. at 14th Street in Park Slope, (718) 499-9482].

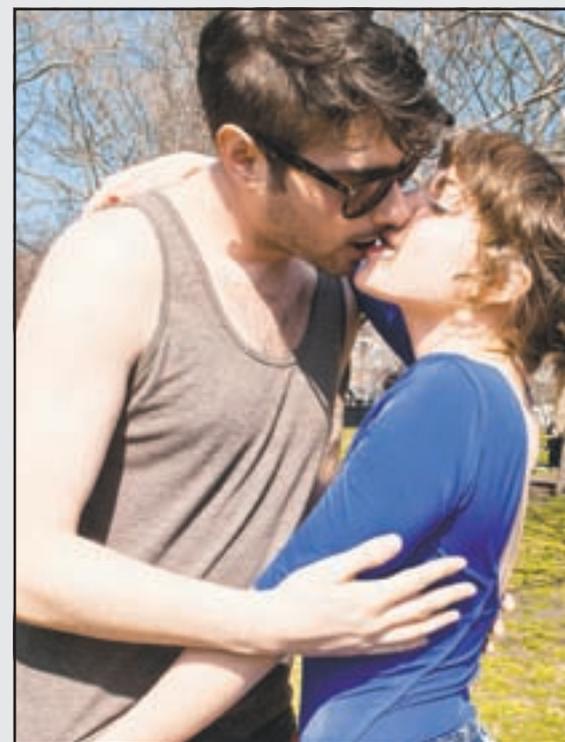
**ST. PATRICK'S CELEBRATION:** 11:30 am-12:30 pm. See Saturday, March 17.

**SUNDAY SINGALONG:** Come sing, clap, dance or just watch. Free. 12:15 pm. The Moxie Spot [81 Atlantic Ave., between Hicks Street in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 923-9710], themoxiespot.com.

**WALKING TOUR:** Irish history tour at Green-Wood Cemetery. \$20. 1 pm. Green-Wood Cemetery [Fifth Avenue and 25th Street in Green-Wood Heights, (718) 768-7300], www.green-wood.com.

**SINGLES, FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE:** Women ages 48 to 65 to meet Sundays for lunch, dinner, trips, shows and more. Pre-registration required. Sorry no walk-ins. Free. 2 pm. El Greco Diner [1821 Emmons Ave. at Sheepshead Bay Road in Sheepshead Bay, (718) 336-7908].

**FILM, "BACK WALKING FORWARD":** Documentary about a family coping with the aftermath of Traumatic Brain Injury. Free with admission. 2pm. Brooklyn



Spring has sprung: Winter is over (officially, anyway) on Tuesday, March 21! So get out there and do what comes naturally!

Museum [200 Eastern Pkwy. at Washington Avenue in Crown Heights, (718) 638-5000].

**"LA TAVOLA DI SAN GUISEPPE":** Benefit concert and dinner. \$30 concert only (\$100 concert and dinner). 8 pm. St. Simon and St. Jude Auditorium [185 Van Sicken St. at Avenue T in Gravesend], www.brownpapertickets.com.

## MON, MARCH 19

**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].

**MUSIC, TURKUAZ RESIDENCY AT BROOKLYN BOWL:** Free. 7 pm. Brooklyn Bowl [61 Wythe Ave. between N. 11th and N. 12th streets in Williamsburg, (718) 963-3369], www.brooklynbowl.com.

**READING, BEN MARCUS:** Author of "The Flame Alphabet," in discussion with Ryan Britt. Free. 7:30 pm. Greenlight Bookstore [686 Fulton St. between S. Elliott Place and S. Portland Avenue in Fort Greene, (718) 246-0200], greenlightbookstore.com.

## TUES, MARCH 20

**SPRING!** It's official. Winter is over. Spring is here. Happiness reigns throughout Brooklyn! Free.

**"GREASE":** \$4. 7 pm. MS 88 [544 Seventh Ave. at 54th Street in Park Slope, (718) 788-4482].

## WED, MARCH 21

**R"GREASE":** 7 pm. See Tuesday, March 20.

## THURS, MARCH 22

**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.

**"THE NEVERENDING STORY":** Based on the classic German novel. For children eight and up. \$20-\$30. 7 pm. Jack H Skirball Center for the Performing Arts [566 LaGuardia Pl. at Washing-

ton Square in Lower Manhattan, (212) 352-3101], www.skirball-center.nyu.edu.

**FUND-RAISER:** Benefitting the Bay Ridge chapter of Peace Action Bay Ridge Interfaith Peace Coalition. Guests include Matt Weinstein and Ed Goldman, Richie McMahon and music provided by Dave Doll, Mark Hoglund, Milena Zhivotovskaya and Toru Takiguchi. Good will offering. 7 pm. Good Shepherd Lutheran Church [7420 Fourth Ave. at 74th Street in Bay Ridge, (718) 680-2981].

**"URBAN ODYSSEY":** The world premier by Loco7 Dance Puppet Theater. Suitable for children 12 and older only. \$25 (\$20 students and seniors). 7:30 pm. La Mama [66 E. Fourth St. in Lower East Side, (212) 475-7710], www.lamama.org.

**"I LOVE BOB":** Slapstick comedy about the amazing adventures of an ordinary guy. \$10 (\$6 students). 7:30 pm. Voorhees Theatre [186 Jay St. at Tillary Street in Downtown, (718) 260-5588].

**COUNTRY YIDDISH MUSIC!** The Royal Nines take the intimate stage at The Castello Plan to play their patent blend of roaring 1920's jazz with a little bit of Yiddish soul thrown in. Free. 9 pm. The Castello Plan [1213 Cortelyou Rd. in Ditmars Park, (718) 856-8888], thecastelloplan.com.

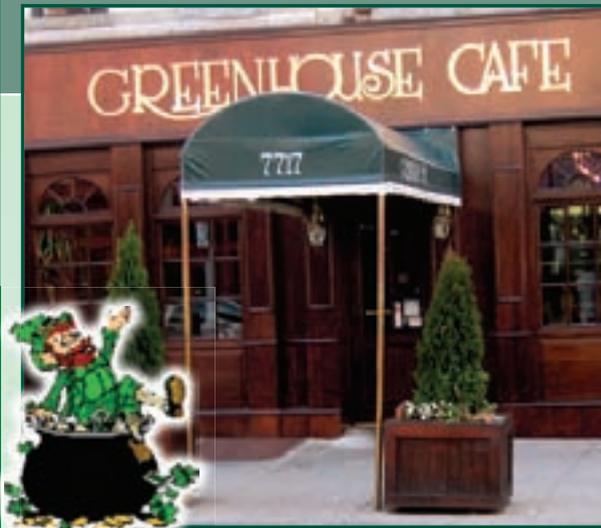
## FRI, MARCH 23

**CARD PARTY:** Annual fundraiser with hundreds of prizes, admission includes sandwich, soda, cookies tea and coffee. Tickets must be purchased in advance - none sold at door. \$20. 7 pm. Bishop Kearney High School [2202 60th St. at Bay Parkway in Bensonhurst, (718) 236-6363 X247].

**MUSIC, "BROOKLYN VILLAGE":** The multimedia presentation by the Brooklyn Philharmonic, featuring art and stories. \$20. 7:30 pm. Roulette [Third Ave. at Atlantic Avenue in Downtown, (646) 397-2765], www.bphl.org.

**"URBAN ODYSSEY":** 7:30 pm. See Thursday, March 22.

**"I LOVE BOB":** 7:30 pm. See Thursday, March 22.



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# Big honors for Kearney HS students

## BENSONHURST

### Honors for Kearney students

Honor and service is the order of the "Dei" for these Bishop Kearney HS scholars!

One hundred and ninety-five students were inducted into the Mater Dei Chapter of the National Honor Society, which recognizes 10-12th graders with a grade point average of at least 3.0 and a wealth of community service on their record. All told, 82 seniors received permanent membership, with 67 juniors and 46 sophomores granted one-year provisional membership. **Sister Thomasine Stagnitta** officiated the induction ceremony, presenting each girl with a membership card and rose from **Geri**



**Martinez**, the assistant principal and moderator of the chapter. Senior officers were also installed, including **Rebecca Tom**,

**Lisa Esposito**, **Billie Wei**, and **Alessia Goarracca**. Kearney guidance counselor **Sharon Keller**, charged the inductees and officers to "always keep the youthful enthusiasm you had as a freshmen," adding "Life will not always be easy.

Rely on the support of your friends and use your intelligence to get through the hard times." Standing O couldn't have said it better.

*Bishop Kearney High School [2202 60th St. at Bay Parkway in Bensonhurst, (718) 236-6363].*

## WILLIAMSBURG

### The little garden that can

Spring has sprung at the **Green School**. The green-thumbed budding horticultural enthusiasts at the **Academy for Environmental Careers** are planning to create a learning lab garden by cleaning up a little-used grassy area in the school yard to grow herbs, veggies, flowers, and berries.

The space will also house a sitting area where you can rest your bones and admire the work of the members of the garden club. So far, students have constructed a compost bin (better to feed the soil with my dear!), and, soon the green plot will be sprouting healthy veggie snacks and pretty flowers. Sprucing up the unused space will also beautify the neighborhood, decrease storm water run-off, and increase air quality. Wow!

Who woulda thunk a garden could do all that!

*Green School: An Academy for Environmental Careers [223 Graham Ave. at Scholes Street in Williamsburg, (718) 599-1207].*



**SNIP, SNIP, HOORAY:** Doctors, hospital staff, and a few politicians cut the ribbon for the new endoscopy unit at Beth Israel Brooklyn.

## It's just what the doctor ordered!

### MARINE PARK

Whatever 'oscopy you need, Beth Israel has it, and its brand new too! The state-of-the-art **Endoscopy Suite** is open and 'oscopying as we speak. The out-patient, in-hospital facility used in the diagnosis and treatment of gastrointestinal disorders offers a more convenient and easily accessible location, great patient comfort, and, (for the love of Standing O!) privacy! "We offer colonoscopy, endoscopic ultrasound and ERCP" (don't worry, you'll

know it when you need it), said Dr. Robin Baradaran, the hospital's chief of gastroenterology. There, patients can expect to find an expert team of gastro guys, endoscopists, anesthesiologists, radiologists, and nurses who will ensure top-of-the-line treatment and care. Another plus is the new size of the suite, which as been enlarged considerably to allow a greater number of patients to be treated.

*Beth Israel Brooklyn [3201 Kings Highway at E. 32nd Street in Flatbush, (718) 252-3000].*

## BAY RIDGE

### 100 candles and counting

Happy B-day wishes to **Susan Cipparulo**, a pal of Standing O who hit the century mark on March 2 at Shore Hill, where she has been a resident for the past 27



**100 B-DAY BALLOONS:** Birthday girl Susan Cipparulo celebrates her special day with son Michael, daughter-in-law Rosemarie, grandsons Michael and Stephen, and cousin Neil (sitting down).

years. Surrounding Susan with balloons, hugs and lots o'love were her son Michael, daughter-in-law Rosemarie, grandsons Michael and Stephen, and cousin Neil, who also lives at Shore Hill. But you know it just wouldn't be a big whoop-de-do without proclamations, and for Susan there were plenty — Assemblywoman Nicole Malliotakis (R-Bay Ridge), Rep. Michael Grimm, (R-Bay Ridge), Councilman Vincent Gentile (D-Bay Ridge), and state Sen. Martin Golden (R-Bay Ridge) all sent their best wishes for another 100 years. Standing O sends out 100 *buon compleanno's*, too!

*Shore Hill [9000 Shore Rd. at 91st Street in Bay Ridge. (718) 745-7700]*

## BOROUGH WIDE

### Book it down to the library

It's time to restock the shelves at the library. The fourth annual "Support Our Shelves" fund-raiser is on. The **Brooklyn Public Library's** goal this year is to collect \$500,000, which is a lot of paperbacks, no



## MARINE PARK

### They're Broadway-bound

Budding thespians at Marine Park Junior HS made history come alive during their standing-room-only performance of "**The Diary of Anne Frank**," the riveting story about a brave young Jewish girl forced into hiding with her parents during World War II.

The book which was made into a movie in 1959, starred Millie Perkins as Anne Frank, Shelley Winters as Mrs. Petronella Van Daan, and Ed Wynn as Mr. Albert Dussell. In this Frances Goodrich and Albert Hackett production, **Valerie Kostitoutchenko** put on a Broadway-worthy performance of the ill-fated girl that would later die in a concentration camp.

The audience was moved to tears by a cast that should be working the boards on the Great White Way — they were that good. Along with Kostitoutchenko, the cast included **Tyriq Nelson** as Mr. Frank, **Sapphire Brown** as Mrs. Frank, **Melani McDonald** as Mrs. Van Daan, **Ryan O'Connor** as Peter Van Daan, **Dylan Wheeler** as Mr. Van Daan, **Taylor Rosado** as Margo Frank, **Tabiya Springer** as Miep Gies, and **Joseph McGlashin** as Mr. Kraler.

"I was amazed by the respect for the material that these students showed, they truly felt the emotions of the characters," said Amy Wilkinson, drama teacher at the school.

*Marine Park Junior High School [1925 Stuart St. at Fillmore Avenue in Marine Park, (718) 375-3523].*

matter how you read it.

The Library is asking each and every one of us Brooklynites to help out our branches through donations and advocacy. Come on, now, Standing O readers! We can do it!

As we all know, the library is the greatest place around, not just because it is chock full of books (not to mention issues of this newspaper!), but also because it offers programs for children and adults that teach everything from knitting and crocheting to playing a Nintendo Wii (really! Standing O should know, because I'm also in charge of our calendar of events!)

All it takes to reach the goal is a little here and a little there. So donate \$1, \$5 or \$20, now through June 30 and help to keep the shelves full.

*For information visit [www.bpl.brooklynpubliclibrary.org/donate](http://www.bpl.brooklynpubliclibrary.org/donate).*

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— Boys High coach Ruth Lovelace

● 'We just got better. It's great. I can't describe the feeling.'

— Brooklyn Collegiate's Ervin Mitchell

## Jefferson beats Wings, now heading to Garden

BY ZACH BRAZILLER

Thomas Jefferson High School capped off an astounding regular season with a thrilling Public School Athletic League Class AA semifinal victory on Saturday, as the Orange Wave crashed down on the Wings Academy, 72-68.

Jefferson High's Jaquan "Son Son" Lynch and Thaddeus Hall were responsible for the 4 point victory, Jefferson coach Lawrence "Bud" Pollard explained, claiming that Hall started the game and Lynch finished it, scoring the game's final five points in a dizzying final 7.7 seconds to lift No. 1 Jefferson past the No. 4 Wings at St. John's.

"They were Batman and Robin today and a lot of other guys chipped in," Pollard explained. "You can't win [championships] and big games without big-time closers."

The duo closed like champions and now Jefferson (25-6) is one win away from its first city title since 1954. It goes for the crown next Saturday at Madison Square Garden at noon against No. 2 Boys and Girls, a 72-63 winner against third-seeded Lincoln.

With the large Carnesecca Arena crowd on its feet and his high school career hanging in the balance, Hall (22 points) sliced through the heart of Wings' defense and scored with a right-handed scoop to put Jefferson ahead with 7.7 seconds left. He made the free throw to create a two-point lead. Jenkins, one of the city's top uncommitted



**TAKING IT TO THE HOOP:** Thomas Jefferson's Jaquan "Son Son" Lynch netted 16 points during the 72-68 win over Wings Academy. Photo by Denis Gostev

seniors who scored a game-high 23 points, received the inbounds and as he looked to dart up-court, Lynch stripped him, the ball went to Hall, and he threw down an emphatic left-handed jam.

"Once the ball went into the hoop and I dunked it, I looked up at my family," said the senior, who spent two years living in a homeless shelter and has bounced around from borough to borough. "I felt like

I deserved this after everything I've been through."

The dunk set off a wild celebration at mid-court, Pollard and his assistant coaches embracing their players.

"It felt like we just won the Big East Tournament," Lynch said. "I've never seen a smile on Coach Pollard's face like that in my life."

Such a scene seemed unlikely earlier in the match: after getting off to a slow start, Wings Academy

(25-4) was every bit as good as Jefferson — they were tough finishing off drives inside, as determined on the glass and as quick in transition. With Jenkins leading the way, scoring 19 first-half points, creating for himself and his teammates, the Wings were up 38-34 at halftime.

The lead grew to eight early in the third quarter before Lynch found his stroke. In a 12-2 run to end

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**HOPE REMAINS:** Nazareth's Sadie Edwards helped bring her team to the championships. Photo by Denis Gostev

## Naz hoopsters save best for last

BY MARC RAIMONDI

Nazareth High School found a silver lining in the school's looming dark cloud.

It has been a nightmarish two months for the East Flatbush school, from the death of girls basketball coach Apache Paschall to the announcement that Nazareth is on the verge of closing.

But Sunday was a respite from these dark times for students and parents alike.

At Fordham University, the Nazareth boys basketball team won the Catholic High School Athletic Association Class B state championship, coming back to stun St. Mary's of Lancaster. Later that night, at Christ the King, the Lady Kingsmen won its second straight Catholic High School Athletic Association Class AA state title, routing Moore Catholic.

In two weeks, both teams will be representing the embattled school

— and the Catholic High School Athletic Association — in the New York State Federation tournament in Albany.

"It's spectacular," Nazareth girls co-coach Lauren Best said. "If that's not a sign to keep our school open, I don't know what is."

Nazareth scared everyone last month by announcing that it was going to shut its doors in June, but that might not be the case anymore: school principal Providencia Quiles said if Naz reaches its target enrollment of 80 students, there's a "very good chance" that it will not close.

Nazareth is 75 percent there and only a week into its open registration. Both teams winning can only be a boon to the institution.

"This is what drives enrollment, seeing our students thrive athletically and also academically," Quiles said. "Nazareth is

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# Boys High beats Lincoln

BY ZACK BRAZILLER

Another battle was waged in the ongoing blood feud between Bedford Stuyvesant Boys and Girls High School and Coney Island's Lincoln High School on Saturday at St. John's University's Carnesecca Arena, and like many of the previous matches between the two scrappy squads, the Boys and Girls' Kangaroos prevailed.

For the third time in four meetings this season, No. 2 Boys and Girls got the best of third-seeded Lincoln Railsplitters, 72-63, to earn a fifth trip to Madison Square Garden in six years for the Public School Athletic League's Class AA final.

"After Lance [Stephenson] left, Lincoln lost it," Boys High senior Leroy "Truck" Fludd said, referring to the Indiana Pacers guard who won four city titles. "We're the better team now."

Unlike the last meeting, Lincoln star Isaiah Whitehead was in action this time, but only for a handful of minutes in the first half due to foul trouble.

Whitehead picked up two fouls within two minutes of the opening tip. When Lincoln coach Dwayne "Tiny" Morton took a gamble and reinserted him early in the second quarter, he was called for a charge — his third foul with less than six minutes left in the first half.

"That was part of the game plan — to step in and take charges," Boys High coach Ruth Lovelace said.

Even with Whitehead (13 points) on the floor in the third quarter, Boys and Girls (23-6) continued to decimate the Railsplitters (19-10). Suffocating them on the defensive end, getting out in transition and patiently finding the best shot, they held a 19-point lead entering the final quarter, a shocking bulge considering the nature of the rivalry.

"We came out of the locker room ready to dominate," junior guard Wesley Myers said. "It's our fourth time playing them, we were familiar with them."

Lincoln made its run, pressing with a guard-heavy lineup and getting to within six with less than three minutes left. But Tylie Kimbrough sank a runner in the lane, Trevonn Morton missed a jumper, and Fludd followed with a tip-in. The Railsplitters never truly threatened Boys and Girls again.

Fludd scored 20 points and grabbed 12 rebounds, but he wasn't the most lethal Kangaroo on Saturday. That title belonged to Myers, the junior guard. He scored 21 points, grabbed five rebounds, and added four assists. Rashad Andrews added 10 points. Rakim



**REACHING NEW HEIGHTS:** Boys and Girls' Leroy "Truck" Fludd scored 20 points in the win during the 72-63 win over Lincoln. Photo by Lauren Marsh

Lesane led Lincoln with 14 points and Ethan Telfair had 10.

It was the latest brilliant performance from Myers, a 6-foot-1 guard who started the season off slow. When Kimbrough, the Bishop Loughlin transfer, was lost for a month for unspecified reasons, Myers began to emerge. Poised, patient and understated, he buried Lincoln with a slew of jump shots and strong drives to the hoop.

"Myers is one of the best guards out there, he's been stepping up the second half of the year, he's been great," Lovelace said. "He's answered the call."

Boys High is now headed back to the Garden, looking for a third straight city title.

Saturday's win was sweet, Myers said, because it put to bed any doubts about who had the superior team. Before the contest, Lovelace

told her players she felt they were the deeper and more talented team — they just had to prove it.

The Kangaroos certainly demonstrated that. Over the last three years, they have taken control of this rivalry, beating Lincoln at the Garden last year for their second straight crown, winning in Coney Island for the first time this winter and prevailing against Saturday, ending Lincoln's season for the second straight March.

Lovelace simply smiled when it was suggested the tide had turned in the rivalry. Each year is different, she said, adding that she was just pleased to be headed back to the Garden.

"I don't think it really sunk in yet, but it's definitely a great feeling," Lovelace. "There are only two teams to go and to be blessed, to be one of them feels really amazing."

# Brooklyn Collegiate creams Bulldogs

BY ZACK BRAZILLER

The Brooklyn Collegiate Lions are heading to its first city championship game thanks to a great defense and rebounding effort that stymied the No. 2 Long Island City Bulldogs' 48-36 during Sunday's Public School Athletic League's Class A semifinal at City College New York in Harlem.

The Lions will now face No. 1 Mott Haven this Sunday at 5 pm back at City College New York.

In a rematch of Long Island City's 63-61 victory in the Public School Athletic League Class A Showcase, Brooklyn Collegiate drastically altered its game plan. Instead of playing a zone, which led to plenty of open 3 point attempts by Long Island City in the first match up, the Lions resorted to man-to-man.

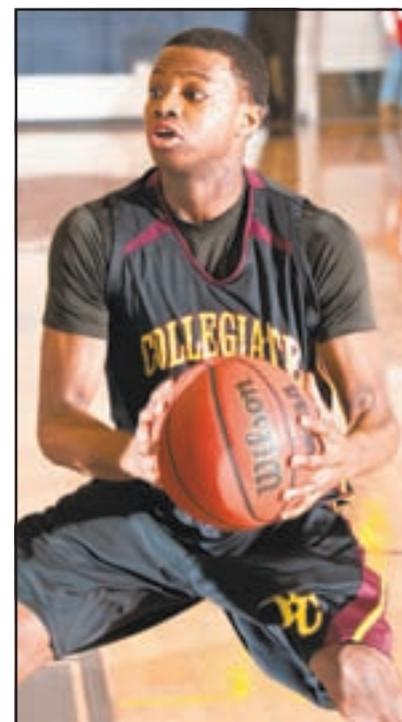
"We wanted to get revenge on them," said Ervin Mitchell, the Lions Top Gun who had 10 rebounds and three assists to go along with his nine points. "We just got better. It's great. I can't describe the feeling."

The new game plan forced the Bulldogs to create off the dribble and score in the paint against bigger Brooklyn Collegiate (25-5). Arthur Santanna and Xavier Jones each managed to score 10 points for the Bulldogs, but they were out of sync the entire afternoon.

"We didn't want them to get comfortable, we stayed in their jerseys," Collegiate coach Jake Edwards said. "We took them out of their sets and kept pressure on them at all times. We knew they couldn't handle our man-to-man."

From turnovers to missed free throws — they blew the front-ends of three consecutive 1-and-1's in the fourth quarter alone — and on errant shots they typically sink — Brooklyn Collegiate made sure Long Island City could never find an offensive rhythm.

Bulldogs coach Harley Watstein credited Brooklyn Collegiate's defense, but felt part of



**LIONS' ROAR:** Brooklyn Collegiate's Adrian Williams scored 12 points to lead the Lions past Long Island City, 48-36, and to the Public School Athletic League Class A final.

Photo by Denis Gostev

his team's struggles were its own doing.

"We haven't been playing well offensive pretty much the whole playoffs," Watstein said. "Against a good team, you have to play your 'A' game."

Watstein felt Long Island City's defense was solid, but "We couldn't score," he lamented.

The Lions, meanwhile, will return to City College New York for Sunday's championship, the first since Edwards started the program five years ago.

But, for all the team's success, Brooklyn Collegiate has suffered through difficult playoffs losses, from falling in the 'B' semifinals four years ago to last year's quarterfinal defeat to eventual 'A' champion Midwood.

"We lost last year and we didn't want to have that feeling again," Williams said.

But now this young group is now one win from a title.

"It's real big for the program, it's real big for the kids," Edwards said. "We have seven freshmen, we have three sophomores. It's big for their confidence and to build for the future."



# A's playoff hopes die in Danbury

## Brooklyn's not-so-stellar season comes to a chilly end during heated overtime bout

BY COLIN MIXSON

Talk about a heart-breaker!

The beleaguered Brooklyn Aviators were knocked out of the hunt for the coveted Federal Hockey League's Commissioner's Cup on Sunday after losing the final match of their intense three-game series against the Danbury Whalers — and the team's "overtime curse" may have been to blame.

The A's fell to the Whalers 5-4 at the Hangar on Friday, losing their first playoff game in an overtime round, which has been the team's Achilles heel all season.

The Aviators have a strange habit of stumbling in the extra round, triumphing in only one of their five overtime matches they played during the regular season. Their playoff matches were no exception.

Friday's competition was both tragic and riveting for A's fans, who watched Brooklyn's Boys of Winter outplay and outshoot the Whalers — then lose the team's only home game in

the best of three series.

The A's lost game one, but Saturday's match gave Aviator fans reason to hope: Brooklyn forced a winner-take-all game against the Whalers after beaching the Connecticut blow holes 5-2 at the Danbury Ice Arena.

But Sunday brought nothing but another overtime round and some more bad luck for Brooklyn's Boys of Winter as the Aviators fell to Danbury — on a fluke play no less!

The A's were able to hold onto a one-point lead until eight minutes into the third frame, when Danbury's Sean O'Malley scored on what anyone would call a freak accident: a puck slapped toward A's net minder Jo St. Pierre — one that he could have easily blocked — ricocheted off of an Aviators' skate and landed squarely in the A's goal, sending the A's onto thin ice — another overtime session.

It was all downhill after that — Danbury scored in the first minute of the extra session, giving them



**DOG PILE:** Aviators' ace Jesse Felten was in a tight spot between Danbury's goalie Peter Vetri and defenseman Chris Clark at the Hangar on Friday night, where the Whalers took the win halfway through an overtime round.

Photo by Steve Solomonson

the game and the spot in the semi-finals.

But Aviators coach Rob Miller says the bad luck didn't stem from the skate slap into the net, or the team's overtime curse: it stems back from numerous injuries the A's suffered this season and affected three of his top players going into the playoffs.

"We've been playing with a short bench throughout the playoffs because of injuries, and they got the bounce on us in both overtimes, that's all," said Miller. "I thought we were the better team overall, but that's how hockey goes sometimes."

Yet longtime fans agreed that the Aviators did their best this season, even though they finished in fourth place — a far cry from the 21-game winning streak the team celebrated a year earlier.

"Between this season and the last, their level of play is about the same," said A's fan Adam Ocharsky. "It used to be that they would win every time, but the other teams have really improved."

## Jefferson

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the frame, he scored seven of his 16 points.

"Right now I think Lynch is our MVP," Polard said. "Without him, we wouldn't be here. He carried us without Thaddeus. It says a lot for him to defer to Thaddeus when he came back — to be Robin after he was Batman. I don't know a lot of kids who would do that."

The two teams traded one huge basket for another in the fourth. Jef-

erson went up six on a Lynch 3-pointer, but Marvilio Berroa answered with a trey of his own and Jaquan Brown (14 points) sank two free throws as Wings crept to within a point at 59-58 with 3:57 to go. The lead kept on going back and forth like a pendulum.

Wings seemed to be in control after Jenkins banked in a jumper to make it 67-64 with less than two minutes left and had possession. But after Brown made a free throw, Nazai Stokes hit a long 3-pointer with 50.7 remaining, bringing Jefferson

within 68-67.

"His name is Big Shot Naz," Lynch said.

It all set the stage for the final frantic seconds, Hall's dramatics and as a result a fourth meeting with Boys and Girls. The previous three, two won by Jefferson, have all been memorable, two of them going to overtime.

Lynch is excited about Round 4 and had a message for Boys High star Leroy "Truck" Fludd.

"Truck better beep his horn because we're coming," he said. "I know we're gonna win — I've been saying it all year."

## Nazareth

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a school like no other. We're not going to go down without doing everything possible to stay open."

Quiles said a large assemblage of Nazareth supporters will be making the trek up to the Times Union Center in Albany to support both teams. She'll be up there March 23, but has to head back down to Manhattan for a Nazareth fundraising event the next day.

"It's gonna be a big push," the boys team's start-

ing point guard Naquan Chandler said. "You can't stop a school like this that has two teams winning."

The girls players and coaches went to Fordham to support the boys and then the boys came to Queens to cheer on the girls at Christ the King. School administrators made the tri-boro commute as well.

"They come out to every game," Naz girls guard Sadie Edwards said of Nazareth faculty members. "They really care about us — not just the basketball team, but every student. Closing us down would be a true travesty."

Guidance counselor Nancy Roberts sees a budding narrative with the school and its basketball teams. The JV boys team was down and fought back to win a 'B' title. The boys varsity team was down to St. Mary's on Sunday and gutted out a win. The girls team, though a national powerhouse, lost late-season games to Christ the King and Bishop Ford and seemed to be hitting the skids.

"It's the story of our school," said Roberts, who has been at Nazareth for 17 years. "We're going to be open next year."

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BY COLIN MIXSON

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Participating Scouts from grades one through five were each given a block of wood and four wheels, and were tasked with whittling and painting their way to a prize-winning racer.

"One car was designed after the New York Mets, more than a dozen actually looked like Indy 500 cars," said Scoutmaster Brian Gorman. "You have the more usual ones with a triangle cut, and then there's a few that look like a regular car, with rounded edges, a hood, a trunk. It's pretty cool what these kids are able to do."

Nineteen trophies were handed out that day, three for each grade and four for overall best, with the top prize going to the best time, which clocked in at 2.62 seconds from start to finish down the 40-foot track. Of course, no Cub Scout went



**THE FACE OF A RACER:** Felix Shun Tam shows off his handcrafted car at the Pinewood Derby at Kings Plaza.

Photo by Steve Solomonson

home empty-handed — each participant, 160 in total, was given a 2012 Pinewood Derby patch for doing his best.

"People don't give their kids enough credit these days," said Gorman.

"They're creative and artistic; this is a great venue for them to show their skills and maybe it can turn into a career if these kids want to get into design or architecture."

Gorman, who has been with the Scouts for five years, has developed some tricks over the years on how to make the fastest racer.

"Honestly, it's funny, the simplest designs are the ones that usually win," said Gorman.

"The trick is to get as aerodynamic as possible and to evenly distribute the weight. Of the cars that won, they were just like that."

The event was so much fun, even the shoppers got involved.

"This is my first time doing the derby in Brooklyn," said Gorman.

"It was pretty interesting to see the influx of parents asking anybody in a uniform what was going on. A lot of them called me the next day, I've never seen some many people come up and say they want to join."

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"Switching careers takes some effort," said Dr. Mary Hawkins, president of Bellevue University. "You need to figure out what experience and skills you need and the level of education required to enter and excel in a new field."

### Determine where the jobs are

Hawkins suggests starting with a website that provides data about expanding and contracting industries. The Monster Employment Index is another good resource that provides a monthly gauge of U.S. job demand.

### Earn a relevant degree

According to Education Dynamics, 60 percent of U.S. jobs will require much more than a college degree by 2018.

"If you want to qualify for the jobs of tomorrow, completing a bachelor's degree is a wise move," Hawkins said.

Instead of enrolling in a degree program because you find it interesting, Hawkins recommends choosing a field of study that will translate into a job in a growth industry. She shared the following tips:

- Check job sites to see how many jobs are available in specific industries.

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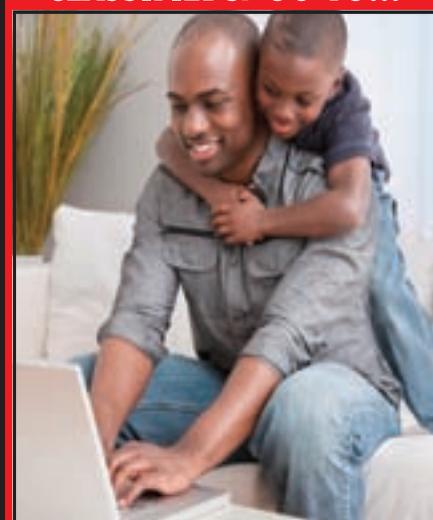
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1331 E. 83rd St (Bet) Ave M & Ave N  
Large 2 Family, 2 Bedrooms Over 3 Bedrooms, Over 3, Large Back Yard, 1 Car Built In Garage  
Asking \$599,000

**Canarsie OPEN HOUSE**  
Sunday March 18<sup>th</sup> • 1:00-3:00pm  
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2 Family 6/5 With Separate Entrance To Finished Basement New Kitchens  
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**East Flatbush OPEN HOUSE**  
Sunday March 18<sup>th</sup> • 12:00pm-4:00pm  
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2170 BRIGHAM ST, #5D  
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**SHEEPSHEAD BAY**  
SUN 3/18, 1-3PM  
1625 EMMONS AVE, #5P  
Nice 1BR co-op, mint cond, hdwd flrs, new kitch, Corian counters, new bath, new windows. Small pets allowed. Bldg has laundry rm, drmn, outdoor pool. 1 block to beach, across from Bay. \$249,999  
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**CANARSIE**  
SAT 3/17, 12-3PM  
9810 AVE K  
Exclnt 2 fam att brick w/ prvt parking & 1 car built-in garage, 2BR apt, 1BR apt. No basement. Great starter home! \$369K.  
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Sat. 3/17/12  
Sun. 3/18/12  
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Detach, Renovated 3 Bdrm, 2 Bths, EIK, Parquet Flrs, Fin Base, New Boiler, Pvt Dwy \$549K  
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12-3 PM  
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SUNDAY 12-2 PM  
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Sun-drenched 2 bedrm, 2 bath co-op. Bldg w/pool. Updated kitchen, closets galore, hdwd flrs thruout. View of Verrazano Bridge. H & G incl. Mid \$200's  
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## Marine Park/ Flatlands OPEN HOUSE

SUN. 3/18, 12-3 PM  
3705 AVENUE M  
(E.37<sup>th</sup> & E.38<sup>th</sup> Sts)  
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46th Annual

# Fillmore Real Estate Filly Awards! TOP PRODUCERS

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Fillmore Real Estate celebrated its 46th annual "Filly Awards" honoring the top producers of the company and the best in the real estate business. This year's event was particularly special as the company honored agents that continue to shine and generate strong sales volumes, even in a challenging market. Some agents have enjoyed their best year ever in 2012. Fillmore celebrates success and is extremely proud of the winners of this year's Filly's which took place on February 29th at Buckley's Restaurant and Caterers in Brooklyn.

John Reinhardt, President & CEO of Fillmore congratulated the winners as he indicated that there is no substitution for hard work as a path to success; but at Fillmore, the agents who take advantage of the great tools are really excelling in the real estate business. In John's keynote address, he unveiled some of the cutting edge strategies that Fillmore will be deploying soon to take Fillmore to the future, but before he spoke about future plans he brought out some of the old tools that agents from 20 - 30 years ago used.

The huge Brooklyn Register, the Coles Book and the MLS 3-ring binders were looked at with amazement from newer agents and with respect and admiration from the seasoned professionals. "We've come a long way," stated Reinhardt, "but where we're going is extremely exciting. We're building the real estate company of the future...today!" Reinhardt stressed that Fillmore is basically the same company that Bill Reinhardt founded back in 1966 and continues to be focused on providing top quality services for the consumer. The only thing that's different today is the way that the consumer prefers to be serviced; and Fillmore strives to remain as the leading provider of real estate services in Brooklyn and beyond.

A special Congratulations to Angela Friedman, Winner of the Top Salesperson of the Year award for the past 5 consecutive years. Angela is a hardworking, dedicated and amazingly talented woman who strives to be the very best... and succeeds!

**Fillmore congratulates all of those recognized as winners here and all those who have achieved their own personal goals for 2011. Some say that survival of the toughest times makes you a winner. Our goal is to strive to help create even more winners in 2012. Our success is your success. Congratulations!**

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John Johnson • Mark Kerr  
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Michele Pietrafesa  
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Loretta Nastasi

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Kate Farley • Jonathan Gruebel  
Dawn Durning • Helen Nacmias

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Shakira Co-Penny

### Most Improved Office

6416 Bay Parkway  
Joe DeVito/John Intoci, Managers

### Most Improved Agent

Loretta Nastasi

### Administrative Assistant

Carrie Ann Knorr of 2926 Avenue J

### Top Sales Office

9317 Avenue L - Jean Paul Ho, Manager

### Top Closing Office

6416 Bay Parkway  
Joe DeVito/John Intoci, Managers

### Team Award

9317 Avenue L • Jean Paul Ho, Manager

### Team Player Award

4717 Avenue N, Stephanie Warren  
Barbara Horan, Managers

### Top Salesperson

Angela Friedman of 6416 Bay Parkway

### Top Producer

Outgoing/Relo Leads  
Howard Witz

### Top Office

Outgoing/Relo Leads  
4717 Avenue N, Stephanie Warren  
and Barbara Horan, Managers

### Overall Top Producer

Outgoing/Incoming/Relo Leads  
Loretta Nastasi

### Lou Belisario

Spirit Award  
Ken MacBride

A sentimental favorite given out to those at Fillmore who embody the spirit, loyalty and dedication which Lou Belisario exemplified for so many years. This year's award was given to Ken MacBride, Vice President of Fillmore who celebrated his 25th year with Fillmore. The award was presented by Lou's grandson, Lou Belisario.



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**MIDWOOD OPEN HOUSE**  
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**OLD MILL BASIN OPEN HOUSE**  
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**SHEEPHEAD BAY**  
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**SHEEPSHEAD BAY OPEN HOUSE**  
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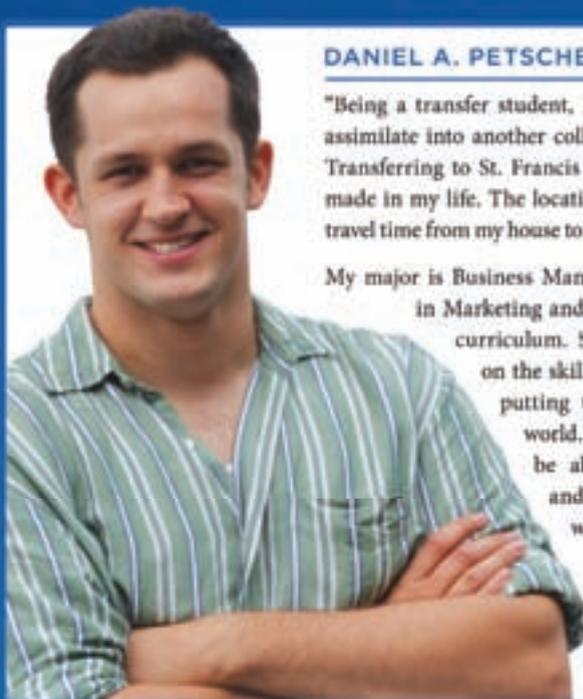
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