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Rep. Towns says he's quitting

BY AARON SHORT

Rep. Ed Towns is calling it quits after more than a quarter century in Congress.

The veteran Democratic lawmaker will retire at the end of this term, ending a Washington legacy that began in 1983, and avoiding a greuling primary for a newly re-drawn district that includes Fort Greene, Clinton Hill, parts of Downtown, Canarsie, Coney Island, Brighton Beach, Mill Basin, and Marine Park.

"After months of long family discussions, I have decided not to seek reelection for my seat in the United State House of Representatives," said Towns in a statement released by his campaign on Monday morning. "I am very grateful for the support we have received over the years. I believe firmly that we would have won a 16th term had we decided to run."

Towns, 77, spent much of the weekend alerting community leaders that he will not seek reelection for a 16th term in this summer's primary against state Assemblyman Hakeem Jeffries (D-Fort Greene) and City Councilman Charles Barron (D-Ca-

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A salute to baseball

Anthony Destefano, 8, shows his pride on the diamond at his little league's opening day in Bensonhurst. For more sandlot action, check out page 24.

Photo by Elizabeth Graham

AVE. Z HATE VANDAL

Synagogue hit repeatedly

BY DANIEL BUSH

A vandal who's defaced the Avenue Z Jewish Center on multiple occasions scrawled another hate-filled message near the religious center last week — sparking fears that the Sheepshead Bay synagogue is being targeted by anti-Semites.

A Star of David and the word "Jew" were found etched into the sidewalk just paces from the 50-year-old house of worship between Coney Island Avenue and E. Seventh Street.

But the graffiti was inscribed with the tag "RUS" — which was used by a vandal who scratched up the synagogue's windows multiple

times in recent years, according to center president Jay Freese.

"We've been targeted for a while," Freese said. "There's no swastikas yet, but it's obvious anti-Semitism is in the neighborhood."

Assemblyman Steven Cymbrowitz (D-Sheepshead Bay) condemned the attack — and called on the NYPD to find the culprit.

"There is one sick individual out there and the police have to stop him," said Cymbrowitz, who was briefed on Monday by officers investigating the crime.

A police spokesman declined to comment on the case.

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'ROCKY' REVISITED

Brooklyn boy comes home to train before career-changing title fight

BY WILL BREDDERMAN

Bensonhurst-born boxer Paulie "Magic Man" Malignaggi is prepping for a title fight on the other side of the planet — but the best spot for him to train remains the hard-scrabble streets that taught him how to throw a punch.

The 31-year old welterweight has spent the past few weeks at the Fight Factory Gym in Gravesend and the New York Sports Club next to the Caesar's Bay Shopping Center on Bay Parkway and Shore Parkway sparring and strength training for his April 29 bout against undefeated Ukrainian World Boxing Association champion Vyacheslav Senchenko in his opponent's hometown of Donetsk.

In true "Rocky" fashion, Malignaggi says he needed to get back to his roots in order to get both his mind and body prepared for the upcoming bout, which, as fate would have it, is straight out of "Rocky IV."

"Training in Brooklyn takes me back to the days when I was first starting out," Malignaggi said.

The scrapper made his professional debut in Brooklyn during a 2001 undercard fight at MCU Park in Coney Island. Malignaggi won in just one round.

The fighter's early life is a lot like "Rocky:." a second-generation Italian-American kid from Brooklyn gets kicked out of school, joins a leading boxing gym, hires his best friend as his manager, and goes on to win titles.

Malignaggi started boxing at age 16 — a little later than most professional



fighters — after his uncle and grandfather brought him to Downtown's legendary Gleason's Gym shortly after the teenager got expelled from New Utrecht High School.

"I was kind of a confused kid in those days, not a bad kid, just confused," Malignaggi said. "They thought it might straighten me out, get my butt kicked a little bit, keep me going in a more positive direction. They didn't think I'd become a fighter."

Gleason's owner Bruce Silverglade will never forget the day Malignaggi walked in.

"He was like every other kid who comes into the

gym. He had a big mouth telling us how good he was and what he was going to do," Silverglade recalled. "They all come in like that. Some kids manage to break the threshold and become a champion and Paulie is one of the guys who did that."

Gleason's is also where Malignaggi met Anthony Catanzaro, another Bensonhurst native who would eventually become his manager.

"One of the trainers came over and said he's got an Italian-American kid who's pretty good. My friend and I went up to him and saw he talked our dialect, and we offered him a ride home,"



PUT UP YOUR GLOVES: (Left) Brooklyn contender Paulie "Magic Man" Malignaggi works out at the Fight Factory in Gravesend. (Above) Malignaggi talks with his old friend, Sal Demarco, on 18th Avenue. Photos by Steve Solomonson

Catanzaro said.

Malignaggi chalked up a string of early victories and won the World Boxing Council International and Continental Americas Light Welterweight titles.

He invited Catanzaro to become his manager going into his fight with Miguel Cotto. It was his first loss, but set a trend where Malignaggi would proudly pit himself against more powerful fighters like Ricky Hatton and Amir Khan.

Malignaggi's record now stands at 30 wins — including six knockouts — and four losses.

Still, it's the Bensonhurst boy's experience against world-class boxers that will give him an edge in the upcoming fight against Senchenko, Catanzaro said.

"Senchenko has fought no one near the level of opposition that Paulie has," Cat-

anzaro said. "We fought Hatton in his prime, we fought Amir Khan in his prime, we definitely fought Cotto in his prime. Senchenko stepped into a vacant title and he's defended it against guys I never heard of," said Catanzaro. "We're actually sparring with guys that are better than Senchenko."

Silverglade also favors Malignaggi — because the pugilist is quick on his feet and can take a punch.

"I think he's got a very good chance," Silverglade said. "He's a scrapper, he's always been a scrapper, and he's got a lot of heart. Senchenko is a tough fighter, but Paulie's going to go the distance and bring it to a decision. His heart will carry him through."

The Malignaggi vs. Senchenko fight will be on live on pay-per-view on Sunday, April 29.



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Lincoln Restler once won a battle royale with Warren Cohn.

Pols on the razor's edge

Republican attorney David Storobin is leading Councilman Lew Fidler (D-Marine Park) by just three votes after more than 21,000 ballots were cast in the race to replace disgraced former state Sen. Carl Kruger, making it one of the closest races in New York City history. Here are a few other historic nail-biters:

• **Lincoln Restler vs. Warren Cohn:** Restler sent shockwaves through Williamsburg's political circles in 2010 by narrowly defeating Cohn — Democratic Boss Vito Lopez's hand-picked candidate — in a closely watched race for an obscure district leader race. **Margin of victory:** 120 votes

• **George Brinton McClellan, Jr. vs. William Randolph Hearst:** In 1905, McClellan — a former reporter, Brooklyn Bridge treasurer, and congressman — eaked out a razor-thin win over the legendary newspaper publisher in the closest New York City mayoral election in history. **Margin of victory:** 3,418 (just 1.6 percent out of the 590,000 votes cast).

• **George W. Bush vs. Al Gore:** Bush's thin lead in Florida during the 2000 presidential election came down to a recount that wound up being decided by the United States Supreme Court. The court ultimately gave Bush control of the free world, changing the course of U.S. history forever. **Margin of victory:** 537 votes.

• **Ruben Studdard vs. Clay Aiken:** Studdard slipped past Aiken in the second season of "American Idol." No recount was called. **Margin of victory:** 130,000 votes out of 24 million.



Albany dream dashed!

Insiders: Kruger's successor will never cast a vote

BY DANIEL BUSH

Disgraced former state Sen. Carl Kruger's replacement might never make it to Albany.

Political insiders say the state Senate's 2012 session is scheduled to end in June, possibly before the city declares a winner in the ongoing slugfest between Councilman Lew Fidler (D-Marine Park) and Republican David Storobin for Kruger's vacant seat — meaning that whoever wins will not be able to cast a single vote before his district is eliminated at the end of the year.

"I don't think the election will be settled before June 30," said former Bensonhurst state Sen. Seymour Lachman, the current director of the Hugh L. Carey Center for Government Reform at Wagner College on Staten Island. "There's a lot of important legislation that will have to be discussed and voted on before then. People in Brighton Beach and Sheepshead Bay and Mill Basin will have been disenfranchised."

Kruger's successor will still have a district office through December.

Storobin emerged with a 120-vote lead on election night, but his margin of victory shrank to just three votes after the Board of Elections counted half of the more than 700 absentee ballots and affidavits.

Both sides contested more than 300 remaining ballots, ensuring that the race's outcome will be determined in court.

Court-appointed referees determined that two-thirds of the challenged ballots were valid, and asked Supreme Court Judge Larry Martin to review the rest



ALBANY DREAMING: Both Councilman Lew Fidler and attorney David Storobin want to replace disgraced state Sen. Carl Kruger, but insiders say whoever wins may never get to Albany.

of the votes — 119 of which Fidler claims his opponent obtained illegally.

Martin is scheduled to rule on the recommendations on April 19 and schedule a hearing about the so-called fraudulent ballots — which insiders say will delay the outcome of the election even further.

If neither candidate is leading by more than 110 votes when all the legitimate ballots are counted, the city will have to count each vote by hand to establish the winner.

In February, the state approved new political maps that would eliminate Kruger's seat, as part of the decennial redistricting process to make sure legislative districts jive with population shifts outlined in the census.

— with Will Bredderman

Anatomy of a special election

The race to replace state Sen. Carl Kruger began with the embattled pol's indictment. Here's a rundown of what happened:

• **Dec. 21, 2011:** Kruger resigns, hours before pleading guilty to federal corruption charges.

• **Jan. 9, 2012:** Gov. Cuomo calls a March 20 special election to fill disgraced former state Sen. Kruger's vacant senate seat.

• **Jan. 11, 2012:** Brighton Beach attorney David Storobin comes out swinging, backed by Senate Republican leaders who promise they'll spend up to \$500,000 to help him win and expand the

Brooklyn GOP's Bay Ridge base.

• **Jan. 16, 2012:** Councilman Lew Fidler (D-Marine Park), the presumed front-runner in the race, kicks off his senate bid with a rally on the steps of City Hall.

• **Jan. 26, 2012:** A state committee in charge of the decennial redistricting draws new political maps that would eliminate Kruger's district — placing Fidler and Storobin in the awkward position of campaigning for a seat that's

slated to disappear by the end of the year.

• **March 20, 2012:** Storobin beats Fidler by 120 votes on election night. But Fidler also claims victory, launching a recount and tally of several hundred absentee ballots and affidavits that whittles Storobin's lead down to just three votes.

• **March 30, 2012:** After both sides challenge more than 300 uncounted absentee ballots, they agree to let court-appointed referees intervene.

• **April 4, 2012:** A court hearing on the race is postponed to the end of April, ensuring that the still undecided election will drag on for weeks to come, if not longer.

Towns

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narsie) — both of whom have been campaigning for the seat since last year.

Towns's advisors were not immediately available for comment, but one political insider told BrooklynDaily.com that the legislator's retirement saves him from a campaign season that could have become a slugfest.

"He didn't want to go out on a losing note," the source said. "This would have been the most difficult race of his career."

Towns — who once served as chairman of the powerful House Oversight and Government Reforms Committee — handily defeated his most recent challenger, activist and former "Real World" star Kevin Powell, by snagging 69 percent of the vote.

But his 2012 campaign got off to a slow start. Towns only had \$11,000 on hand last October,

and even though he managed to raise \$194,000 through March and stashed away about \$254,000 in his war chest, Jeffries outpaced him, raising \$237,000 this past quarter and reporting just under \$400,000 to spend before the June 26 primary.

In February a Towns spokesman told this publication the Congressman was "committed to running."

But last week, Towns's campaign strategist Hank Sheinkopf was noncommittal when asked whether the politician was seri-

ous about staying in the race.

On Sunday, Towns supporters said his retirement marked "the end of an era."

"Though we disagreed at times, I believe Towns can be proud of his legacy," said Democratic District Leader Chris Owens. "Now it is up to the eighth district voters to select a fresh, yet accomplished voice — a new representative who will deliver on the ground for communities, while fighting in the air for the principles of justice and equality."

HIT-AND-RUN DEATH

Motorist kills 13-year-old boy in Bensonhurst

BY WILL BREDDERMAN

A motorist killed a 13-year-old boy on 20th Avenue in Bensonhurst on April 14 — the second hit-and-run to take place in the neighborhood in two days.

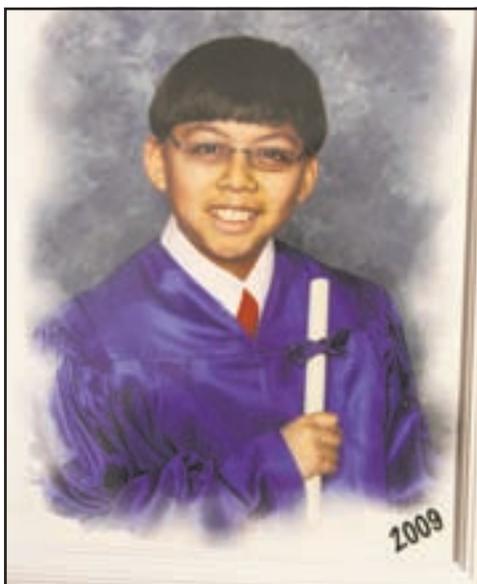
Police said a green Ford Explorer was nearing 80th Street when he ran over 13-year-old Henry Garcia at 2:42 pm. Horrified witnesses said Garcia was pedaling a bike down 20th Avenue when he fell off the two-wheeler — right into the vehicle's path.

"The kid looked horrible," said Helen Verello, who works in a tax office across the street from where the accident took place. "He wasn't breathing and his face was all bloody."

Verello said that the Ford Explorer never stopped.

"He just kept on going and made a quick right down 81st Street," she said. "A livery cab tried to chase him down, but he got away."

Garcia's friends were stunned by the death, telling reporters that the teen was always careful



TRAGEDY: Henry Garcia, 13, was fatally hit by a car while riding his bike home on Saturday.

Photo by Gabriella Bass

on his two-wheeler.

"He knew the streets really well," family friend Palencia Ma-

ria told reporters.

Cops were still looking for the Ford Explorer by Monday night.

Investigators were also looking for a speeding panel truck that clipped a 74-year-old man as he crossed 86th and Bay 31st Street on April 13.

Paramedics rushed the senior to Lutheran Medical Center in critical condition.

Police sources said that detectives are reviewing surveillance footage from nearby businesses to try to track down the wild driver.

Anyone with information regarding these two hit-and-run incidents are urged to

call CrimeStoppers at (800) 577-7477. All calls will be kept confidential.

Four from Southern Bklyn charged with extortion

BY DANIEL BUSH

FBI agents raided four Southern Brooklyn apartments last week, busting open an alleged extortion ring that investigators say stretched from Brighton Beach to Marine Park.

Federal authorities arrested four men from Brighton Beach, Marine Park, Homecrest, and Sheepshead Bay in separate early-morning raids on April 11. Two other alleged extortion crew members were arrested in Manhattan and Queens, officials said.

More than a dozen agents swarmed a six-story Homecrest apartment building on E. 13th Street between Kings Highway and Avenue R at 5:30 am — exiting the building 15 minutes later with a father of two in handcuffs, stunned witnesses said.

"I was surprised," said Devat Bektessi, the building's superintendent. "The guy was quiet and minded his own business."

Feds claim that the E. 13th



FB-EYED: The FBI swarmed this E. 13th Street building last Wednesday.

Photo by Elizabeth Graham

Street man was the crew's ring leader. Prosecutors claim that one of the alleged thugs threatened to have a car dealer who owed the crew \$120,000 killed if he didn't come up with the money, according to a 2009 phone conversation recorded by the FBI.

"Maybe they'll f----- stick you. I don't know how it will end," he said, according to court records.

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SMASH UP: Two cars collided at the intersection of Surf Avenue and W. 21st Street in Coney Island, injuring six in the early-morning accident.

Family injured in Coney crash

BY DANIEL BUSH

Five people were seriously hurt in a two-car pile-up in Coney Island on Tuesday morning.

A woman and her two young children were struck by a car that veered onto the sidewalk after it collided with an oncoming vehicle on Surf Avenue at W. 21st Street around 9:30 am, an FDNY spokesman said.

Witnesses said one of the cars blew through a red light, causing the accident

and bringing traffic to a standstill.

The injured pedestrians and two others were rushed to Lutheran Medical Center with minor injuries.

The victims were listed in stable condition and are expected to be discharged this week, the hospital said.

Workers spent the morning cleaning up the debris from the crash, which totaled both cars.

"It was a pretty serious accident," a fire source said.

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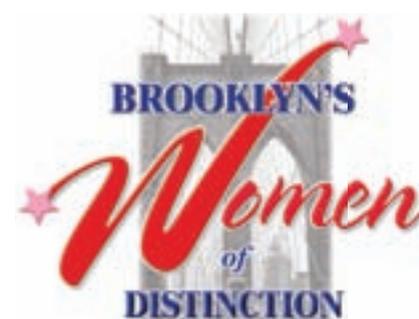
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BayFest lands Merchant Marines

BY DANIEL BUSH

The Merchant Marines are sailing back to Sheepshead Bay.

The U.S. Merchant Marine Academy's band will headline this year's BayFest on May 20 — and will be performing just a stone's throw away from its former Manhattan Beach training center, where Kingsborough Community College now stands.

BayFest founder Steve Barrison said the world-famous band that performs at presidential inauguration parades, the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, and the Cotton Bowl half-time show will be the 21-year-old Sheepshead Bay festival's biggest act yet.

"It's a perfect match, given the historical link between Sheepshead Bay and



Photo by Steve Solominson

FUN FEST: Girls on Top singer Francine Mancini belts out a tune at last year's BayFest.

the Merchant Marines," said Barrison, who is also the president of Bay Improvement Group. "This is huge — we've never had anything like this before."

Southern Brooklyn's biggest waterfront party will

also feature appearances by members of the Brooklyn-bound Nets — who are moving from New Jersey to the Barclays Center in Prospect Heights this fall — performances by 21 other bands — including Jay and the Americans — dance shows, and art exhibits. The festival stretches along Emmons Avenue between E. 27th Street and Ocean Avenue.

BayFest started as a two-hour guitar concert on Driscoll Tucker Place in 1992 and attracted just 50 people. Since then, the free event has grown into a day-long entertainment extravaganza featuring music stars such as Richie Ramone, the former drummer for the iconic punk band, Ticket2Ride; a popular Beatles tribute band; and



FLYING COLORS: The United States Merchant Marine Academy band will play at this year's BayFest. Associated Press / Dean Cox

the Brighton Ballet Theater Company.

Robert Santa, a guitarist who has played with the Doobie Brothers and Roy Orbison, and who wrote the song "Brooklyn Bad Boys" for comedian Andrew Dice Clay's 1991 concert movie "Dice Rules," headlined last year's event, which drew approximately 45,000 people, Barrison said.

Residents said the academy band would be a welcome addition.

"I'm excited, I've never heard them play before," said Joe Knauer, co-owner of the Stella Maris Fishing Station on Emmons Avenue.

Barrison said the band's play list is still being worked out, but will undoubtedly include a toe-tapping rendition of the "Star-Spangled Banner."

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The U.S. Merchant Marines, which transports cargo in government and privately-owned merchant vessels, operated a training station on the eastern tip of Manhattan Beach from 1942 until its closure in 1954. Kingsborough Community College moved onto the site in 1964.

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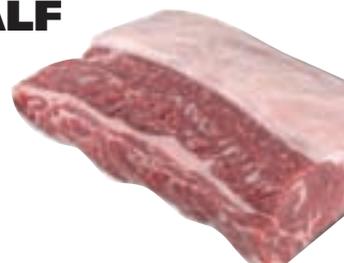
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60TH PRECINCT

CONEY ISLAND—BRIGHTON BEACH—SEAGATE

Pen is mightier

Cops arrested a 22-year-old who they said stabbed a man with a pen on Stillwell Avenue on April 8.

The victim told police that he was near Surf Avenue at 7:20 pm when the pen-wielding goon and several others attacked him. At one point in the fight, the victim was stabbed in the head with the pen, a piece of which lodged four centimeters into his skull, requiring him to undergo surgery.

Reckless ride

Police arrested a 41-year-old man who they say was speeding down Shore Parkway on April 16.

The officer said the motorist was near Cropsey Avenue at 11:25 pm at 150 miles-per-hour in the 50 miles-per-hour zone. The speed racer was also allegedly switching lanes without signaling, according to cops.

Bumper bites

A 20-year-old woman was arrested for allegedly stealing cash from another woman at a bumper car ride on W. 10th Street on April 16.

The victim told police that she was getting out of a bumper car at an arcade near Surf Avenue at 6 pm when she forgot her wristlet, which contained \$340 and her keys, in the car. When she returned to claim her property, the suspect had taken the wristlet from the car, cops said. The suspect returned the wristlet, but when the victim checked it, her cash and keys were missing, she told police.

Tiles taken

A 38-year-old man was arrested for shoplifting from a Cropsey Avenue hardware store on April 12, police said.

A store employee told cops that he was at the tool shop near Bay 54th Street at 4 pm when he saw the suspect walk out with a tile cutter, tile glue, and several tiles.

61ST PRECINCTSHEEPSHEAD BAY—HOMECREST—
MANHATTAN BEACH—GRAVESEND**Glass gash**

A 27-year-old man was arrested for allegedly chucking a glass bottle at another man on Avenue U on April 17.

The victim told police that he was between E. 16th and E. 17th streets at 5:29 am when the suspect threw the bottle, which struck him in the head.

Knife to meet you

Cops arrested a 41-year-old man who they said threatened another man with a knife on Avenue X on April 16.

The victim told police that he was between E. First and E. Second streets at

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3:20 pm when the thug approached and held the knife to his throat.

Car crazy

A 23-year-old man was arrested for pilfering cars parked along E 23rd Street on April 16, according to police.

The victim told police that he was between Avenues R and X shortly after 2 am when he saw the crook pulling on the handles of car doors and entering the vehicles he was able to gain access to. The victim said he saw the suspect enter his 2011 Nissan Rogue. He confronted the suspect, a struggle ensued, and the suspect dropped two phone chargers from his pocket.

Bad cop

Cops arrested a 58-year-old man who they said posed as a police officer and threatened another man on Gerritsen Avenue on April 13.

The victim told police that he was between Avenue U and Knapp Street at 2:10 pm when he was confronted by the suspect, who told him he was a police lieutenant and put his hands on his pocket as if he were carrying a gun.

62ND PRECINCT

BENSONHURST—BATH BEACH

Two-on-one

Two thugs mugged a man on W. Seventh Street on April 16 — taking his wallet.

The 26-year-old victim told police that he was between Avenues T and U at 2:16 am when the goons attacked, punching the victim in his face and kicking him in the ribs. They ran off with the man's wallet, which contained \$346 and credit cards.

Facecrook

A con swindled a 15-year-old out of \$200 on 81st Street on April 14.

The victim told police that he arranged to buy sneakers from the swindler through Facebook. He met the thief between 15th and 16th avenues at 2:45 pm to hand over the cash.

When the victim handed the sneaker swindler the money, the thief took off in his car, injuring the young victim in the process, who held on to the cash as the man drove away.

Three-way

Cops arrested three men who they said beat and robbed a man on Bay Park-

way on April 12.

The victim told police that he was near 85th Street at 11:19 pm when the men approached him and demanded his Samsung cellphone. The victim refused and one thug allegedly grabbed the man's phone from his hand while the others attacked him, punching him in the face several times. The three suspects have prior records for robberies, according to police.

Feisty shoplifter

A shoplifter stole goods from a 86th Street business on April 13 — and assaulted a security guard in the process.

The 24-year-old security guard told police he was on duty at the store between Bay 19th and Bay 20th streets at 8:30 pm when he noticed the thief pinching items. He tried to stop the thief, but got punched in the face. After a brief struggle the shoplifter fled.

Power tool taken

A thief robbed a 76th Street home of power tools on April 14.

The crook entered the home between New Utrecht and 17th avenues through the rear basement door sometime after noon, and took \$700 worth of tools, including a water pump, cops said.

Slashed

A knife-wielding thug stabbed a 17-year-old on 85th Street on April 16.

The victim told police that he was near 21st Avenue at 2 pm when the stranger stabbed him in the hand before fleeing in a black Toyota.

Bottle bash

Cops arrested a man who they say threw a bottle at another man's face at an 86th Street restaurant on April 14.

The victim told police that he was leaving the eatery between 24th Avenue and Bay 37th Street at 3:39 am when the jerk hucked the glass bottle at his face, cutting him. Cops arrested a man who the victim pointed out as his attacker.

Looted Lexus

A thief stole a man's car from the driveway of his Bay 10th Street home on April 14, while the victim was on vacation.

The victim told cops he parked his 2011 GX Lexus between Independence and Cropsey avenues before going away. When he returned, his car was gone.

70TH PRECINCT

FLATBUSH—MIDWOOD

Smashed Heinie

A 20-year-old woman was arrested for allegedly bashing another woman with a bottle of Heineken on Ocean Avenue on April 8.

The victim told police that she was between Tennis Court and Albermarle Road at 11 am when the suspect smashed the bottle over her head. The victim received three stitches for her injury.

Tough girl

Cops arrested a 17-year-old girl who they say robbed another woman on Avenue J on April 4.

The victim told police that she was near E. 16th Street at 3:55 pm when the suspect and another woman attacked her. After punching the victim several times, the girl allegedly took her phone and purse.

E. 22nd St. attack

A 59-year-old man was arrested for allegedly attacking a woman on E. 22nd Street on March 29.

The victim told police that she was near Ditmas Avenue at 5 am when the suspect began punching her in the face.

Car loot

Cops arrested a 39-year-old man who they say robbed a car on Avenue J on April 10.

The officer said he was near E. 19th Street at 4:30 am when he saw a vehicle with its window smashed and a man nearby carrying a leather bag. When the officer confronted the man, he admitted his guilt, saying, "I broke into a car. I took property from the car. You guys have been good to me, I will be good to you."

The cop searched the bag and found a BlackBerry playbook, a Verizon Wi-Fi device, and a pair of sunglasses, which were claimed by the owner of the damaged car.

63RD PRECINCTMARINE PARK—MILL BASIN—FLATLANDS—
BERGEN BEACH**Apple picking**

A crook robbed a woman of her iPhone on Avenue U on April 11.

The victim told police that she was near Flatbush Avenue at 8:15 pm when the crook approached her. "Give me that s---," the crook snarled, before snatching the phone from her hand.

Key master

A thug beat a woman inside her Kimball Street home on April 8, slashing her with his keys.

The victim told police that she was inside her house between Avenues S and T at 11:12 pm when the intruder cut face and hands her with his keys.

— Colin Mixson

'Horror' mom on trial faces life in jail

Carlotta Brett Pierce beat and starved her daughter to death — to the point that when an autopsy was performed on the 4-year-old, it found that she had one single kernel of corn in her stomach when she died, prosecutors said on Monday as Pierce's trial began.

"Marchella was a fighter right to the end, but she was no match for the defendant, her own mother," Assistant District Attorney Perry Cerrato told a jury in his opening statement.

Pierce is facing life in prison for killing little Marchella, who was disabled, bed ridden, and born with a medical condition that forced her to eat and breathe out of feeding tubes.

Marchella died on Sept. 2, 2010, allegedly after days of torture at the hands of her mother, prosecutors said.

Police say 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.

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

Pierce's mother and Marchella's grandmother, Loretta Brett, 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 — a point defense attorney Alan Stutman raised during his opening statements, where he laid most of the blame on city social service agencies who were responsible to check on the child's condition.

"There was no one there to support her," Stutman said. "There was no one on the outside knocking on the door."

Pierce's trial continues this week.

Terror supporter to get 15 years

A Bay Ridge architect is expected to get 15 years in prison now that he's admitted to wanting to travel overseas to join a jihadist terror group.

Agron Hasbajrami, 28, an Albanian citizen legally residing in the US, claimed that he was lured away from his New York City architecture career after becoming radicalized on Internet websites preaching holy war.

He pleaded guilty in Brooklyn federal court on April 12 to one count of providing material support to terrorists.

"I tried to help a group of people who I believed were engaged in fighting in Pakistan," he said. "I attempted to help the group by providing money and myself in support of their efforts."

Hasbajrami was arrested on Sept. 6, 2011 after the FBI and the NYPD, working off a tip, searched his home, discovering a note that read: "Do not wait for invasion, the time is martyrdom time," according to the Daily News.

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A LESSON FROM LACHMAN

Bensonhurst's former state senator guides us through the perils of redistricting

Dr. Seymour Lachman is a political rebel. He represented Bensonhurst and Coney Island in the state Senate from 1996 to 2004, then retired from politics to write the damning expose "Three Men in a Room," where he claimed that the state legislature is completely ineffective and Albany is run by three people: the Governor, Assembly Speaker, and state Senate Majority Leader.

For those reasons, we figured he would be the perfect person to sound off on Albany's current redistricting process, which increased Bay Ridge Republican state Sen. Marty Golden's power base, created a "Super Jewish" state Senate district in Borough Park and Midwood, and eliminated disgraced state Sen. Carl Kruger's district — making the race to replace him an exercise in futility.

Courier Life: The legislature just finished drawing up new Assembly and state Senate district maps based on the 2010 census, but critics say the lines were drawn to make sure that those in power can stay in power. Does redistricting actually affect the ordinary citizen?

Seymour Lachman: Absolutely. My home used to be one block into state Sen. Diane Savino's district, who replaced me as state senator, and now I discover I am in state Sen. Marty Golden's district by a couple of blocks. The

lines were drawn so the Senate, which is currently run by Republicans, could strengthen Golden's position. When redistricting becomes a political mechanism, it no longer expresses the will of the people and we don't have a democratic system where everyone's vote counts. What we have is a system like the ones you would find in countries that are not democracies.

CL: And you believe that the "three men in the room" were responsible for all this?

SL: Yes. Shelly Silver (D-Man-



LACHMAN SPEAKS: Seymour Lachman, who wrote a scathing review of state politics after serving eight years in the state Senate, gives us the 411 on redistricting, and how he thinks it will affect the fight for state Sen. Carl Kruger's seat.

hattan) did the same thing in the Assembly. When the three men in the room — Silver, Gov. Cuomo,

and Senate Majority Leader Dean Skelos (R-Nassau County) — met to vote on the budget, they agreed

not to touch the other chamber's redistricting decisions, regard-
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BY WILL BREDDERMAN

The 86th Street Business Improvement District will not remove two benches that were mysteriously bolted onto Fifth Avenue under the cover of darkness last month to displace a controversial gyro cart, claiming that it shouldn't be responsible for cleaning up someone else's mess.

"We're not moving benches that we didn't put in place," said Patrick Condren, manager of the 86th Street Business Improvement District, the group in charge of making 86th Street more business friendly.

"This is outside of our realm."

The Business Improvement District pays for street cleaning and installs benches, antique lamp posts and holiday lights that will make the strip more appealing to shoppers, but Condren said his group doesn't have the money to remove the wayward benches.

"I'm authorized to spend money in a very restricted manner," Condren said.

The benches mysteriously appeared near 86th Street on March 22 — forcing a popular Middle Eastern gyro cart to move further down the block.

Sammy Kassen, the manager of Middle Eastern



NOT OUR PROBLEM: The 86th Street Business Improvement District says it will not remove two benches mysteriously bolted to Fifth Avenue. Community Newspaper Group \ Will Bredderman

Halal Cart, suspects that Fifth Avenue merchants Tony Gentile and Mike Boutross, who he's had ongoing problems with — and are members of the 86th Street Business Improvement District — installed the benches, but the businessmen say they had nothing to do with it.

A store owner near 87th Street said one of the migrant benches was removed from in front of his business, but said he didn't know who uprooted it from the ground and brought it closer to 86th Street.

But Condren also says his group does not know who put the benches in, and was working with the city's Department of Transportation to solve the stumper.

He said he intends to punt the issue of removing the pieces of rogue street furniture to Community Board 10, but the neighborhood panel has already made it clear that it can't do anything about the benches either.

The board is not an enforcement agency, CB10 Chairwoman Joanne Seminara said.

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'RESTORE' THE G

Old maps prove Brooklyn's ride should head to Church

BY NATALIE O'NEILL

Saving an at-risk extension of the G train won't just make strap-hangers happy — it will preserve the beloved train's historic role as the line for Brooklyn's working populace, historians and transportation advocates say.

When the crosstown local first rumbled through Brooklyn in 1937 as the "GG," it traversed the borough between Greenpoint and Kensington, giving factory workers a much-needed transportation link between North and Brownstone Brooklyns that ran late into the night.

The crosstown line served Fourth Avenue–Ninth Street, Seventh Avenue–Ninth Street, 15th Street–Prospect Park West, Fort Hamilton Parkway, and Church Avenue — its current, but temporary, terminus — on and off until 1976, when officials nixed the train's five southernmost stops as factories closed, ridership dwindled, and the city struggled financially, transit historians said.



HISTORY ON ITS SIDE: The beloved G train was built to ride to Kensington.

The current renewal of service, which brings the so-called "Brooklyn Local" back to Park Slope, Windsor Terrace, and Kensington, has once again made it a train for laborers, this time in the borough's burgeoning creative workforce — and severing it again could stop Brooklyn's boom in its tracks, activists claim.

"Cutting five stops on the G train would hurt thousands of

residents and small business owners," said Dan Cantor of the Working Families Party, a group circulating a petition to save the added stops.

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority extended G train service to Church Avenue when it started a \$257.5-million renovation of the Culver Viaduct in 2009. When that rehabilitation project wraps up next winter, the line is slated to be cut, despite widespread outcry.

Many Brooklynites rely on the G train for life, work, and love — but to save the renewed service, they'll need to prove it to the MTA, said transit historian Peter Derrick.

"The service makes sense," said Derrick. "When a service is heavily used, you can justify it."

Straphangers and politicians



MAP QUEST: This 1970s subway map shows the Brooklyn Local ran to and from Church Avenue.

are now fighting to save the extension — and some 15,000 people have signed petitions supporting the cause.

"The population along this line is only growing," wrote Briana Campbell, who signed a petition circulated by Williamsburg Democratic District Leader Lincoln Restler. "It seems ludicrous

that the MTA would want to cut service."

MTA spokesman Charles Seaton said the agency has not yet made up its mind about whether it will maintain the G train extension, but he did say officials will take note of the voice of working Brooklynites before making a final ruling.

"Everything will be considered," he said.

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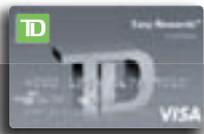
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Hate crime

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The same vandal who marred the sidewalk near the Jewish Center marked up the synagogue's windows twice in the past three years, Freese said. In both instances the suspect left his trademark three-letter tag but no anti-Semitic messages.

Last year, someone broke into the center by smashing a window. The thief damaged a Torah and other religious objects before running off with \$200, Freese said.

Cymbrowitz and Councilman Mike Nelson (D-Brighton Beach) offered a \$1,000 reward for information leading to any arrests in the break-in — which cops classified as a hate crime because religious items were broken — but the thief remains at large.

The sidewalk scandal is only the latest in a long line of crimes fueled by anti-Semitism in Southern Brooklyn.

In January, vandals spray-painted swastikas on trees in a beloved Floyd Bennett Field community garden. Last November, anti-Semites torched three cars on Ocean Parkway in Midwood and covered the destroyed vehicles with swastikas and other hate graffiti.



CRIMINAL OFFENSE: (Top) A vandal has tagged the Avenue Z Jewish Center multiple times since 2009. Center President Jay Freese points out the most recent damage. (Above) The same vandal also scrawled hateful graffiti in the sidewalk near the Sheepshead Bay synagogue.

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Fun and games teach kids about nation's past at Marine Park event

BY COLIN MIXSON

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Kids and their families got a fun lesson in our nation's past during the History of the American Revolution event at Marine Park on April 11, where park rangers introduce tots to classic 17th-century Dutch games, all while rocking

very stylish tri-corner hats.

Activities, as per the event's theme, featured games popular in the 17th century, which were brought to the Hudson River Valley by Dutch immigrants and included nine-pin, a bowling game still popular in Europe today; graces, where two play-

ers toss hoops at each other using two sticks.

Another fun passtime was hoop and stick, a very exciting race, where players see who can guide a rolling hoop to the finish line the quickest.

Of course, there's no such thing as a proper history event without some

stylish period clothing.

Park rangers brought the obligatory tri-corner hats and rebel American army uniforms for the kids to try on — which were a tad big for the pint size attendees, but still looked snappy.

Ranger Anne Reid, who organized the event, wore



OUT OF TIME: Jonathan Cheslow, 5, and Belle Nahoom, 9, sport some spiffy colonial-era clothes at the American Revolution program on April 11 during Kids' Week in Marine Park.

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a snazzy period dress along with a mob hat, which is similar in appearance to a chef's hat, only a tad shorter.

To top everything off, kids did arts and crafts and drew flags of countries — any real country, or a country they made up.

All in all, the day was a success.

"For us, if the kids have fun and learn some-

thing, it's a good program," said associate urban park ranger Howard Kreft, who attended the event.

"You see the smiles on their faces and you feel like they've learned something, and you can usually gauge that by the questions their asking, their comments, and their participation," she said. "So, it was a success and certainly some-

Lachman

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less of how outrageous and ridiculous they are.

CL: A good chunk of Kruger's district will be absorbed into the "Super Jewish District," which conservative Jewish groups favor but Councilman David Greenfield (D-Borough Park) opposed, calling it a "ghetto district." Why do you think this was done?

SL: It's obviously an attempt to bring voters who are more conducive to voting Republican — Russian Jews and Orthodox Jews — with voters of other ethnic groups, Irish-Americans and Italian-Americans, that also have conservative leanings. The new district will support a growing minority in Brooklyn that Senate leaders feel were disenfranchised when Borough Park was broken up into five different districts 10 years ago. I represented all of Borough Park for five years, then the neighborhood was redistricted and broken apart. I had a piece of it and Marty Golden had a piece of it and so on. The GOP-run Senate obviously feels they would have more power in one district than they have broken up into five districts.

CL: You worked with Kruger in Albany. What did you think when he pleaded guilty to taking nearly \$1 million in bribes?

SL: Unfortunately, I was not taken aback by it. It's always terrible to see a colleague get indicted, but it shows that our local and state government has many flaws. I had a colleague in my office some time ago and he was looking over a picture I had of all 62 state senators I served with. My friend was pointing at each person in the photo, asking, "What is he doing now?" And I realized that 12 of the 62 people I served with were either in prison, had been in prison, or died in prison. That's a terribly high percentage for any institution, and that doesn't include all the Assemblymembers and state officials who have gone to jail.

CL: So how can the system be changed?

SL: There will eventually have to be an independent commission to deal with these problems. Then we will have a democratic system. But we're just beginning to fight. Until these changes are made, we have to protest and we have to demonstrate, and repeat the old movie line 'We're not going to take it any more.'

— **Will Bredderman**

Future baseball stars square off

BY DANIEL BUSH

Youngsters competed for baseball bragging rights at the Bergen Beach Youth Organization's second annual Pitch, Hit, and Run skills challenge, which was sponsored by Major League Baseball and took place at McGuire Fields on Bergen Avenue on April 11.



BLUE-CHIP PROSPECT: Bergen Beach youngster Maria Vitale is ready for the pros.

More than three dozen Derek Jeter wannabes showed up to show off their talents, according to event organizer Joe Heaney.

"All of the kids are looking to play baseball in high school, college, and the big leagues," he said.

Future blue-chip prospects between the ages of 7 and 14 practiced firing fastballs into a makeshift strike zone, took turns swatting line drives into the outfield,

and held foot races from second base to home plate.

Most of the participants came from the neighborhood's 12-team Little League.

Heaney said the contest taught the Little Leaguers teamwork — even as they faced off for prizes.

"We encourage the kids to root for each other," he said. "Everyone went out and had fun."

The winners of the skills showdown will take part in a regional contest on Staten Island later this spring.

The top players advancing to a national competition during All-Star Weekend in Kansas City in July.

The Bergen Beach Youth Organization also runs summer youth programs and provides after-school and graffiti-removal ser-



HOME RUN: Stefano Priante tees up at the second annual Pitch, Hit, and Run skills challenge in Bergen Beach on April 11.

Photos by Steve Solomonson

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Greenfield: Election about reform, not religion

To the editor,

Please allow me to respond to the inaccurate and irresponsible claims made in your "Critics: Greenfield threw his weight around during CB12 election" (online April 10).

I'm compelled to do so in a letter to the editor since the reporter unfortunately failed to reach out to me, despite having met me on the night of Yidel Perlstein's election as board chairman.

Had the reporter taken a moment to get my view on this issue, he would have realized this was about reform and open government, and not about religion or ethnicity. Tellingly, the only person quoted criticizing the election — which Yidel Perlstein won by a two-to-one margin — is an anonymous "source close to the board."

The two board members quoted by name in support of him happen to be Catholics, making it clear that this election was about reform, not religion.

This election was about the establishment, led by a chairman who has spent 34 years on the board, attempting to manipulate the system and prevent democracy from playing out by blocking a lawful vote for a new chairman because they knew the reformer — Yidel Perlstein — had the support of the majority of board members representing all areas, backgrounds, and religions.

Unfortunately, in the pursuit of controversy, your reporter failed to accurately represent the entire story, and instead gave credence to his obviously disgruntled source's false claims and accusations, which are clearly without merit.

Based on the large amount of feedback I've heard from the public at large and the decisive results of the vote, I know that the overwhelming majority of residents of Community Board 12 are thrilled to have a community board that is responsive to the needs of every single citizen regardless of race, religion, or ethnicity.

David Greenfield

The author is a councilman representing parts of Bensonhurst and Borough Park.

Supermarket loss

To the editor,

It's been almost a year now that Pathmark closed its doors on Nostrand Avenue.

Remember when you heard it was clos-

ing? I thought it was a rumor. Pathmark would not do that to us, I thought. Well, they did, and now they're gone. It's sad to walk by the big, empty shell of a store.

We are told that diversity in a neighborhood makes it stronger, but maybe that theory doesn't work for supermarket investors.

Politicians who represent our area had high hopes that another supermarket chain would take over the store, but I think their hopes have been dashed, for now anyway. Many small stores that were close to Pathmark have also closed or moved. I think they needed the anchor of that large supermarket to bring more customers in.

Hopefully, one day soon we will see a big sign on the window of the empty store, saying, "Coming soon."

It will be good to welcome a new, vital, much-needed supermarket to our neighborhood. We are waiting, patiently.

Ruth Weiner
Sheepshead Bay

'Bully' pulpit

To the editor,

I saw the documentary "Bully" about how students are bullied by other students because they are regarded as geeks, gays, and African Americans, among other reasons, where the tougher kids prevail in making the lives of the more defenseless kids miserable.

The film portrayed mostly the south and the southwest, and the school principals and superintendents frankly admit they are limited in protecting the less fortunate. They are like the old woman who lived in a shoe and had so many children that she didn't know what to do.

The problem of bullying is as severe, if not more so, in the northeast. It's exacerbated by unethical principals who press teachers with what many regard as a friendly suggestion to elevate or lower a student's grades, regardless of his or her performance.

I believe if more philanthropists would invest in more non-sectarian private schools, which would be more affordable to the middle class, it would help to increase competition in secondary education, and create a better environment for teachers and students.

Elliott Abosh
Brighton Beach

Charitable Bams

To the editor,

I have to give credit to the Obamas for their generosity! Their annual charitable donations of \$172,000 are about 500 times the amount donated by the Bidens, who give about \$369 a year.

I wish I could be so generous as President Obama, but I have tuition, food expenses, a mortgage, heat, electric, auto insurance, and a whole bunch of other bills to pay.

May he always be as generous as he is now. As for that miserly "Crazy Uncle Joe," he can keep his one dollar a day — he must need it more than anyone else!

Franklin Forte
Gravesend

DOE dunces

To the editor,

It was interesting to note the comment that was made by an employee at Sheepshead Bay High School, specifically that the school shouldn't be closed because there is now less brawling there ("Sheepshead Bay High School on fast track to closure," online, April 6).

Less brawling? There shouldn't be any brawling whatsoever.

When will our schools realize that for education to take place, we must have zero tolerance for any disciplinary infraction? Those who fight in the hallways deserve to be incarcerated or placed in a 600 school. Of course, our liberal politicians, the mayor, his puppet Chancellor Dennis Walcott, and others, refuse to recognize the need for the 600 school concept for chronically disruptive pupils. It is much easier for them to blame the teacher for the child's failure.

Why do you suppose that so many teachers leave the system five years after they begin teaching? There is little to no support regarding discipline. Of course, you will hear the old supervisory line that you're not motivating them. No matter how much money you pump into the public school system, you will obtain the same results because of the complete lack of discipline in far too many schools.

I stopped riding the B36 bus at dismissal time because of disturbance caused by students behaving like hooligans. They are boisterous and rude, they run and scream through the aisles, and they cause havoc on the bus. They think they're back at school, so the poor behavior continues after dismissal.

It is true that schools should not be closed. It is also true that you will have an effective system only after you tighten up your disciplinary procedures.

Ed Greenspan
Sheepshead Bay

'Bluffer' Buffet

To the editor,

Everyone should pay their fair share, according to the "Buffet rule," except for Warren Buffet! The latest is that he owes millions in taxes from 2002.

Look in the dictionary for the word "hypocrite" and Buffet's picture should be there.

He's not even paying what he should be paying now, and he says he wants to pay more — what a joke.

Millie and Stu Gotts
Flatbush

Public BAD-vocate

To the editor,

Does the New York City Charter assign any responsibilities to the public advocate in organizing boycotts of business?

Public Advocate Bill DeBlasio's recent release of a web site "Iran Watch List" is designed to monitor businesses which may have dealings with Iran. This information would be used by interested citizens to participate in boycotting their products. The free publicity generated by this stunt is just a part of DeBlasio's overall daily series of press conferences and news releases to raise his name identification with voters. It is to grease the wheels for his all-but-publicly announced 2013 mayoral run. These activities are on the taxpayers time and dime, and have nothing to do with managing municipal agencies or government.

If DeBlasio is now interested in foreign affairs, perhaps he should consider becoming a candidate to either run in his local congressional district or challenge Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand (D-N.Y.) in the Democratic Party Primary and drop out of the 2013 mayoral campaign? DeBlasio continues to accept excessive campaign contributions from municipal labor unions and follows their agenda lockstep. In the interest of fair and open disclosure, why not just call him the "Office of Municipal Unions Advocate?" When it comes to marching with the United Federation of Teachers, versus parents and taxpayers, he is truly the "teachers pet."

The yearly city contributions to municipal employee pension plans are taking up a greater percentage of the budget. It is the equivalent of a growing iceberg which, just like the infamous "Titanic," if not dealt with quickly will sink us all.

The city has a municipal budget of \$65 billion dollars with over 220,000 employees. This is greater than most states and many nations. DeBlasio has never built a business, created jobs, met a payroll, balanced a multi-billion dollar budget or managed any significant agencies with large numbers of employees. His ego, just like predecessors Mark Green and Betsy Gotbaum, is using this office as a stepping stone to run for mayor. He brings no real qualifications for the second toughest job in America.

Larry Penner
Great Neck, N.Y.

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Stan takes on jobless occupiers

This is for those unemployed occupiers: just because you went to college doesn't mean you are owed a job. Maybe you majored in the wrong field. According to a survey of U.S. manufacturers, some 600,000 job openings went unfilled in 2011 because employers could not find enough workers with the necessary skills. So many of you believed you would make your bundle studying finance and psychology, but manufacturers say they need workers who are trained in the use of computers, automation, and other technologies. The only technologies most of us are familiar with are how to use an iPad and a cellphone.



IT'S ONLY MY OPINION

Stanley P. Gershbein

Everybody knows what a "Boomer" is, is but how many of you are familiar with the term "Boomerang Kid?" By definition, a Boomerang Kid, sometimes called a "Boomeranger," is a young person past high-school age who returned home to live with his parents after college or a period of independence. The Pew Research Center estimates that 29 percent of adults between 29 to 34 are living with their parents, thanks to the weak economy. In the 18- to 24-year-old group, the number rises to 53 percent. That makes this the highest share of young adults living in a multi-generational household since the 1950s.

"Who cares about that stigma of still living home anymore? I'll move out when the economy gets better and I can find a well-paying job. In the meantime, it's not so terrible. The fridge is always well stocked, there's always gas in dad's car, and as long as I keep my room clean, it's really not so bad."

Who knows? Maybe he'll never leave.

Almost 20 million of us suffer from depression. The saddest part of that stat is that more than a million of the affected are teenagers. The depression is almost always linked to poor performance in school, frequent absences, and substance abuse. The most severe form that depression frequently leads to is suicide, the third leading

cause of teenage death. The youngster you know may be crying out for help. Please don't wait until it's too late.

"Will the person who left a cellphone at the security gate please come back for it."

I heard that announcement three times while waiting for my flight to be called. It could have been three separate announcements for one single phone or, with cellphone users constantly misplacing their phones, it could have been three separate losses.

According to a new industry survey, Americans lost about 30 billion — that's billion with a capitol "b" — dollars, worth of cellphones in 2011. On average, consumers lose their phones once a year.

Do you know where your phone is right now? Are you sure?

A recent Gallup poll found that 50 percent of Americans support legalizing marijuana use. This is up from 36 percent five years ago. I don't use pot and I doubt if I ever will. Between my many mega-magnificent travel and cruise adventures, shows, dinners, and parties, and my ultra-fantastic friends and family — especially my friends and family — I get high on life. I am StanGershbein@Bellsouth.net recommending that everyone try it. Getting high on life can be super-sensational, and a lot safer.

Shariah law in the US – believe it!

Imagine if cops raided your home on the tip that you were a Christian living in a Muslim land, hijacked your bible, arrested you for having literature considered illegal, and then threatened to plant drugs on you to amplify the charges. And imagine if they whisked you off before a judge who refused to hear your case because you broke the law by being a Christian, and then slapped you with a fine and a warning not to leave town.

The scenario became a ghastly reality last month for four Protestants living in the Central Asian Muslim-majority nation of Turkmenistan, where they discovered firsthand the horrors of living under shariah law.

Think it can't happen here? Think again.

For more than 200 years, hundreds of thousands of brave men and women have died to protect the American way of life so that you and I can enjoy Judeo-Christian-based liberties unavailable anywhere on earth. But how long America continues its carefree existence depends largely on how it will stop extremist agendas from creeping into its courts — a grim fate recognized astutely by Tennessee, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Texas, and Arizona, which have adopted "American Laws for Ameri-



A BRITISHER'S VIEW

Shavana Abruzzo

can Courts," an initiative banning unconstitutional foreign laws from being applied in courts. Shariah law tops the shady list, according to the Center for Security Policy, insinuating itself in cases here and hoodwinking trial court judges into excusing criminal behavior.

Take the 2010 case of a New Jersey couple from Morocco in which the pregnant woman was beaten and raped by her husband and then refused a restraining order by the judge who deemed the appalling incident in keeping with foreign shariah law. The grim case, culled from a modest sampling of appellate published cases, is among 50 others from 23 states detailed in the watchdog group's 2011 report, Shariah Law and American State Courts: An Assessment of State Appellate Court Cases. Consider the Maryland mother who lost a child custody battle because the judge upheld Pakistan's shariah law, and the Michigan trial judge who accepted a Talaq divorce — an Islamic decree nisi in which the husband divorces his wife without her

permission by just saying "I divorce you" three times. The baffling rulings dovetail with the pro-Muslim agendas of adversarial groups such as the Council on American-Islamic Relations which has mounted a smear campaign to challenge the initiative for being anti-Islamic, despite its own dark reputation. The rabble-rousing organization was identified as a Muslim Brotherhood front group and named an unindicted co-conspirator in the largest terrorism financing conviction in U.S. history. Moreover, the Department of Homeland Security refuses to deal with it, and our own Sen. Charles Schumer (D) describes it as an organization "which we know has ties to terrorism."

Every state should adopt American Laws for American Courts because it protects all of us from being victimized by unethical and corrupt foreign laws. The horse has already bolted in the United Kingdom, where more than 80 shariah courts operate legally, ushering in the era of neighborhood shariah law zones to stop people from drinking, smoking, and listening to music, among other perceived immoralities.

Think it can't happen here? Think again.

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Eureka! My show is back, with Jack!

The long-awaited fifth season of "Eureka" opened with a bang, but ended with a well-worn whimper. Was it worth the wait? Well, Jack was back and Jack was whack, but other than that I could have told you on Friday what was going to happen on Monday night.

It followed in the same tried-and-true traditions that "Eureka" is famous for — a blockbuster beginning, lots of special effects, and a few plot twists and turns, but when the bad old meanie, Beverly Barlow (played with evil Snidely Whiplash glee by Debrah Farentino), shows her face, it was just the same old same old.

So let me catch you up if you haven't kept track. At the end of season four-and-a-half, Allison (Salli Richardson-Whitfield) says "yes" to moving in with Jack Carter (Colin Ferguson) along with her two children. But before the lucky lovebirds get the chance to smooch and tell, a malfunction occurs and Allison gets stuck inside the Astreaus ship with the rest of the crew. The doors lock and, quicker than a supernova, they are thrust into the unknown (hopefully on their way to Titan) leaving



NOT FOR NUTHIN'

Joanna DelBuono

, Jack, Jo (Erica Cerra), and Henry (Joe Morton) out in Deep Space Nine.

The season opener begins with the crew waking up, surviving a near death collision with what they think is Titan, but soon discover they have landed on good old Terra Firma, only four years later but a whole lotta different.

Sarah, Jack's smart house, now

runs Global Dynamics with her beau Robot Andy and a gazillion Andy replicas that police the grounds, which is very reminiscent to the futuristic world of "Blade Runner," with weird-looking space ship thingies floating around, zapping here and there to keep the vox populi under control. We soon learn that in the four-year span that the crew was away, Henry has lost his position as town mayor and all-around genius, Jo and Jack have moved in together in happy cohabitation and have raised Allison's two children, and Beverly Barlow is back and badder than ever.

Even though it's the beginning of the end and it might have been a bit hackneyed, "Eureka" will always be that special someplace that I wish was real and I could retire to. After all, who wouldn't want to live in a place with a hot sheriff and have a smart house where all your meals are prepared. Heck, you don't even have to shop, experience fantastic inventions, and are able to drop by Cafe Diem for a spot of whatever, whenever you want to?

Not for Nuthin™, but I'm down, evil Beverly Barlow and all.

For Carmine, it takes two to teach tango!

I'm madder than J. Lo when she caught a glimpse of her wax figure at Madame Tussauds wacky museum over the fact that some cable channel wrongly identified my assistant as yours truly when it put together a feature on the fantastic tango classes that I — that's right, me, not my assistant — hold right here in fabulous Bensonhurst.

Look, you all know that I've been training the dancers of tomorrow the tango for the cost of nothing for years, and, quite frankly, it was about time someone took the time to feature my hard work on television. So I was extremely excited when the a crew showed up at Seth Low Intermediate School with a camera to capture on film (or tape, or soft drive, or whatever the kids use today) the magic I — that's right, me — make.

So you wouldn't be shocked — shocked — to learn that I had a near conception when I sat down



BIG SCREECHER
Carmine Santa Maria

with my lovely wife Sharon to watch the show and caught a preview that led most viewers to believe that my assistant, Frank Gullo, was actually me. Now I don't need to tell you that Frank is about half the size of me and walks on his own two legs, so it's pretty easy to tell the two of us apart, especially since I am twice

the size of Frank and can't walk at all. So when Sharon blurted out "Hey Carmine, they think Frank is you!" after watching the preview, you can just imagine the smoke coming out of my ears — not to mention the expletives that came out of my mouth.

The show broke for commercial and the entire time I was worried that they got the whole thing wrong, and that they interviewed Frank instead of me, and maybe, just maybe, they mistakenly thought Frank was me — thus stealing all of my much-deserved laurels and hardies.

Now, you all know I would never say a bad thing about anybody that doesn't deserve it, and the same goes for Frank. I mean, the guy has been my legs and feet for the past few years, and he does everything I tell him to do, so I ain't got no quams with him. And I certainly respect what he does at class, which is to basically do what I say. I

mean, how can I not love a guy like that.

But that doesn't mean he should get all the credit for my hard work. Sure, he deserves a lot, just not all.

By the time the show came back on, I was so pig-biting mad I wanted to get up and do a tango on top of the Zenith in the living room.

Well, it turned out I got all bent out of shape for nothing, because not only did they not make that mistake, they actually put together a pretty good feature about how I have been teaching the tango at my Free Ballroom Dance Class at the Federation of Italian-American organizations, and delighting new Americans — whether they be Russian, Chinese, Italian, Jewish, Polish, or Greek — in the process.

Sure, Frank got some face time, but not nearly as much as the ol'Screecher, and I was near tears as I watched myself wax poetic about what a great job I do.

And I nearly cried when some of my pupils went on and on about how much they love the lessons — even if it seemed they were more interested in the price than learning from a master of the tango like myself.

I mean, I guess I understand it when people think "Oh, the lessons are free, and they are taught by a giant man in a wheelchair, so you get what you pay for." But now the truth is out there: cable television says my lessons are great and one of the best deals in the city. You can't unshoot that gun.

But let me add this: it couldn't be any more fun for yours truly, even though I don't know how to speak most of the languages some of my new clients speak — specifically the ones that aren't English.

Now's the point in the column where I make a bad transition to an anecdote that I probably told you about 100 times before.

Everybody asks me how I invented my famous "pizza step," so I'm going tell you again.

And this time, pay attention!

The owners of Grotto Azzurra's son was taking ballroom dancing lessons in his public school.

He loved it and one afternoon my wife Sharon and I were having pizza in his father's place years before "Mad Hot Ballroom" became an instant hit.

We started talking and I asked him what dances he was learning and he showed me a tango step that I loved, which I renamed it the "pizza step," in honor of his father's place of business.

So if you don't believe me and want to see for yourself how fantastic my classes are, take a look at the video on the YouTube.

I hope you enjoy it as much as me and my assistant, Frank!

Screech at you next week!

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FIRST PITCH: Seven-year-old Peter Bacolo of Bensonhurst is ready to play.

SANDLOT DREAMS COME ALIVE IN BENSONHURST

BY WILL BREDDERMAN

Let's play ball! Young athletes from Saint Athanasius School paraded through Bensonhurst with their families and two marching bands on April 15 as part of their annual celebration of the start of baseball season.

After mass at Saint Athanasius Church on 61st Street and Bay Parkway, 200 players aged 5 and up made their way to Friends' Field, the school's private baseball diamond, to the accompaniment of the Bishop Kearney and Midwood High School Bands.

The cavalcade — a tradition for nearly 60 years — is the product of weeks and weeks of organization from the baseball program's directors.

"It's four months of hard work!" laughed Joe Orlando, a veteran of the school's baseball program, who now coaches 9- and 10-year-olds, including his own two sons. "We start registering kids in January, we organize getting the kids together for evaluations, set up the fundraising, and order the equipment and uniforms. It's the same thing every year, putting things into motion."

Orlando said the directors assess the kids' skills early in the year during work-outs — not actual tryouts, he insists, since they try not to cut anyone — group them into teams based on their ages and particular talents, and meet with all the coaches every week from January till the parade to plan out the season. They also hold a free clinic on weekends for young children to learn the basics of the game.



STARTING LINE-UP: St. Anthony's Diamondbacks are ready to play ball.



WALK-OFF: Matthew Rinaldi, 4, of Bensonhurst, and 5-year-old Frank Church of Kensington march down 60th Street. Photos by Elizabeth Graham

G'DAY, MATE! AUSSIE DOGS COME TO PROSPECT PARK ZOO

BY AARON SHORT

They're the biggest Australian import to hit Brooklyn since Fairway started stocking Vegemite.

The Prospect Park Zoo welcomed four dingoes to its "Australian Walkabout" exhibit last Thursday — the



NEW FRIENDS: Carolina Mulcahy, 6, made a new friend at the zoo.

first time the species from down under has set foot in a New York zoo in 40 years.

The year-old wild dogs, two male and two female, will join other Aussie animals like kangaroos, emus, and wallabies. And even though the furry light-brown predators are known for hunting rodents, rabbits, lizards, wallabies, and the occasional kangaroo, lovers of marsupials have nothing to fear.

Zoo keepers are only feeding the dingoes — which couples and breeds before moving into their new home — a carnivorous mix of puppy chow, with the occasional dead rat for extra protein. And the zoo has secured and separated the dingo habitat from the wallabies.

Both species coolly ignored adoring crowds last week. The dingoes spent much of the morning foraging for crickets while the yellow-footed rock wallabies took after their human neighbors in Park Slope and noshed on raw kale leaves.

The Wildlife Conservation Society at Prospect Park Zoo [450 Flatbush Ave. at Ocean Avenue, Prospect Heights (718) 399-7339]. Open 10 am-5pm on weekdays, 10 am-4 pm on weekends. \$8 for adults, \$6 for seniors, \$5 for kids 3-12, free for children under 3. Visit www.prospectparkzoo.com.



PLAY PUPS: The Prospect Park Zoo brought four dingoes to Brooklyn.

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Bavarian beer man: Joseph Enoch says his German ale is going to make a run for the beer crown at Brooklyn Wort.

Photo by Stefano Giovannini

WAR OF THE WORTS!

Brooklyn's booming beer-makers battle at fest

By Eli Rosenberg

There are drinking games, and there are drinking contests.

Brooklyn's home brewers are emerging from their closets, basements, and garages armed with their finest suds for an April 28 smackdown that will see two beer-makers crowned kings — no small achievement in a borough known for its brew bars and ever-growing community of swill-makers.

"If you love beer, this is one of the greatest events ever," said Justin Israelson, the owner of the Ditmas Park bar Sycamore, which organizes the sip-off every year with Brooklyn Homebrew. "There's good food, good beer, good conversations. Everybody in the beer community is pretty awesome."

And that community is also awesome in scale, too.

Due to the overwhelming number of entrants, Brooklyn Wort — which is named after the sugary liquid that becomes delicious alcohol after fermentation — held prelims this year. Judges tasted over 100 brews before whittling down the field to the 25 worthy of competing in the finals at Public Assembly in Williamsburg, a larger venue than Israelson's Cortelyou Road watering hole.

The chosen brewers will compete for a \$200 people's choice award, voted on by attendees who sample all the brews, or the \$800 judge's



Beer here!: Former commercial fisherman Brian Craine can drink — and brew — with the best of them.

choice, awarded by a panel of suds specialists from lauded drink tanks such as Brooklyn Brewery and Bierkraft.

The borough's micro-est of microbrewers are just the latest example of Brooklyn's passion for doing it ourselves — not to mention Kings County's obsession with nostalgia.

Brooklyn boasted 45 breweries at the turn of the 20th century, but beer-makers soon fled the former beer capital in an exodus that started before Prohibition and continued long after. By 1976, the borough was brewery-less, and stayed that way until Brooklyn Brewery opened in Williamsburg in 1996. Brooklyn is now the home of other successful beer-makers including Kelso in Clinton Hill and Six Point in Red Hook — not to mention dozens of home brewers.

The folks at Brooklyn Homebrew, which opened in 2009 as the only supply shop in town for do-it-yourself beer-makers, say they welcome the enthusiasm — and competition — saying it helps the quality of local brews.

"We've had growth each year since we've opened," said Benjamin Stutz. "And this year, we were able to bring in some fresh brewers and make the event even better."

Sample beer and pick the borough's king home brewer at Brooklyn Wort [Public Assembly, 70 North Sixth St. between Kent and Wythe avenues in Williamsburg (718) 284-4586] April 28, 2 pm or 4 pm, \$35. Visit www.brooklynwort.com.

A brew good men

The Brooklyn Wort is a bar fight — and these are the pugilists. Meet some of the brave home brewers who will put the fruits of their labor on the line in the borough's biggest beer-making competition:

JOSEPH "WOODWARD AND BEER-STEIN" ENOCH

Brewing since: 2009

Day job:

Investigative reporter at CBS's "Inside Edition"

Beer: "Munich Monster Mash" German ale
Secret ingredient: Bavarian grain, hops and yeast

Tasting notes on own beer: "It's malty and grain-flavored with some nice floral notes. Dark brown in color with a little milk chocolate appearance."

Amount of own beer consumed a week: 10 beers

Loves beer so much that: Once brewed so much at one time (four batches) that he took to rifling through the recycling bins of bars to get enough bottles for it.

Would like to have a beer summit with: Paul McCartney

If his beer was a person it would be: Jimmy Page

Why his beer fit for a championship:

"I let the flavor of the grain decide how the beer is going to taste, rather than covering it with excessive hops or fruit. My beer is flavored by grain and not by additives."



DOUGLAS "A GOOD STOUT IS HARD TO FIND" FLAMM

Brewing since: 2010

Day job: Rare book seller for Ursus Books

Beer: "Moyster" Oyster Stout

Secret ingredient: Half-dozen oysters, shells and all

Tasting notes on own beer: "Definite roast notes from toasted barley. It's got a little bit of bitter chocolate flavors and a nice mineral finish."

Amount of own beer consumed a week: A beer or two a night

Loves beer so much that: He finds time to brew it while having a day job and two kids, in a Brooklyn apartment.

Would like to have a beer summit with: "If good beer is being served, I could have a good conversation with just about anyone."

If his beer was a person it would be: Man Ray



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Poetry in motion

A Williamsburg poet has performed everywhere from Africa to Europe — but she's never had stage fright the way she did when she gave an impromptu reading on the Q train.

"I was relieved they didn't throw things at me," said Thornhill, who will bring her slam poetry to Greenlight Bookstore on April 25.

Thornhill is a part of the fittingly named movement "Poetry in Unexpected Places," which has brought flowery language to off-the-beaten-path venues like subway trains.

"Certain places have that thing," Thornhill said. "I felt it in South Africa, a place where you go to make s--- happen, and New York is one of those places, too."

The Brooklyn poetry scene has energy, but that doesn't mean this is the best place for aspiring poets, according to Patrick Rosal, who will share the stage with Thornhill as well as acclaimed poet Patricia Smith of "Def Poetry Jam" fame.

"There was a time when New York wasn't so precious — it could really accommodate its outsiders," Rosal said. "If you're a freak artist without a lot of dough, it's impossible for you."

They have different views of their hometown, but they've got a similar taste in homes — the poets shared a Williamsburg room when Thornhill subleased her apartment while she went abroad.

"Poets I admire and have shared my space," she said. "It's an honor for me to be sharing the stage with them."

Spoken word at Greenlight Bookstore [686 Fulton St., (718) 246-0200] April 25, 7:30 PM.

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Material girl: Cathy Cervenka, fourth from right, is hosting her ninth annual Madonnathon tribute show at Brooklyn Bowl on April 27.

Madonna dance party

A group of Madonna impersonators are touching down in Williamsburg for the very first time.

Hundreds of Material Girl look-alikes and rabid fans will rock out to the original pop queen's greatest 1980s hits at Brooklyn Bowl's upcoming "Madonnathon" concert and dance party — a one-night stand celebrating all things Madge producer Cathy Cervenka moved to the Williamsburg venue following an eight-year run at B.B. King Blues Club and Grill in Manhattan.

"That's where our demographic is right now," said Cervenka, a talent agent from

Florida whose annual dance night caters to Madonna lovers who still enjoy wearing chunky chains, fingerless gloves and see-through lace. "Brooklyn Bowl has a huge, killer dance floor that lends itself to Madonna songs."

The concert will feature performances of "Like a Virgin," "Into the Groove," and other classics from 21 bands and musicians, including The Material Boys and legendary Madonna impersonator Chris America. As if that wasn't enough, there's door prizes for the best-dressed fans and a surprise act will cover songs from the star singer's 1996

blockbuster film "Evita."

But Cervenka's tribute show will draw the line right there: she isn't a big fan of Madonna's later work, including her recent high-tech but oft-mocked Super Bowl half-time performance. "She was the first and the best," Cervenka said. "She doesn't need to compete with the kids today."

Madonnathon at Brooklyn Bowl [61 Wythe St. between N. 11th Street and N. 12th Street, Williamsburg (718) 963-3369] April 27, 8 pm. \$10 (\$7 in advance). Visit www.madonnathonlive.com

— Daniel Bush

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Sister act

She's not as famous as her half-sister Babs, but at least this daughter of Brooklyn is making a home-coming.

Barbra Streisand's sibling Roslyn Kind — a revered singer in her own right — will play the Brooklyn Center for the Performing Arts on April 28, marking the Flatbush native's stage debut in the borough.

Kind, who lives in Los Angeles, said she hasn't crossed the East River since a trip to legendary Lundy's Restaurant in Sheepshead Bay during the early 1970s, but she's excited to see how her old home turf has changed.

"I'm really anxious to see the areas that have been built up and brought back. I have friends who tell me, 'You have to see this, you won't believe it,'" said Kind, who grew up in the sprawling Vanderveer Estates at the corner of Foster and Brooklyn avenues in East Flatbush — just a subway stop away from Brooklyn College, which runs the Center for the Performing Arts.

Kind recalled hopping on the train to visit a record shop (the jazz standards and show tunes singer was a Beatlemaniac at the time) and stopping by a favorite soda fountain near the college before going to see movies at the school's theater, which has since become a cineplex.

Kind started singing while a student at Yeshiva Rambam at the corner of Kings Highway and York Avenue and at her temple on Glenwood Road, and continued in the school choruses at the Erasmus Hall High School Annex.

When Kind was 13, the crooner and the rest of her family said goodbye to the borough and left for Manhattan, but she's always carried a piece of Brooklyn inside her (even though she doesn't visit much).

"My roots are with me always even on stage, they're part of who I am. That never leaves me. I never forget those roots. Like a New Yorker I still walk and talk fast," Kind said.

Roslyn Kind at the Brooklyn Center for the Performing Arts at Brooklyn College [2900 Campus Rd. at Hillel Place in Flatbush, (718) 951-4500] April 28 at 8 pm. Performance \$35. Performance plus VIP Reception \$175. Visit purchase.tickets.com.

— Will Bredderman

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Sight unseen

Love is blind — and apparently so is art. Four artists are coming together for a group show in Greenpoint, and much like the gallery-hoppers who wander into their exhibit at the Fowler Arts Collective, the creators themselves won't know what's going to be on the walls until they walk into the West Street venue.

Artists Elana Adler, Miles Debas, Dave Singley, and Stephanie Terao came up with the idea of revealing their work to each other just before the public opening of "Exquisite Show" in order to give them motivation to pump out new work.

"Unplanned stuff seems to have the most energy and I think the guests will coopt the celebratory vibes from us and our work," said Adler, who also has a studio in the building. "It's a nice artist community and I am glad to be a part of it."

Audiences should expect an intimate setting from the collective's latest artist-directed collaboration, which offers nods to surrealism and the human body.

Fowler co-founder Lia Post said she treats the gallery like a "project space" and lets the artists run wild to create interesting exhibits.

"Approaching the exhibition program this way keeps the space and collective fluid and collaborative, which is the main reason I wanted to start such a place," said Post.

"Exquisite Show" at Fowler Arts Space (67 West St. between Milton Street and Noble Street, Greenpoint) April 21, 6-10 pm. Visit www.fowler-artsbrooklyn.org.

— Aaron Short

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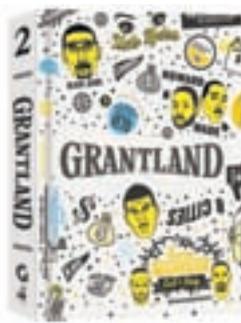
Grantland sports-writers launch at BookCourt

Nerds and jocks are finally joining forces.

The marriage of athletes and aesthetes culture is complete with the publication and launch of long-form sports writing outlet Grantland's second print issue — a team effort with the whimsical, hipster-lit McSweeney's publishing house.

"I think we're proving that sports fans can be literary geeks, and vice versa," said Andy Greenwald, a writer for the sports pub who will emcee the launch of the Grantland Quarterly at BookCourt on April 23. "[Grantland founder] Bill Simmons was always one of the first people to mash-up pop culture and sports and prove that people could be passionate fans of both."

Literary heavyweights such as Ernest Hemingway and George Plimpton once demonstrated that a respect for both letters and letterman



McSomething: The cover of Grantland's second print quarterly, published with the folks at McSweeney's.

jackets was not incompatible, but the nation's writers are no longer thought of as sports fans — and try as hard as Phil Jackson might, jocks aren't seen as well-read either.

In a borough that has been without a big league sports team since 1957, readings sometimes seem like the

closest thing to a "national pastime" in Brooklyn. Still, Greenwald promises this book launch won't become a long-distance sport.

"Sitting through readings can be a sport of endurance, so we're definitely going to try and fight that," said Greenwald, who will lead a question and answer session and an audience discussion with writers Chuck Klosterman, Rember Brown, and Michael Weinreb. "The part of reading that people like the worst are the readings, so we're going to try and keep it short and fresh."

The second issue of the Grantland Quarterly features Simmons writing on Eddie Murphy, Chad Harbach discussing his experience in the last game of the Milwaukee Brewers' 2011 season, and Charles Pierce detailing the abuse scandal at Penn

State university, as well as reprint of a 1970s poster of George "The Ice Man," Gervin.

And the folks behind the primarily Los Angeles-based publication, which scored a big coup with Simmons's interview with President Obama in March, say their web-to-print formula for long-form writing is really getting attention.

"People who are passionate about sports are reading this longer and more insightful stuff, even in our Twitter age," said Greenwald. "What Grantland is doing is almost old-fashioned — assuming you're a fan of good writing!"

Grantland Quarterly launch at BookCourt [163 Court St. between Pacific and Dean streets in Cobble Hill. (718) 875-3677] April 23 at 7 pm. Visit www.bookcourt.com.

— Eli Rosenberg

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■ AROUND TOWN

AUTHOR: DAHMER WAS MY FRIEND

Derf Backderf tells the story of the serial killer's early years

By Colin Mixson

A graphic novel retells the story of infamous murderer Jeffrey Dahmer from the decidedly discomforting perspective of a childhood friend.

Derf Backderf is heading to BookCourt in Cobble Hill on April 26, to read from his book "My Friend Dahmer," which explores the author's relationship with the notorious serial killer in the years leading up to his murder of Stephen Hicks in 1978.

"We sat together in study hall, sat together in lunch, I gave him rides home from school, we were in the same social circle," Backderf said. "We were friends."

The story is set in Bath, Ohio in the late '70s — before the cannibalism, the necrophilia, the heads in the jar, and the amateur lobotomies — beginning when Backderf met Dahmer in the seventh-grade and ending after the future

author and the future murderer became high school grads. The story concludes shortly before Dahmer claimed his first life.

In that time, Backderf observed his friend's behavior devolve from the strange to the very dark.

"Back then it was just mildly bizarre," said Backderf. "He was a strange dude, he went from being an oddball in the seventh grade, to something much more strange."

Dahmer's "oddball" antics included a fascination with road kill — namely, dissolving animal carcasses in jars of acid — as well as walking the school halls with a Styrofoam cup filled with alcohol and faking epileptic seizures in public places — antics Backderf and his 15-year-old friends encouraged. They formed the "Jeffrey Dahmer Fan club," decades before similarly named clubs were established, under the allure of more macabre fascinations, according to Backderf.

"I should sue for rights," the author joked.

But the graphic novel is less about a boy who was destined to be monster who took 17 lives, and more about a boy who no one cared to help.

"I think I certainly humanize him, which is, I understand, controversial for some people," said Backderf. "But to me, he was just a friend, he was just a kid who had committed no crime and I think that we don't accomplish anything by wholesale demonizing people. Everybody starts somewhere and it's interesting to think, 'What would have happened if somebody helped him, or just tried?'"

Wherever Dahmer's origins

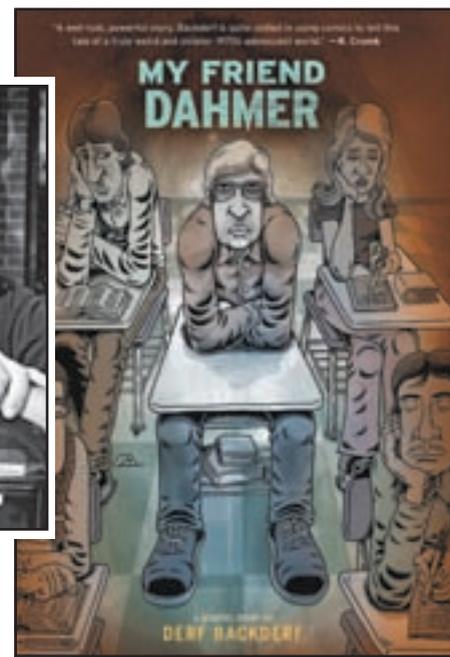
may lie, Backderf says that Brooklyn should be happy his old friend settled in Milwaukee.

"I think Brooklyn should consider itself lucky that he never moved here," the author said. "He left nothing behind expect bodies, misery and heartache."

Derf Backderf at BookCourt [163 Court St. between Pacific and Dean streets in Cobble Hill, (718) 875-3677] April 26, 7 pm. Visit www.bookcourt.com



Photo by Mark Urycki



Before he was a monster: Derf Backderf's graphic novel, "My Friend Dahmer," explores his relationship with the notorious serial killer, Jeffrey Dahmer, and the years leading up to his first murder.

Eloisa James reads 'Paris in Love: A Memior'

By Natalie O'Neill

Think Brooklyn is the greatest place on earth? Try living in Paris for a year.

That's the message behind adventure-seeking college professor-cum-romance novelist Eloisa James's acclaimed new memoir — which she actually has the guts to read aloud in our fair borough on April 25.

"Paris in Love: A Memoir" is a colorful juxtaposition of French and American life that touches on subjects such as why Parisian women are so stylish and what's up with mar-

athon-long European dinners.

"A year in Paris taught my family how to just sit — and talk each other," said James, who will read from her book at Word bookstore in Greenpoint on April 25.

"French people spend a great deal of time at the dinner table," said the writer, who will break baguette with fans after the reading at the Franklin Street French eatery La Gamin Cafe.

James, a professor of Shakespeare, learned she had cancer in 2007, so she ditched the Big Apple, rented an apartment in Paris, and



Expatriate: Author Eloisa James is hosting a reading of her memoir about a year in Paris.

hailed her family across the ocean for a fresh start.

The book features poetic observations about differences in cultures, including insights on parenting that come from watching her teenagers adapt to life abroad.

So what can Brooklynites learn from her life journey?

"It's possible to have kids — and still have an adventure," she said.

Dinner with Eloisa James at WORD [126 Franklin St. between Milton and Noble streets in Greenpoint, (718) 383-0096]. April 25, 7 pm, \$45. Visit www.wordbrooklyn.com.

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Head to Buckley's for delicious — and affordable — meals

By Camille Sperrazza

You get a lot of bang for your buck at Buckley's Restaurant and Caterers.

The Marine Park pub and restaurant has been serving Brooklynites since 1972, providing the area with a place to celebrate special occasions and everyday milestones.

Buckley's opened its doors 40 years ago this past March 1, and since then, there have been a number of expansions. Back then, there were just four tables. Now, there are two catering halls, a full-size restaurant, a bar, wooden booths, and spacious walking areas that connect the nooks and crannies that compose the place. It's all decorated

with shrimp, and the soup of the day.

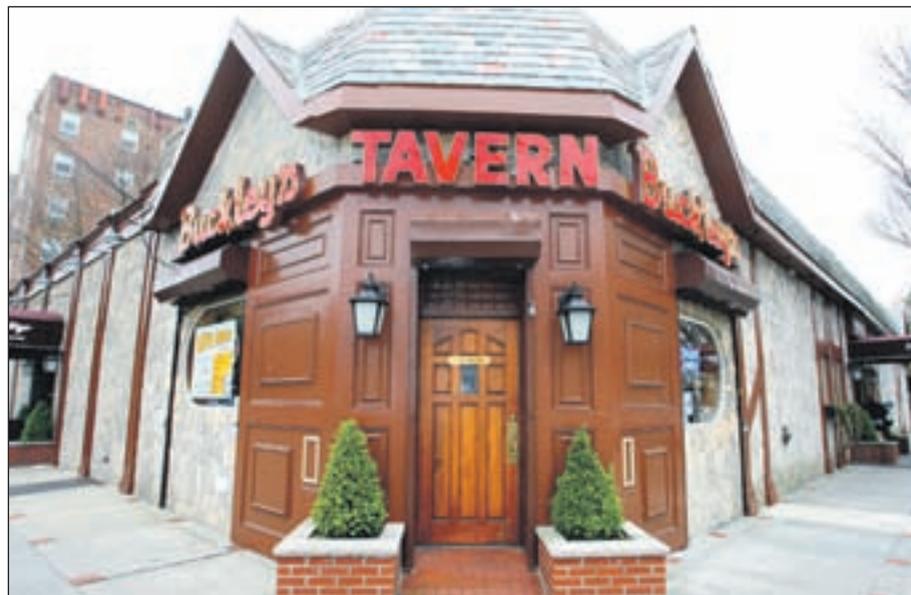
On Mondays, Buckley's presents a Yankee pot roast. On Tuesdays, it's London broil. Come in on Wednesdays for roast loin of pork. Thursday night it's corned beef and cabbage. On Fridays, you get to choose — Long Island duckling, shrimp parmigiana, or filet mignon with shrimp scampi. Saturdays' specials include dry-aged steaks, and on Sunday, it's roast leg of lamb or pork.

Entrees include a salad, potato, and vegetable.

Buckley's daily menu includes signature dishes such as the fried shrimp — five hearty-sized pieces



Let Buckley's bartender Vincent Gutierrez pour you a drink at the bar.



Buckley's has been serving Marine Park for 40 years.

tastefully, especially during holiday season when Buckley's goes all out, adorning mantles with seasonal garland and ornaments.

The dining area has a fireplace, a stained-glass window, lamps mounted to mirrors on the wall, and dark-wood square tables, all reminiscent of an Irish pub.

The atmosphere is lively. People here know each other, as Buckley's is a place where they come to socialize over a hearty meal.

When you sit down to a meal, a crusty, round loaf of bread arrives on a cutting board. A chalk board details daily specials such as crab cake, mussels and clams, penne

of fish, with a side of thick, fresh-cut fries. You get to pick a vegetable, including one you don't find offered at too many places — turnips. It's nice to enjoy something you might not make at home.

Other entrees include staples, such as broiled chicken, lamb chops, fresh ham, grilled pork chops, fillet of sole, and chicken francaise.

Ireland is known for its soups, so consider starting your meal with one. Buckley's creates a mushroom soup that's pureed with mushrooms and strong flavors. Another interesting starter is the creamy fresh mushroom crepe, presented warm and oozing.

Chef Roosevelt Wayland, who has worked at Buckley's for 14 years, takes pride in his creations.

An inflation-busting \$25 menu includes an appetizer, entree, and homemade dessert. When this writer ate there, one of the choices was a pan-seared red snapper, covered with tomato capers, in white wine sauce. Another was chicken, stuffed with prosciutto and three different kinds of cheese, covered with a brown gravy, accompanied by mashed potatoes and carrots.

Buckley's recently introduced a "Let's Eat In" family dinner for four. If you don't have time to cook,

served with mashed potatoes, gravy, a fresh vegetable, salad, and Buckley's famous warm bread, all for \$32.95. Available Mondays through Thursdays, from 5 to 9 pm.

Seniors can feast on a lunch special on Wednesdays and Saturdays, with a cup of soup; a choice of an entree such as meatloaf, roast beef, broiled tilapia, ham, broiled chicken, pot roast, loin of pork, or roast turkey; served with potato and vegetable, coffee, and dessert, for an unbeatable \$8.95.

Buckley's desserts are huge and filling — creamy homemade chocolate mousse; warm apple crisp, topped with ice cream; flan; and lots more. The staff will present them on a tray, so you can take delight in the selection process.

When it comes to catered affairs, Buckley's offers a variety of possibilities to suit every budget and occasion.

Buckley's Restaurant and Catering Hall [2926 Avenue S at Nostrand Avenue in Marine Park, (718) 998-4222]. Open for lunch Mondays through Saturdays, noon–4 pm; for dinner Mondays through Thursdays, 5–10 pm; dinner Fridays and Saturdays, 5–11 pm; and on Sundays, noon–9 pm. For more, visit www.buckleyscaterers.com.



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BROOKLYN EATS SPRING PREVIEW

Season's eatings across the borough

By Sarah Zorn

Spring is here, so you can act like winter never happened and stop pretending you actually love root vegetables.

Some of the borough's favorite chefs have had their fill of brussels sprouts, parsnips, kale and rutabaga, and they're ringing in veggie high-season with fresh spring offerings like ramps, artichokes, and morel mushrooms.

Celebrate spring at these eateries, or heed these handy pointers and make the most of a greenmarket bounty at home:

Talde

Artichokes don't immediately come to mind when thinking of Asian-influenced ingredients, but chef Dale Talde hails the prickly globes at his eponymous Park Slope eatery.

"They're really one my favorite things to eat, so we're going to fry them up and toss them in our green sambal sauce," he said.

Afraid to prepare the thickly armored veg yourself? Talde says it's easy once you know what to look for.

"When you're at the market shopping for artichokes, make sure you pick the ones with tightly bundled leaves. If they're loose and spread out, leave them alone," he said. "People get nervous about peeling and using artichokes, but here's a simple rule to follow: once you start seeing white at the bottom of the leaves, stop peeling."

Talde [369 Seventh Ave. at 11th Street in Park Slope, (347) 916-0031].

Colonie

Chef Brad MacDonald also sings the praises of the artichoke at his small plates, Brooklyn Heights spot Colonie — but his cultivar of choice can hardly be found at your average corner store.

"We get these beautiful violet artichokes at Colonie, which we keep simply because they're crazy delicious and don't need much," he said. "We fry them until crispy, then serve with fennel pollen and garlic herb emulsion."

That means, if you're lucky enough to spot a few of these beauties at a local farmers market, don't think twice.

"Since they're so easy to clean, much more so than regular artichokes, they're a good spring ingredient to bring home," MacDonald said. "Just fry them in some olive oil and season them with citrus and some salt. It makes the perfect snack or could be a good side dish for nearly any protein."

Colonie [127 Atlantic Ave. between Henry and Clinton Streets in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 855-7500].

The Meatball Shop

It's easy to go green when assembling a spring menu, but Daniel Holzman of The Meatball Shop prefers to give a shout-out to the incredible edible egg.

"They're a treasure that we tend to overlook or take for granted — but they're a favorite ingredient of mine in the spring, which is their rightful season," he said.

"On any given spring day at the farmers market you can find wild turkey and goose eggs, which I love to substitute for chicken eggs in any traditional recipe or, better yet, soft boil and serve on top of a warm asparagus salad with a tangy grain-mustard vinaigrette."

The Meatball Shop [170 Bedford Ave, between Seventh and Eighth streets in Williamsburg, (718) 551-0520].

James

It's all about the alliums at James in Prospect Heights — namely spring onions, green garlic, and that perennial chefs' favorite, the ramp.

The foraged wild leek is a foodie favorite at restaurants across Brooklyn, maybe because they're so simple to prepare, so easy to add to dishes, and so delicious in general.

"We blanch them really quickly in salted, boiling water, dry them out, and throw them on the grill," said owner and chef Bryan Calvert. "They're great in sandwiches, or to use instead of garlic in just about anything. You can sauté them and add them to pasta. You can pickle them — which a lot of chefs do — and stick them in a meat dish or add them to your Bloody Mary."

James [605 Carlton Ave. between Prospect Place and St. Marks Avenue in Prospect Heights, (718) 942-4255].

Rucola

For Boerum Hill restaurateur Julian Brizzi, the season hasn't changed until morel mushrooms hit the menu.

"Once morels become available, we know the bounty that is spring and summer has started in earnest," he said.

The spongy specimen of edible fungi is a staple in French cuisine, and Brizzi's kitchen staff have made it a lynchpin in their warm-weather menu, serving morel mushrooms alongside roasted lamb, marinated and sautéed with asparagus, scrambled into eggs, and tumbled into pasta.

"We served them with fresh tagliatelle, English peas, and Parmigiano Reggiano," said Brizzi. "It's a dish that will soon be at Rucola once morels become available, hopefully as early as next week!"

Rucola [190 Dean St. between Hoyt and Bond Streets in Boerum Hill, (718) 576-3209].



Talde order: Chef Dale Talde picked artichokes for his restaurant in Park Slope.

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Meet the Brooklyn Wort competitors

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Why his beer fit for a championship: "It's something that I like to make and share and I hope other people like it as well."

SIMON "MALT WHITMAN" TEPAS

Brewing since: 2008

Day job: Works in publishing with Random House

Beer: "Broken Arrow" India Brown Ale

Secret ingredient:

Oxygen

Tasting notes on own beer: "It's a big brown ale with lots of chocolate and malt flavors, but is heavily hopped like an India Pale Ale."

Amount of own beer consumed a week: Six to ten

Loves beer so much that: His annual guys camping weekend wouldn't be complete without it — even through that means lugging 100 pounds of assorted bottles and cans straight up the side of a mountain on a stretcher.

Would like to have a beer summit with:

President Obama. Thinks the White House can do better than "Honey Wheat."

If his beer was a person it would be: Cormac McCarthy. "It's complicated and dark."

Why his beer fit for a championship:

"Because I pitch the right amount of yeast, monitor fermentation temperature carefully, and am lucky to have Brooklyn water to brew with."



BRIAN "THE DEADLIEST BATCH" CRAINE

Brewing since: 2011

Day job: Waterfront engineer for the New York City Economic Development Corporation, formerly worked on Alaskan fishing vessel.

Beer: "Heady Nuggz" IPA

Secret ingredient: A little bit of orange peel
Tasting notes on own beer: "It's a very citrus-y aromatic beer, mostly hop forward, and supported with a medium to low level of roasted malt."

Amount of own beer consumed a week: A pint a day

Loves beer so much that: Used to trade precious food rations for beer in the middle of fishing season. "We drive like six or eight hours on the boat just for beer; nothing tastes better than a cold Alaskan Amber after fishing for 3 months."

Would like to have a beer summit with:

President Obama. "I'm assuming that having a beer with him would include a tour and drinks at the presidential home brewery."

If his beer was a person it would be: Phil Lesh from the Grateful Dead

Why his beer fit for the championship: "It's perfectly balanced and it's got a nice, refreshing flavor."



— Eli Rosenberg

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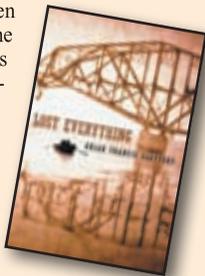
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WORD's pick: "Lost Everything"

by Brian Francis Slattery

Brian Francis Slattery has written another apocalypse novel, and I for one hope he never stops. "Lost Everything" is an incredibly timely and moving meditation on war — who and what do we fight for? Who are we fighting against? And, of course, in true Slattery style, he has also written a novel bursting at the seams with laughter and hijinks, parties I wish I could be present at, and prose that carries you along the same way that the Susquehanna carries his protagonists.

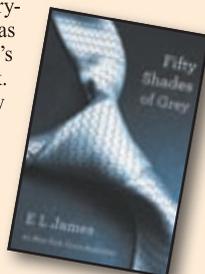
— Jenn Northington, event manager, WORD [126 Franklin St. at Milton Street in Greenpoint, (718) 383-0096].



The BookMark Shoppe's pick: "Fifty Shades of Grey" by E.L. James

Since its release date, I have been trying to act as an adult and not cringe as sixty-something's and seventy-something's come running in breathless for this book. And as a bookseller during the last few months, all I have heard talk of has been this sensual title, Fifty Shades of Grey. I finally gave in over the weekend and brought a copy home. While not meant to be known for its literature or witty prose; it is an enjoyable entertaining read for women of all ages. It gives us all a little something to daydream about... The most fun after reading this title will be discussing it with girlfriends over a glass of wine!

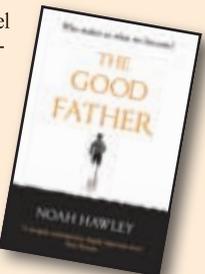
— Bina Valenzano, co-owner, The BookMark Shoppe [8415 Third Ave. between 84th and 85th streets in Bay Ridge, (718) 833-5115].



Greenlight's pick: "The Good Father" by Noah Hawley

This is an absorbing and honest novel about the responsibilities—and limitations—of being a parent and our capacity to provide our children with unconditional love in the face of an unthinkable situation. A divorced father has moved on from an unsuccessful marriage and has since re-married. He experiences the stresses, pressures and guilt involved in split family parenthood. His eldest son goes back and forth between the homes of both his parents. He is seemingly okay, and he appears to be a good kid, but then something slowly derails and his father wonders if his child has been lost to him, questions who his son is, and wonders, could his son truly have done the horrific thing that the news reports are saying he did? It's a parent's worst nightmare and this book addresses some of the biggest fears in parenthood in profound, highly readable, and emotionally page-turning ways.

— Rebecca Fitting, co-owner of Greenlight Bookstore [686 Fulton St. between S. Elliott Place and S. Portland Avenue in Fort Greene, (718) 246-0200].



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FRI, APRIL 20

ARIANNA CAROSSA, ARGO BY ARIANNA CAROSSA: NURTUREart is pleased to present Argo, a solo exhibition by Italian artist Arianna Carossa. **Free.** 12 pm. NURTUREart Gallery [56 Bogart Street, Between McKibbin St and Harrison Pl in Bushwick, (718) 782-7755], nurtureart.org.

SAT, APRIL 21

THEATER, "ALL WEAR BOWLERS": Humorous tale of two silent film stars that fall off the stage and find themselves trapped in a haunted theater. \$25. 8 pm. Kingsborough Community College [2001 Oriental Blvd. at Decatur Avenue in Manhattan Beach, (718) 368-5000].

ARTS AND CULTURE FEST: The Creative Side launches a one-of-a-kind market for artists, craft makers and designers. **Free.** 10 am–4 pm. Parkside Plaza (Parkside Ave. at Ocean Avenue in Flatbush), www.artsculturefest.com.

QUILT SHOW: Hosted by the Quilters Guild of Brooklyn, Color Wheels, a geometric pattern designed and pieced by guild member Kate haller will be raffled off. Vendors and silent auction. \$8 (\$5 seniors; Free children under 12). 10 am–6 pm. The Block Institute (376 Bay 44th St. in Bensonhurst), www.quiltbrooklyn.org.

ART, MICHAEL ALAN: The artist presents "We Are All Living Installations". \$20. 7 and 10 pm. DUMBO Arts Center [30 Washington St. between Plymouth and Water streets in DUMBO, (718) 694-0831], www.dumboartscenter.org.

ROCK CONCERT: Dr. Harry and the Brooklyn All Star Band performs rock classics to benefit The HeartShare School, a non-profit school for children with autism spectrum disorders. \$20 (in advance; \$25 at the door). 7 pm. St. Finbar's Auditorium [1825 Bath Ave. at 18th Avenue in Bensonhurst, (718) 422-3213], www.theheartshareschool.org.

CONCERT, FUNDRAISER: Special guest vocalists and Brooklyn One Jazz Orchestra will perform to benefit the Guild for Exceptional Children. Plus 50/50 raffle. \$25. 8 pm. The Norwegian Christian Home [1250 67th St. and 12th Avenue in Dyker Heights, (917) 656-8374].

SUN, APRIL 22

COMMUNITY DAY: Mass and multi-cultural performance celebrating the diversity of the neighborhood. **Free.** 11 am. St. Francis College [180 Remsen St., between Court and Clinton streets in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 489-5272].

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].

MIL'S TRILLS: It's earth day and Mill's trills is celebrating with a concert for babies and toddlers to 4. Bring blankets, shakers and instruments. \$15. 2 pm. Mable's Smokehouse [44 Berry St. at N. 11th Street in Williamsburg, (718) 218-6655].

EARTH-DAY: Sponsored by National Grid, children and adults learn how to protect our earth, through live music, arts and crafts and educational displays. **Free.** 3 pm. Brooklyn Center for the Performing Arts at Brooklyn College [2900 Campus Rd., between Amersfort Place and Kenilworth Place in Midwood, (718) 951-4500], www.brooklyncenteronline.org.

EARTH DANCES: Roman "Redhawk" Perez, accompanies singer August Michael in a performance of classical and contemporary choreography in celebration of Earth Day. **Free.** 3 pm. Salt Marsh Nature Center [3302 Avenue U in Marine Park, (718) 421-2021].

CLUB, CHESS CLUB: Club forming for children 6 to 10 to meet and play; A coach will be on hand to help students hone their game skills. Admission fee provides for the coach, supplies and hopefully tournament costs. Sponsored by Town Square. \$100 (for whole six months). 4 pm. Call for location, (917) 957-1714.

MON, APRIL 23

THEATER, "BAD EVIDENCE": Two act play that recently premiered at the Cell Theater in Chelsea. **Free.** 12:30 pm. St. Francis College [180 Remsen St., between Court and Clinton streets in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 489-5272].

READING, BOOKS AND WAR: Author Ben Anderson will join journalist Michael Hast-



Back in bowlers: Trey Lyford and Geoff Sobelle are reviving their hit show, "All Wear Bowlers," at Kingsborough Community College on April 21 after a five-year hiatus.

ings and discuss his new book, "No Worse Enemy: The Inside Struggle of the Chaotic Struggle for Afghanistan." **Free.** 7 pm. PowerHouse Arena [37 Main St. at Water Street in DUMBO, (718) 666-3049], www.powerhousearena.com.

CONCERT, BEDROOM ROCK: Washed Out nee Ernest Greene brings his unique blend of sleepy synthpop to Billyburg. \$20/advance \$23/door. 8 pm. Music Hall of Williamsburg [66 N. Sixth St. between Kent and Wythe avenues in Williamsburg, (718) 486-5400], www.musicallofwilliamsburg.com.

TUES, APRIL 24

READING, READING: Kris D'Agostino and Leigh Stein. **Free.** 7–9 pm. PowerHouse Arena [37 Main St. at Water Street in DUMBO, (718) 666-3049], powerhousearena.com.

WED, APRIL 25

WRITING WORKSHOP: Teens get helpful hints on their short stories, essays and poetry. **Free.** 5 pm. Coney Island Public Library [1901 Mermaid Ave. at West 19th Street in Coney Island, (718) 265-3220], www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org.

WORKSHOP, TANGO LESSONS: Reading, Seamus Mullen: the chef turned author launches his new book "Hero Food." RSVP required. **Free.** 7–9 pm. PowerHouse Arena [37 Main St. at Water Street in DUMBO, (718)

666-3049], www.powerhousearena.com.

GAY LIFE EXPO: Wedding, fashion, travel music and more. **Free.** 7–10 pm. Dyker Beach Golf Course [86th St. at Seventh Avenue in Dyker Heights, (718) 629-9299].

THURS, APRIL 26

THEATER, "ZELDA, SCOTT & ERNEST": Production examines the relationship between F. Scott Fitzgerald, his wife and their friend Ernest Hemingway. **Free.** 11 am–noon. St. Francis College [180 Remsen St., between Court and Clinton streets in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 489-5272].

FRI, APRIL 27

MUSIC, SPRING CONCERT: Performed by the St. Francis College Choir. **Free.** 6 pm. St. Francis College [180 Remsen St., between Court and Clinton streets in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 489-5272].

SAT, APRIL 28

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

SAKURA MATSURI 2012: Celebrate traditional and contemporary Japanese culture with more than 60 events and performers including Taiko Drumming, Manga artist; J-Pop Bands, Tea ceremonies, Samurai Sword Fighting, Cosplay Fashion Show, Bonsai demos, Minbu Folk Dancing, children's workshops, and Puzzle Plaza. \$15 (Free for members). 10 am. Brooklyn Botanic Garden [1000 Washington Ave., at Eastern Parkway in Crown Heights, (718) 623-7220], www.bbg.org.

GOLF FEST: Stop by and demo out the latest golf equipment and enjoy complimentary hitting and swing tips from pros, a kids corner and hot dogs and beverages. \$15 (\$10 children). Noon–6 pm. Chelsea Piers [23rd St. and the Hudson River in Chelsea, (212) 336-6800], www.chelseapiers.com.

RUM DISTILLERY GRAND OPENING: Van Brunt Stillhouse celebrates its grand opening with beer and barbecue. **Free.** 4 pm. Van Brunt Stillhouse (6 Bay Street in Red Hook), www.vanbruntstillhouse.com.

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Hot Appetizers:

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- Cheese Cigars.....\$8
- Quattro Formaggio Puff Pastry (2 pieces).....\$6
- Thai Salad w/ Beef.....\$14, w/ Salmon.....\$15, w/ Shrimps.....\$16

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

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Desserts:

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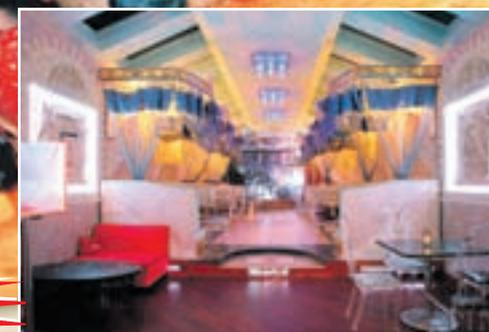


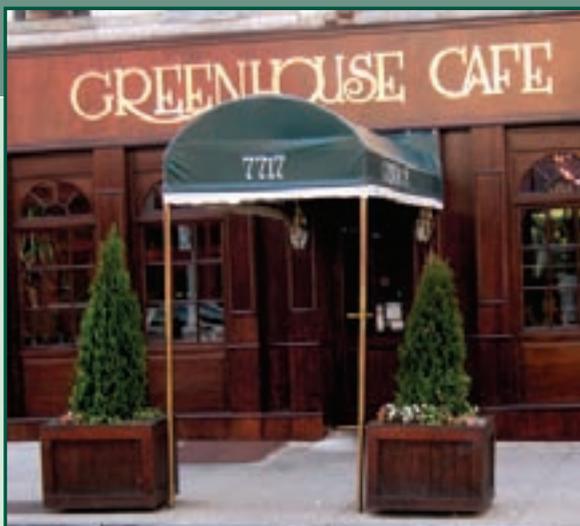
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Cilegine
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House Salad
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Baked Clams

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LEGAL NOTICE

The Board of Trustees of the Hebrew Language Academy Charter School will meet on Thursday, April 19, 2012 at 6 East 39th Street, 10th Fl., New York, NY 10016 at 6:30 PM. The meeting is open to the public.

LEGAL NOTICE

The NYC Board of Standards and Appeals has scheduled a public hearing on the following application: Variance (§72-21) for the addition of a third floor to an existing two family residential building which is contrary to front yard requirements ZR 23-146(c) Front Yards and side yard requirement ZR 23-146(d). R5 Borough Park zoning district. Address: 812 Dahill road, northwest corner of Dahill Road and 19th Avenue,

LEGAL NOTICE

Block 5445, Lot 39, Borough of Brooklyn. Applicant: Moshe M. Friedman, P.E., for Aaron Herzog, owner. Community Board No.: 12BK This application, Cal. No.: 5-12-BZ, has been calendared for Public Hearing on Tuesday, May 8, 2012, 1:30 P.M., session, 40 Rector Street, 6th floor Hearing Room "E", Borough of Manhattan. Interested persons or associations may appear at the hearing to present testimony regarding this application. This application can be reviewed at the Board offices, Monday through Friday, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. This notice is published by the applicant in accordance with the Rules of Procedure of the Board of Standards and Appeals. Dated: April 12, 2012 Moshe M Friedman P.E., Applicant

LEGAL NOTICE

484 Mcdonald Insurance Agency, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/23/12. Office in Kings County. SSNY designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 474 Mcdonald Ave 2nd Fl, Brooklyn, NY 11218. Purpose: General.

LEGAL NOTICE

BROOKLYN ARTLAB LLC, a domestic LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/03/2012. Office location: Kings County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process

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LEGAL NOTICE

CDL Design LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/20/12. Office in Kings County. SSNY designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 1227 51st St, Brooklyn, NY 11219. Purpose: General.

LEGAL NOTICE

MEMORABLE CREATIONS BY FELICIA, LLC, a domestic LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 6/15/11. Office location: Kings County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 249 New York Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11216. General Purposes.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 239 KINGSLAND AVENUE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 03/29/12. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 97 Greenpoint Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11222. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 291 CARROLL STREET LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 03/22/12. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to c/o Ronald S. Pohl, Esq., The Pohl Law Group LLC, 60 E. 42nd St., NY, NY 10165. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: LAUREN'S PLACE A MONTESSORI HOME DAY CARE, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 02/03/2012. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: CORPORATION SERVICE COMPANY 80 STATE STREET ALBANY, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: ARTIGO TOURS LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 03/12/2012. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: C/O UNITED STATES

LEGAL NOTICE

CORPORATION AGENTS, INC. 7014 13TH AVENUE, SUITE 202, BROOKLYN, NY 11228. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of RPH Properties, LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 2/21/12. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 103 Dobbin St., Brooklyn, NY 11222. Purpose: any lawful activities.

LEGAL NOTICE

ORQUIDIA REALTY LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 03/16/12. Office Location: Kings County, SSNY designated ad agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: The LLC, 3332-3334 Fulton St., Brooklyn, NY 11208. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act.

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Parkway Residence LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/2/08. Office in Kings County. SSNY designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 1080 Mcdonald Ave Ste 340, Brooklyn, NY 11230. Duration Date: 12/31/2099. Purpose: General.

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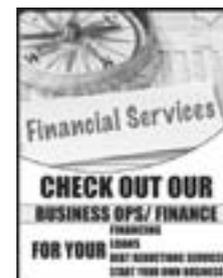
SHK Construction LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/22/11. Office in Kings County. SSNY designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 329 Hewes St., Brooklyn, NY 11211. Purpose: General.

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THE NL HAIRSTYLISTS, LLC, a domestic LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/26/2012. Office location: Kings County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Joe Cirignigliaro, 130 W. 42nd St. 23rd Fl, NY, NY 10036. Reg Agent: Joe Cirignigliaro, 130 W. 42nd St. 23rd Fl, NY, NY 10036. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

LEGAL NOTICE

We Got Nuts LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/21/12. Office in Kings County. SSNY designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 1542 45th St., Brooklyn, NY 11219. Purpose: General



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● 'I did the best I can throughout the last months ... I think they see what I can do.'

— Bishop Loughlin's Ayana Ratliff

● 'I'm just real proud of myself and the achievement.'

— Xaverian's Laray Smith

Bon Jovi's son gives Poly lacrosse a good name

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Jesse Bongiovi was born to be Jon Bon Jovi's baby, but, baby, he was made to be a great lacrosse player!

The son of the Grammy-nominated crooner who is shooting for Poly Prep's stickmen, says he's just like any other player at the Bay Ridge private school — and it is just a coincidence that his dad sings, "Wanted, Dead or Alive."

And when it comes to sports, the Jersey native is certainly tuned into his father's working-class ethos, earning the Poly Prep Blue Devils' lacrosse team's "dirty work," manning the face-off, where two players fight to gain control of the ball when its placed between them. Working the face off is clearly no bed of roses, coach Brooks Sweet said.

"It's a grueling position," Sweet said of his junior specialist. "He's a hard-nosed kid, but he's the guy who can control a lot of these games for us."

Bongiovi said his father and mom, Dorothea Hurley, aren't giving love a bad name, but they never treated him like a pampered celebrity child, even though dear old dad's crew was named the second richest band in 2011, just behind U2.

The teen says he's rarely recognized as the "Slippery When Wet" singer's son — even though he's in-



CRISS-CROSSE: Poly Prep's Jesse Bongiovi, son of rocker Jon Bon Jovi (inset), is the team's new face-off specialist.

Photo by Denis Gostev

herited his dad's blue eyes and dirty blond locks.

"Most people out on the street don't really know who I am," Bongiovi said.

"They know my dad. Most of the time, I just get to be a normal 17-year-old kid."

He admits to playing a little guitar, but says the one thing his father taught him was the importance of a strong work ethic.

"My dad is always a big believer in working hard. If you work hard, you kind of get what you work for," Bongiovi said. "He has an unbelievable commitment that I look up to. He'll come home Saturday mornings,

I'll sleep in and he'll be like, 'I just ran five miles. What did you do today?' It inspires me to come out here and work hard."

Bongiovi's own hard work and dedication is paying off on the lacrosse field: he's a starter on the defending New York State Association of Independent Schools Athletic Association champion.

He's won more than 50 percent of draws to start the year, and scored his first varsity goal for Poly Prep (1-2) in a 12-6 loss to Fieldston on April 13.

Bongiovi began playing the sport in seventh grade and learned the position as

a freshman after he volunteered for the team when a player got hurt. He was called up from the junior varsity last year to replace another injured player.

"I kind of honed in some skills last year, but it's a different level playing up on varsity and doing the face-offs," he said. "There has been a bit of a learning curve."

Bon Jovi and his wife have tried to keep Jesse and their other three children out of the spotlight and declined to comment for the story, wanting to keep the focus on their son.

Bongiovi said his pop is *Continued on Page 40*



DOUBLE WIN: Xaverian's Laray Smith (center) won the 100-meter dash at the NYC Mayor's Cup.

Xaverian football star shines in track

BY MIKE SMOLLINS

It's all in the legs.

Laray Smith, who tore up the football field as a running back for Xaverian High School last fall, showed off his track and field skills on April 14 at the Mayor's Cup at Icahn Stadium on Randall's Island, where the best track stars of New York City were showcased.

Smith earned two victories, first for the 100-meter dash when he beat out six others, including Cardinal Hayes running back DeQuan June, with a personal best time of 10.73 seconds. Smith followed it up by besting seven others in the 200-meter dash with a time of 21.64 seconds.

"I'm just real proud of myself and the achievement," Smith said. "I'm just gonna keep grinding and hope I can continue the success."

Despite winning two events, Smith said was disappointed in his time in the 200-meter race.

"I was kind of expecting to win the 200 because it's one of my main events," he said. "I was expecting a better time than that, but

it's alright. It's decent but I wanted to run lower."

While Smith had a big day, Bronx Science's Adam Yohanan also scored a victory, though he admitted it was tough to stay focused since he was on spring break. Yohanan beat out 32 others, clocking in at 1:56.27 in the 800 meter.

"I'm happy to be at the Mayor's Cup but it's been a rough week for me," Yohanan said. "Spring break during senior year there are a lot of distractions. I just got a good night's sleep last night and showed up ready and focused."

Yohanan paced himself throughout the race and came from behind to win the 800 meter race.

"I wasn't worried about time, I just wanted to keep up with the leaders," Yohanan said. "In the 800 it's not about the first six but about the last two. That's where the race was won. My legs were moving and it was all instinct at that point."

Yohanan said he thrives off of coming from *Continued on Page 41*

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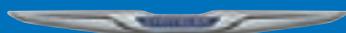
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Mason is Radford bound

BY MARC RAIMONDI

High school hoops star Diani Mason didn't want to go to just any college when she graduated Bishop Ford last June, but a nagging foot injury short-circuited what would have been a promising senior season and she didn't get the offers she would have liked — a few Division IIs and some junior colleges.

"I didn't want to go to a school feeling like I didn't do the best I could do," she said. "I wanted to go to a prep school, but things kind of fell apart with that."

Mason, who was one of the best scoring guards in the city as a junior, played Amateur Athletic Union ball last summer in South Carolina and spent the winter competing with PrimeTime Prep, an independent program that traveled around the country for games against teams like it.

Instead of attending a school, she worked at Justice, a clothing store in Queens Center mall.

It wasn't the typical path to becoming a Division I women's basketball player — but that's what Mason will be next year.

This past weekend, Mason signed a Letter of Intent with Radford out of the Big South Conference and will head to summer classes there in late June. Mason found everything she was looking for with the Highlanders.

"It's like a weight off my shoulders," she said. "I'm looking forward to it."

To Mason, Radford is a lot like Ford, where she transferred to as a sophomore from Academy of American Studies, a small public school in Queens. The Highlanders are guard-oriented and they play a fast-paced style. Radford, which first saw her in the summer, finished 16-16 and 9-9 in the Big South.

"They weren't always good, but you see them getting better," Mason said. "They're making themselves known."

Radford, Va, is a small city with a population of less than 20,000 people. Mason said that didn't bother her too much, because there are still things to do. Plus, she wants to focus on basketball and school anyway.

Her future teammates are what



THE RIGHT FIT: Bishop Ford grad Diani Mason (left) made her college choice this weekend, signing with Radford.

Photo by Denis Gostev

sold her on Radford in the first place. Mason said the Highlanders were unlike any other team she's ever seen.

"The team gets along so good," Mason said. "They're always together. They hang out a lot. They're all goofy and I'm goofy."

But her waiting for the right fit worked. Mason also had junior colleges interested, but she wanted to jump right into a four-year school. It was somewhat of a meandering jour-

ney and Mason admitted being worried at times, but it has all worked out for her.

"She felt it was best to wait for a situation that made her most comfortable, whereas some kids rush into a situation for the sake of saying I'm a collegiate athlete," Ford coach Mike Toro said. "She will bring instant scoring to Radford. She is more than capable of competing on the Division I level."

a bit shocked to hear that he was related to rock royalty, but famous children are not uncommon at Poly Prep.

All of Meryl Streep's children went to the Bay Ridge private school with the sprawling campus. "Sopranos" star Steve Schirripa sent both his daughters there, and Mets re-

liever John Franco's son JJ was a star baseball player at Poly.

Fieldston's Sam Healy said he knew Bon Jovi's son went to Poly Prep, but didn't know he was facing off against him on the field.

"He was good," Healy said. "He was definitely faster on the clamp than I was."

Wolves rout Xaverian for title

BY ZACH BRAZILLER

In the third inning, Grand Street Campus's baseball team was told to put its large drum away, get rid of the horn, and table the guira, a percussion instrument from the Dominican Republic.

But that was fine with the Wolves, who had another instrument waiting in the dugout — their baseball bats.

And that crack was a sweeter sound than any drum could make, players said after crushing Xaverian 13-6 at Monroe in the Bronx on April 13.

Grand Street exploded for seven fourth-inning runs on four hits and cruised to its second straight Monroe Tournament crown.

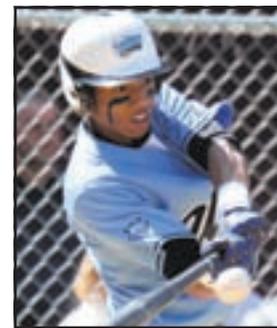
"It really does feel good winning this, because as [Monroe coach] Mike Turo said, this is the strongest, best field he's ever had," Grand Street coach Melvin Martinez said. "I think we proved to the whole world we can do this."

Martinez, of course, referring to a city title — the ultimate goal.

"This is part one," center fielder Basael (Ralphy) McDonald said. "Part two is in June."

McDonald, the speedy junior, repeated as tournament MVP after scoring three runs, driving in another and stealing two bases. Maryland-bound Jose Cuas drove in the go-ahead runs in the fourth with a ringing double up the right-center field gap and the Wolves drew 14 walks from four Xaverian pitchers. On just three days' rest, sophomore Alex Cuas (Jose's brother) delivered five innings of six-hit, three-strikeout ball.

The momentum-turning fourth was similar to the nine-run ninth Grand Street put together in a 10-2 quarterfinal win over Monroe. Once a few members of the team got hits, the pressure was taken off and everyone joined the party, one line drive into



DOUBLE THE FUN: Grand Street's Jose Cuas had a two-run double in the win over Xaverian.

Photo by Christina Santucci

the gap after another.

Elijah Rodriguez got the first big hit, a two-run single off the right-field fence, Jose Cuas followed with his two-run double, Kevin Martir plated Jose Cuas with a single and Gerry Gonzalez drove in two more with an opposite-field single.

"From one through nine, we're all great hitters," McDonald said. "Once somebody gets a hit, we all start hitting."

Xaverian, it should be noted, didn't get beat with its best. Ace Blaise Scerbo hasn't pitched in three weeks because of a sore arm. Number two starter Frank Kaplan closed out two prior victories in the showcase and was unavailable. And third starter John Pena, who beat Grand Street on Monday, was being held for Saturday's league contest against Holy Cross.

That in no way excused the Clippers' subpar pitching, coach Lou Piccola said.

"Pitching — lack of it — that was the difference," he said. "We walked 14 batters. Any hit they get it's gonna multiply. Pitching wasn't there today."

Grand Street stormed the mound on the final pitch, celebrating the title in the prestigious showcase. They even brought out the drum and the guira for the moment. Winning this tournament, though satisfying, isn't the end-

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Bongiovi

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very supportive of his lacrosse playing and comes to his games regularly.

Bongiovi said his classmates were

Ratliff leads Brooklyn to championship

BY MARC RAIMONDI

Ayana Ratliff's stock continues to soar.

Less than a month after leading Bishop Loughlin to the New York State Federation Class A championship, the hoop star helped the Brooklyn and Staten Island team to a dominant, 84-44 win over Queens in the Wheelchair Charities High School Basketball Classic championship game on April 12 at York College in Queens.

Ratliff had 15 points last Thursday night, adding to her 13-point total in a semifinal win against The Bronx the day before. The unsigned 5-foot-8 guard dropped 30 points in the Federation final last month against Curtis.

"I just try to play my game and wait and see what kind of colleges I can get," Ratliff said sheepishly.

The lanky scoring machine still doesn't have a Division I offer, but she got good news this week: a qualifying SAT score. Ratliff is looking into going down to the Boo Williams Amateur Athletic Union tournament next weekend in order to get seen by more coaches.

"I think I did the best I can throughout the last months and these games," she said. "I think they see what I can do."

Brooklyn and Staten Island coach Anwar Gladden was impressed over the last few weeks. He believes she is "absolutely" a Division I player, but blossomed late and didn't travel on the Amateur Athletic Union circuit early enough.

"She's good," Gladden said. "I'm happy it's working out for her. I'm anxious to see where she ends up. I wish her good luck with that."

This is Gladden's third year coaching the Brooklyn and Staten Island squad and his first championship. This is an event that he has an affinity for and was organized in how he put together his team. He ran three tryouts and cut players the fourth day. Gladden was proactive in getting the word out there that the Wheelchair event was happening and its significance.

"I let every coach in Brooklyn and Staten Island know," Gladden said. "I let the Public School Athletic League know. I wish the spark came back. Years ago, this was like the McDonald's game in New York City. This was the big thing. This was the top players from the city."

Bishop Ford's Aaliyah Lewis had 10 points and Bishop Loughlin's Nyree Alston and Goldstein's Nora Elbassiony each had nine points for Brooklyn and Staten Island. Reana Mohamed of Mary Louis had 16 points, Murry Bergtraum's Jasmine Nwajei had eight points, and Long Island Lutheran's Staci Barrett added seven points.

Ratliff was named team and tournament most valuable player. That's another trophy for a girl who has been piling them up recently.

"She has good size, can get to the basket, can handle, can shoot," Gladden said. "The skills are there to play on the next level."



ROLLING THROUGH: Brooklyn's Ayana Ratliff had 15 points to lead her team to the Wheelchair Charities High School Basketball Classic title. Photo by Denis Gostev

Track

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behind to win races. The senior kept pace and eventually overtook the lead to win the race.

Comebacks were a theme throughout the afternoon as Thomas Jefferson's Sidgie Greene came from behind to win the boys 1,600-meter run.

Greene completed the race at 4:21.43, finishing off a huge comeback victory. Stuyvesant's Jack Stevenson was in the lead for virtually the entire race before Greene surged ahead and crossed the finish line ahead of him.

"I had to give it my all," Greene said. "All I had left is what I gave out there."

He said he felt like he had a chance to gain the lead on Stevenson once he got to the 200-meter mark, and it led to a Mayor's Cup victory for him.

"I saw that [Stevenson] kept looking back so I thought that if he was looking back he must be tired so I ran for it," Greene said.

Added Stevenson: "[Greene] and I have been racing against each other forever. I knew there were runners behind me and you never know what everyone behind you is going to do."

Greene, along with Smith and Yohanan, left Randall's Island knowing that they are the best in the city.

Xavier's Demitri Zaccarello can also say that after winning the 3,200 in 9:47.37 to

help his team win the meet with 30 points, beating out Farrell (25). Rudje Beckford of Clinton won the 100 hurdles in 14.99 and teammate Jeremiah Obeng won the 400 version of the race in 53.66. Francis Lewis's Michael Delligatti was the 3,000 steeplechase champ with a time of 9:37.93.

Samuel Juene of Lincoln was first in the high jump (6 feet), Farrell's Joe Crispi was the pole vault champ (13-03) and Truman's Michael Hall won the long jump with a leap of 21-00.25. Teammate Romario Gordon was the shot put champ with a toss of 48-04.00, Lehman's Fillan Lee placed first in the triple jump (44-09.00) and Xavier's Chris Magnowski was the discus champ in 129-07.

Wolves

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all, Martinez reminded his players as they posed for a team photo.

"Let's make sure we do this in June," he said.

Jose Cuas, the standout shortstop, didn't need reminding. He still remembers the pain of last year's semifinal sweep at the hands of Tottenville. This week, he said, was simply a confidence boost for him and his teammates, proof of what they are capable of.

Unlike last April, when Grand Street basked in the Monroe Tournament title, the Wolves spent the post-game talking about how this title sets them up for



ONCE AGAIN: Grand Street Campus celebrated its second straight Monroe Tournament title on April 13.

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the rest of the year.

"We're more focused on the one in June," Jose

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Occupancy Summer of 2012

# of Available Apartments	Apartment Size	HH Size*	Monthly Rent**	Total Minimum Annual Income	Total Maximum Annual Income ***
NHOP Units					
30	1 Bedroom	1-2	\$1,887	\$66,686	\$106,240
2	2 Bedroom(i)	1	\$2,273	\$80,023	\$106,240
		2	\$2,273	\$80,023	\$119,520
		3-4	\$2,273	\$80,023	\$132,800
49	2 Bedroom(i)	1	\$2,366	\$83,212	\$106,240
		2	\$2,366	\$83,212	\$119,520
		3-4	\$2,366	\$83,212	\$132,800
2	3Bedroom(ii)	2	\$2,729	\$96,206	\$119,520
		3	\$2,729	\$96,206	\$132,800
		4	\$2,729	\$96,206	\$143,520
		5-6	\$2,729	\$96,206	\$154,080
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16	1 Bedroom	1	\$377	\$14,915	\$17,450
		2	\$377	\$14,915	\$19,950
1	2 Bedroom	2	\$461	\$17,898	\$19,950
		3	\$461	\$17,898	\$22,450
		4	\$461	\$17,898	\$24,900
4	3 Bedroom	3	\$527	\$20,709	\$22,450
		4	\$527	\$20,709	\$24,900
		5	\$527	\$20,709	\$26,900
		6	\$527	\$20,709	\$28,900

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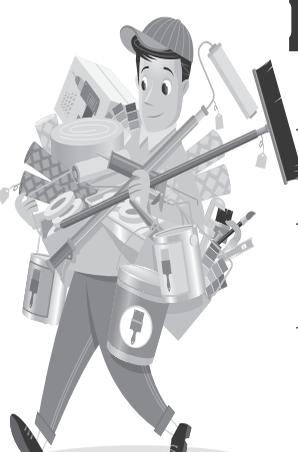
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