

Toxic talk at Trump

BY VANESSA OGLE

Seniors fighting the plan to replace Trump Village Shopping Center with a massive apartment tower are worried the project could move forward over their dead bodies.

At a meeting about the removal of the contaminated soil beneath the site, one resident expressed fear that stirring up the toxins could drive the opposition underground — literally.

“The harder it gets for us, the easier it gets for him — we’ll just decess faster,” said Rose Alder, a longtime Trump Village resident. “One way or another, a lot of lives will be shortened and that is good for the developer.”

National Grid — which acquired the company that used to operate a manufactured gas plant at the site — held a meeting at Trump Village Section Four on Feb. 23 to explain its plans for the cleanup of the soil, which is contaminated with coal tar and other chemicals, including mercury and cyanide.

The site was the former Dangman Manufactured Gas
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Happy New Year!

The God of Wealth pays celebrants a visit in Sunset Park to mark the start of the lunar new year on Feb. 21. For more on the fun, see page 6.

Photo by Georgine Benvenuto

SAFER STREETS FOR KIDS

Schools focus of car calming

BY VANESSA OGLE

The city has a plan to improve safety for pedestrians in the borough, and the woman in charge says it will pay particular attention to schools.

Commissioner of Transportation Polly Trottenberg unveiled her department’s new Vision Zero pedestrian safety action plan at a press conference at the Brooklyn Ascend Charter School on Feb. 19 and outlined plans to improve traffic safety in the area around the East Flatbush school.

“We heard about the issue of parents trying to pull up and bring their children to school and how we could make the area in front of the school safer for the children and the motorists,” said Trottenberg, who said the Department of Transportation is adding a midblock crossing as well as a median to prevent dangerous U-turns on Rockaway Park-

way near the school.

Vision Zero is a program that began one year ago under the DeBlasio administration with the goal of eventually eliminating pedestrian fatalities. To make Brooklyn safer, the department is focusing on revamping the crosswalks, which means altering crosswalk patterns so pedestrians are able to cross without any traffic. The department also wants to re-time rows of traffic lights. Currently, many traffic lights are synced to turn green at the same time, according to the department, and the deputy commissioner said these lights must be changed to penalize drivers who speed from light to light with the intention of trying to zoom through as many green lights as possible.

“We don’t want people to be rewarded for speeding —
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LIVERY CAT SERVICE

The fix is in at 'Hurst cab shop that spays, neuters feral kitties

BY MAX JAEGER

Finally, a car service that keeps stray cats from delivering kittens!

The Bensonhurst black car station spays and neuters stray cats two days a week. The owner of Big Apple Car has dedicated an office in her Bath Avenue base — and the building's entire basement — to the cause of fixing feral felines.

But don't worry, the procedure isn't done in transit.

"We actually have a surgery room here and an adoption center downstairs — the office is fully equipped," said owner Diana Clemente.

Local cat-control group Ferals in Peril facilitates the project. Trappers drop strays off at the station on Sundays and Mondays, vets sterilize the adorable animals, and the trappers can even pick them up the same day, Clemente said. Most feral cats aren't socialized enough to be adopted, so they are released after getting the birth-control procedure and necessary shots. But the building's basement serves as a recovery room and temporary home for adoptable kitties.

Having all that space is a blessing, said Peter Szalaiko of Ferals in Peril.

"One of the biggest problems in this business is post-op recovery space," he said.

Szalaiko started Ferals in Peril with his wife Denise in 1995, he said. Now his nephew volunteers in the Big Apple Car basement, cleaning up after the cats and socializing them for adoption. But hanging out with a gaggle of adorable cats all day is more work than play, the nephew said.

"It's a lot of work," said Alex Olynyk. "There's a lot of cleaning to do. And when people come to look at the cats, they're expecting them to jump in their arms and start purring."

In the past three years, Big Apple Car has given nearly 9,000 feral felines the old snip-snip, according to Clemente, helping to hold down the stay population.

"Do you realize how many cats have not been born because of that?" She said. "And still, it's like spitting in the ocean."

And the folk who drop off the feral fuzz balls aren't your typical cat fanatics, Szalaiko said

"The majority of people who bring cats here are people from various communities who want to control the level of feral cats in their immediate areas," he said.



CAT FANCIERS: (Above) Big Apple Car president Diana Clemente keeps a couple of cuddly friends in her office. She donated space in her black car service's station for use as a surgical center for feral cats. (Right) Peter Szalaiko of Ferals in Peril cuddles an adoptable kitty living temporarily in the car service's basement catery. Photos by Elizabeth Graham



Ferals in Peril raised \$19,000 to outfit the facility, Szalaiko said. The Toby Project, a cat-care organization started by Manhattan vet Andrew Kaplan, pays the vets for their time. The group collects donations and small vaccination fees to pay for supplies, and the rent is free, Szalaiko said. Ferals in Peril is also trying to get its paws on a \$10,000 grant from the Bruce Geary Foundation to fund surgeries, he said.

The genital re-jiggering is free, and trappers pay \$20 for inoculations, but they often get much more bang for their buck, Szalaiko said.

"This is a one-shot deal — these are cats off the street, and this is their one chance to get the care they need — so we try to diagnose whatever may be going on with them at the time and take care of it here," he said. "Those services at a regular vet would range anywhere from \$400 to 500."

The operation has kept some cats permanently as pets, but Clemente stressed that her office is not an animal shelter where people can dump unwanted pets.

"People know we do good deeds for

cats, and so far we've had two dumps, but we don't want people leaving them here," she said.

Clemente used to care for a feral colony herself, but the adorable animals' plights were an emotional overload, so she put unused space in her building to use instead, she said.

"I can't feed them any more — I get too emotional," she said. "So I wanted to help in my own way."

Anyone interested in donating time or money to Ferals in Peril can call (917) 808-1231.

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Expert: Current tolls make no cents

BY MATTHEW PERLMAN

A plan to put tolls on all bridges and tunnels and drop existing ones could help ease Brooklyn traffic, a respected traffic guru said last week.

The scheme, devised by former Department of Transportation deputy commissioner Sam Schwartz, also known as Gridlock Sam, with the advocacy group Move NY, would levy new tolls on the free East River crossings and decrease existing tolls by \$2.50. One goal is encouraging drivers to use the bridges and tunnels that are better connected to the highway system.

The current pricing policy does the opposite, Schwartz said on Feb. 19 at a town hall meeting in Downtown's YWCA.

"Our policy is to encourage people to leave the highways and go on city streets," he said.

Keeping cars and trucks on the highways is a safety issue, he said.

"On a highway, you do not hit pedestrians. On city streets, you do," Schwartz said.

Another aim of the new pricing structure is the \$14-billion hole in the Metropolitan Transportation Authority's



SAM THE MAN: Sam Schwartz came to Downtown to give a presentation about the new tolling scheme he developed with Move NY. CNG / Matthew Perlman

charges more for bridges and tunnels that lack alternative modes of transportation, such as the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge, which currently costs \$10.66 for E-ZPass users, while giving drivers a free ride over spans that are near mass transit, such as the Brooklyn Bridge.

The proposal calls for charging drivers traveling over the Brooklyn, Manhattan, and Williamsburg bridges \$5.54 each way with E-ZPass, while reducing the toll by \$2.50 on the crossings that currently charge. It also prescribes fees for motorists traveling in Manhattan below 60th Street.

Assemblywoman Jo Anne Simon (D-Brooklyn Heights) said avoiding the toll at the Brooklyn-Battery Tunnel was a habit she picked up as soon as she moved to the borough in 1981, and that everyone else does the same thing.

"One of the first things I learned was don't take the Battery Tunnel because it's free to go over the Brooklyn Bridge," she said at the meeting. "The bridges have created these wonky traffic patterns all around avoiding a toll."

She added that 50 percent

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\$32-billion four-year capital budget, a problem Assemblyman Jim Brennan (D-Park Slope) calls dire.

"We have a mass-transit funding crisis," he said at the meeting, noting that Albany could authorize the transit agency to borrow money, but that would drive up subway and bus fares.

The plan would supposedly increase revenue by rejiggering the current tolling system, which Schwartz calls happenstance, and also streamline the way traffic moves around the city, he said.

The current toll structure



Ice, ice bay-by

Gravesend Bay was a patchwork of ice on Feb. 24 after weeks of nearly constant below-freezing weather transformed the body and parts of the lower harbor into a giant ice floe. The Bay froze solid in 1917, trapping boats and temporarily cutting Coney Island off from coal shipments, which were delivered by boat, according to the New York Times.

Photo by Steve Solomonson

Midwood man convicted of raping 13-year-old

BY VANESSA OGLE

A 42-year-old Midwood man who raped a 13-year-old girl in the laundry room of her Gravesend apartment building almost two years ago was convicted of first-degree rape and an array of other charges on Feb. 18, according to the borough's top lawman.

Bennett Castello followed his victim into her apartment building and forced her into the building's laundry room on April 29, 2013 at 3 pm, according to District Attorney Ken Thompson. Then Castello threatened the teenager with scissors, groped and raped her, and then told her he'd kill her if she told anyone what he did to her.

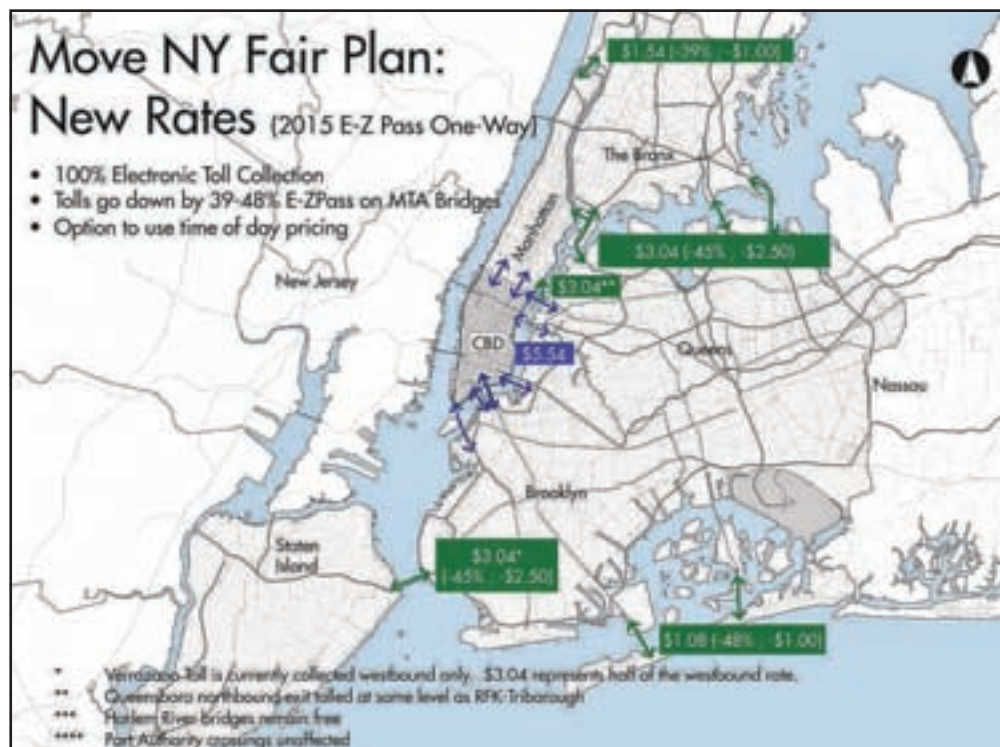
The district attorney said Castello's heinous attack

means he should be ostracized from society — and he said the punishment will fit the crime.

"This defendant's brutal attack on an innocent and defenseless child is unforgivable," Thompson said. "He has proven himself unfit to live in a civilized society and now must be locked up as punishment for his deplorable crimes and to protect others."

Castello was convicted of two counts of first-degree rape, two counts of predatory sexual assault, one count of first-degree sexual abuse, and one count of first-degree burglary as a sexually motivated felony.

Castello faces 25 years to life in prison. His sentencing is scheduled for March 18.



TOLL TIME: This map shows proposed pricing for the city's bridges and tunnels under a plan developed by "Gridlock" Sam Schwartz and Move NY.

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SHOT IN THE DARK: Police swarmed Bayview Place in Canarsie Sunday night hunting for the gunman who murdered Shakim Rivera with a bullet to his head. Photo by Steve Solomonson

Murder in Canarsie

BY VANESSA OGLE

A 27-year-old man was murdered with a gunshot to the head on a Canarsie street on Feb. 22, police say.

Authorities found Shakim Rivera of Crown Heights unconscious on Bayview Place near Remsen Avenue at 6:31

pm. Emergency medical services transported Rivera to Brookdale Hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

Police swarmed the neighborhood Sunday night in search of the gunman, but said there have been no arrests and the investigation is ongoing.

Anyone with information regarding either incident is asked to call Crime Stoppers at (800) 577-8477. The public can also submit tips by logging onto the Crime Stoppers website at www.nypdcrimestoppers.com or by texting tips to 274637 (CRIMES) then entering TIP577.

Trio fails to steal coin machine from apartment laundry room

BY VANESSA OGLE

Police are asking for the public's help finding the three men who they say tried to steal a coin machine from the laundry room of an apartment complex in Sheepshead Bay on Feb. 15.

Cops say the men broke into the building on Homecrest Avenue near Neptune Avenue at 1 am. The building superintendent discovered the aftermath of the attempted burglary the next morning, according to authorities.

Police said the men are all estimated to be in their late 20s or early 30s.



UNCLEAN: Police are looking for these three men, who they say tried to steal a coin machine from a laundry room. NYPD



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Bridgeview to stay a diner under new ownership

BY MAX JAEGER

Regulars at a Bay Ridge diner won't have to take the check just yet, according to the soon-to-be-former owner of the neighborhood institution.

The proprietor of the Bridgeview Diner is selling his restaurant after 35 years, but the greasy spoon on Third Avenue at 90th Street isn't going anywhere, he said, because he sold it to a former business partner who will keep it open as is.

The longtime owner and founder is turning 77 in April and he said he's had his fill of the food industry.

"I'm getting too old — this is a 24-hour operation, and I have to be here seven days a week," said owner Gus Panteleakis, a consummate professional who wears a suit and tie to work every day. "I don't want to sell it — it's like my kid, but I'm tired."

Panteleakis signs the business over next month to restaurateur Dimitrios Kaloidis, who owns four diners



KEEP THE COFFEE COMING: Gus Panteleakis is selling the Bridgeview after 35 years, but he said he'll still drop by for a cup of joe.

Photo by Georgine Benvenuto

in Brooklyn and Queens, a spokesman for Kaloidis said.

"I'm glad he bought it, because it's going to stay a diner," said Panteleakis, who lives in Bay Ridge. "He knows what he's doing."

Diners shared the senti-

ment.

"Where else would I get a burger at 4 am?" said patron Jamar Wright.

Little will change about the operation, for now.

"It's more or less going to stay the same — they might add a couple items to the menu," said Paul Kerantzas, an accountant for Kaloidis. "It might be spruced up, but there are no immediate plans. [Kaloidis] wants to get in first."

Kaloidis owns the land the diner sits on, so the eatery could sling Greek and American fare — as well as homemade pastries — for years to come, he said.

Kaloidis also owns the Arch Diner in Canarsie and the Floridian in Flatlands.

Panteleakis may be getting out of the diner business, but he said he still plans to stop in on occasion.

"I'll be here for coffee," he said. "A lot of customers of mine are friends. I have the best clientele in New York state."



EAT ON: New owners of the beloved Bridgeview Diner will keep the Ridge eatery as-is, according to founder Gus Panteleakis.

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Happy Lunar New Year!

BY MAX JAEGER

They hoofed it down Eighth Avenue for the Year of the Sheep.

Sunset Parkers celebrated the Chinese Lunar New Year with a parade on Feb. 22.

Revelers exchanged gifts, watched traditional dance displays, and lit fireworks to ward off bad luck in the coming year. The parade was organized by the Brooklyn Chinese-American Association, which has put on the event for the last 28 years. The cultural group credits its New Year's festivities with fostering Brooklyn's Chinatown in Sunset Park.

"[L]ess than a month after its initial establishment, the Association accom-

plished its first large-scale project — a Lunar New Year Parade in Sunset Park," the organizations's website states. "This joyous celebration held on a dreary street brought together people of diverse ethnic backgrounds, and successfully marked a turning point for Sunset Park. Within one year there was a 300 percent growth in business and in the Asian population in Sunset Park and surrounding neighborhoods. No one could have ever conceived of a 'Brooklyn Chinatown' before 1988. After the parade, a 'Brooklyn Chinatown' seemed inevitable."

This year's festivities in-

cluded dragon dancing — a work of collaborative puppeteering in which dancers manipulate a giant dragon costume — and a visit from the God of Wealth.

China and some other Asian countries use a calendar based on the phases of the moon rather than the sun's position in the sky, so the Chinese Lunar New Year does not align with New Year in the Western calendar. This year, Feb. 19 marked the first day of the Chinese calendar.

This year is also called the year of the ram and goat, because the Chinese zodiac symbol refers to a sub-genus of hoofed animals rather than a specific species.

LUNACY: (Above) Lunar New Year festival-goers perform a lion dance to ward off bad luck and evil spirits in Sunset Park on Feb. 21. (Center) Michele and Maggie Chen rock their 2015 glasses from the Gregorian new year last month. (Left) Tykes from an early childhood learning program greet revelers from a float. Photos by Georgine Benvenuto

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Bridge closure coming



BRIDGE TO NOWHERE: The pedestrian bridge that connects Manhattan Beach and Sheepshead Bay will be closed from March 1 to May 25. Photo by Georgine Benvenuto

BY VANESSA OGLE

For Manhattan Beach residents this is a bridge too far.

The Department of Transportation will close the pedestrian bridge that connects Emmons Avenue to Shore Boulevard from March 1 until May 25 for repairs. But one resident said the closure is going to impact the dozens of pedestrians who cross the bridge as part of their daily commute to and from the train station on Sheepshead Bay Road.

“A lot of those people that walk to the station walk over the bridge — that is the main part of the problem,” said Cliff Bruckenstein, a member of Community Board 15.

Without the bridge, residents must walk all the way around the bay, which adds an extra 10 or 15 minutes for pedestrians — and one longtime local said the department should wait until the weather is warmer before it begins work.

“You do it in the warm weather when people don’t have to walk across

the bridge. But on March 1— it is cold,” said Judy Baron, president of the Manhattan Beach Community Group. “There are other times of the year to do it.”

Baron said the bridge closure will be especially unfortunate for elderly or injured Manhattan Beach residents who won’t be able to handle the longer route, especially in the cold weather.

“People who are healthy can manage to walk around — people who are not healthy cannot manage to walk around,” she said.

The work on the bridge is necessary to combat an infestation of the wood-eating organisms called marine borers, according to a Department of Transportation spokesman.

Bruckenstein said the community board discussed adding a temporary bridge during the construction period, but it was simply too expensive. He said the construction will be a disruption but agreed that, ultimately, it is necessary.

“The work has to be done,” he said.

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Familiar faces for Cyclones

BY DAVID RUSSELL

Last year’s Cyclones skipper has just punched his ticket for another ride.

Tom Gamboa, who just missed the playoffs last season when he led Brooklyn’s Boys of Summer to a 42–34 record, will be back at the helm this year, the team has announced.

Gamboa is bringing back much of last year’s coaching staff, with pitching coach Tom Signone — whose hurlers led the league with a 2.74 earned-run average — coming back, along with trainer Kiyoshi Tada and conditioning coach Joe Lego.

Another familiar face will be Yunir Garcia, the former Cyclone (2003–04) who begins his first season as the team’s hitting instructor. Garcia, who

made it to triple-A ball in 2006, previously served as hitting coach for the Kingsport Mets of the Appalachian League.

Brooklyn hasn’t made the playoffs since 2012, and hasn’t finished in first place since 2007. The team’s last championship came in 2001, when it shared the title with the Williamsport Crosscutters.

The Clones 15th season begins on June 19 across the Narrows with a home-and-home set against the hated Staten Island Yankees. Opening Day at MCU Park will be the following night.

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BAY RIDGE-DYKER HEIGHTS

Computer cribbed

Three goons stole a lady's laptop near 66th Street and 12th Avenue in Dyker Heights on Feb. 20.

The guys jumped out of a car and ripped her computer bag from her arm before fleeing in their black getaway vehicle, police said.

They didn't display any weapons, and the victim was not injured, a police report states.

Left behind

Two purses were stolen after their owners left them in restrooms.

•The first lady lost her luggage when she left it in the bathroom of a restaurant near 88th Street and Fourth Avenue in Bay Ridge on Feb. 16.

The woman told cops she forgot her bag in the loo at 5:45 pm, returning minutes later to find it was gone, police said.

The purse contained credit cards, car keys, and \$100, a police report states.

•Another woman's bag went missing after she went to the water closet in a 63rd Street store on Feb. 21, police said.

The bag went missing from the store near Eighth Avenue in Dyker Heights at 1:15 pm. It contained a cellphone, credit cards, and \$520, officials said.

62ND PRECINCT

BENSONHURST-BATH BEACH

Screwy driver

A cabbie stabbed another motorist with a screwdriver in a fit of road rage on Bay 11th Street on Feb. 13.

The victim told cops the livery cab was following him and honking like mad at 4 pm, so he pulled over at Cropsey Avenue to let the calamitous cabbie pass, police said.

But the cabbie pulled over, too — then walked up to the victim's car and started cursing and banging on the window, a police report states.

When the victim got out of his ride, the troubled taxi driver pulled out a screwdriver and stabbed the man in his shoulder and left hand before fleeing — in reverse — on Bay 11th Street, police said.

Plumber's crack

A 71st Street woman cracked her neighbor over the head with a pipe for no apparent reason on Feb. 13, according to police.

Cops say the victim was leav-



POLICE BLOTTER

ing the building between 14th and 15th avenues at 2:30 pm when the neighbor blind-sided her with a plastic pipe, police said.

The victim suffered cuts to the head, and paramedics took her to Lutheran Medical Center, a police report states.

Tide of burglaries

Someone is ripping laundry room cash boxes from the walls of apartment complexes.

•The brute pried a box from the wall of an apartment on 25th Avenue between Bath Avenue and Harway Terrace in Gravesend at 8 pm on Feb. 6, police said.

•Then, a burglar defied four bolts and tore another box from the basement wall of an apartment complex on Bay Parkway between 83rd and 84th streets in Bensonhurst at 11 pm on Feb. 16.

The string is not related to a series of 73 cash-machine thefts five men perpetrated throughout the city during the last year, police said.

Greedy goon cuffed

Police pinched an alleged mugger at 86th in Bensonhurst on Feb. 18 — after the suspect came back for seconds.

Cops charge that the suspect tried to rob a guy near Bay 28th Street at 10 — kicking him in the back and reaching into the victim's pocket to search for money.

The guy came up empty-handed and left, but he allegedly came back and made a second attempt, at which point police caught up with him, a report states.

60TH PRECINCT

CONEY ISLAND-BRIGHTON BEACH-SEAGATE

Beaten and abducted

Four fiends abducted a man on Feb. 17 and took him on an seven-mile nightmare ride before burglarizing his Neptune Avenue home.

The victim was parking his car at his residence near Ocean Parkway at 3 pm when two thugs attacked him, a police report states. A third brute jumped into the melee and the trio tossed the guy into a waiting minivan and took off with a fourth man driving, police said.

The goons stole the guy's wal-

let, phone, and keys, and dropped him off at E. 54th Street and Winthrop Avenue in East Flatbush, law enforcement sources said. When the victim finally got home, his apartment was ransacked, police said.

Bank robber busted

Police arrested a Brooklyn woman who they said robbed one Brighton Beach bank and tried to stick up two others on Feb. 18.

The woman reportedly started her spree at bank between Brighton Fourth and Brighton Fifth streets at 11 am.

Police allege the woman passed a note to the teller demanding cash, and the employee handed over \$300. The teller described the woman as a 6-foot-tall man, a police report states.

The woman then tried her luck at two other banks between Brighton Seventh Street and Coney Island Avenue at 12:09 pm and 12:13 pm, respectively, but came up short both times after tellers refused to comply, police allege.

Twerp takes phone

A teen swiped a phone from a straphanger at the D train's Bay 50th Street station on Feb. 17.

The victim was checking his messages on the mezzanine at 6:50 pm when the brat snatched the cell and fled, police said. The punk is between 17 and 20 years old and was wearing a black hat, black jacket, military camouflage pants, and black shoes, a police report states.

Car sacked

A meathead intercepted a guy's stuff while he was playing football in Calvert Vaux Park on Feb. 17.

The victim was tossing the pigskin in the oak near Bay 44th Street and Shore Parkway at 11:30 am when someone sneaked into his unlocked car and took his phone, wallet, and jewelry, police said.

Door buster

A sneak thief broke into a Brighton Fourth Avenue home and stole \$50 on Feb. 17.

The burglar busted in through the front door of the home between Neptune Avenue and Brighton Fourth Terrace at 11 am and took

the cash from a bedroom dresser, police said. — *Max Jaeger*

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Home heist

A burglar stole jewelry and thousands of dollars in cash from a woman's Avenue U home on Feb. 12, an officer stated.

Authorities say the cold-hearted crook broke into the apartment near E. 27th Street at 7:30 am. The victim noticed her valuables missing after she returned home from work, according to a police report.

Door to disaster

Police say a good-for-nothing robbed a home on Batchelder Street on Feb. 12 by breaking the lock on the front door.

The crook broke into the home near Avenue V at 10:15 am, officers stated. Cops say the thief stole jewelry.

Car crook

A thief stole thousands of dollars from a car repair business on McDonald Avenue on Feb. 12, cops say.

Police say the thief broke into the business near Billings Place by sneaking in through the gate near the entrance at 6:15 pm. The crafty crook made off with \$7,492, according to a police report.

Bag burglary

Police say a crew of crooks stole a woman's tote bag on Coyle Street on Feb. 13.

The woman was near Voorhies Avenue at 11:20 pm when the thieves approached, according to authorities.

The victim said the men double-parked their vehicle and jumped back in after they took the bag — which contained credit cards, a cellphone, and a music player — an officer stated.

Compute this crime

A technologically savvy sneak stole tens of thousands of dollars worth of equipment from a store on McDonald Avenue on Feb. 13, according to reports.

Police say the burglar broke into the shop near Avenue U at 8:30 pm and stole diagnostic systems. Authorities say the sneak broke in through the business's front gate, which was ajar. — *Vanessa Ogle*



Fashion show on L train

BY DANIELLE FURFARO

A Bushwick designer turned a Manhattan-bound L train car into a models' runway last week with an impromptu fashion show.

Kim Mesches figured he could reach more people if he had his show on the city's most popular form of public transportation instead of the stages hidden behind the velvet ropes of Manhattan's fashion week.

"I wanted to make something that was more about art and accessibility," Mesches said.

The fashion show started at the Bedford Avenue stop. Mesches's five models dressed up in his creations and paraded to the station from Deluxe Salon on N. Fourth Street.

The models struck poses in the station for a while, and then strode up and down the catwalk of a subway-car's aisle as the train ran between Bedford Avenue and Union Square, and did the same on a train back to Bedford, repeating the trip twice, and stopping between rides to pose on the platforms.

Pictures of the event show riders ignoring the show, taking pictures, and looking on with bemused expressions. That was mostly what Mesches expected.

"I think it went pretty well," he said. "I am glad about the reactions and that we did not get arrested."

Mesches said he might stage other guerrilla fashion shows around Brooklyn in the future, but that he will probably not do it on the L train again.

"It was a once-in-a-lifetime thing," he said.

RAILWAY RUNWAY: (Left) Models of Kim Mesches clothing parade at the Bedford Avenue station before getting on the L train for a guerrilla fashion show. (Center) Model Ashlyn shows off a high-collared coat. (Above) Model Tierra struts her stuff on the L train as bemused or indifferent riders look on. Spencer Kohn

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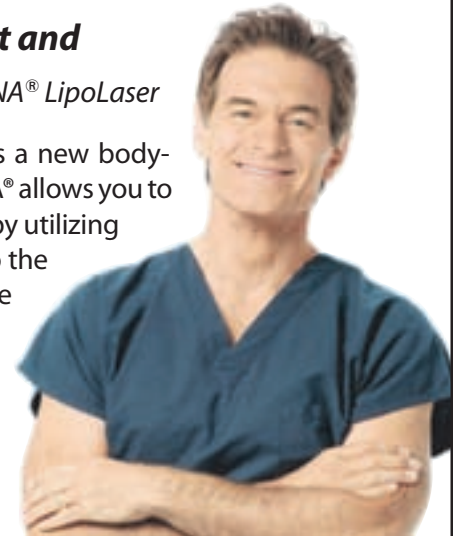
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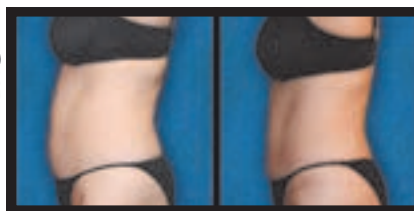
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Seniors hail revival of pedestrian-only X-ings

BY VANESSA OGLE

Local crosswalks are in for a dance revolution.

Department of Transportation was in Southern Brooklyn last week to unveil plans for pedestrian safety improvements aimed at protecting senior citizens — who are disproportionately struck by vehicles — including a revival of the so-called “Barnes dance” crossing light system, which stops traffic in all directions at an intersection, allowing time for pedestrians to cross.

The Barnes system — created by Henry Barnes, New York’s traffic commissioner in the early 1960s — once operated on Coney Island Avenue in Brighton Beach but was abolished in 2008, and one local senior citizen who was hit by a car in December said it’s high time the city brought it back, because it protected seniors who were crossing the street from drivers making turns on green lights — which is legal, but can lead to accidents.

“Everybody wants the Barnes system back,” said Elaine Berger, who was traumatized but not injured when she was struck last year. “The cars can’t wait to make their turn, they get itchy waiting. They can see the people crossing, but they try to beat it.”

Under the plan — part of Vision Zero, an initiative under Mayor DeBlasio that aspires to eliminate pedestrian traffic fatalities — Coney Island Avenue has been labeled by the department as one of 49 “priority corridors” in the borough that need safety improvements. These thoroughfares make up nine percent of the borough’s total street mileage but account for 50 percent of the borough’s serious accidents.

The department said it plans to amp up safety precautions for pedestrians, including adding exclusive pedestrian crossing to all “feasible” priority intersections by the end of 2017.

Though senior citizens only comprise 12 percent of the borough’s pop-



SAVE OUR SENIORS: Councilman Chaim Deutsch said he hopes the new Vision Zero precautions, which are aimed at protecting pedestrians, lower the disproportionately high fatality rates for senior citizens who are struck by vehicles.

Photo by Steven Schnibbe

ulation, they account for 36 percent of pedestrian fatalities, according to data from the department. One elected official said that he is confident the department’s new plan will help lower that troubling statistic.

“As the councilman of one of the city’s most senior-populated districts, I am especially attuned to the disproportionately high number of seniors involved in vehicular accidents,” said Councilman Chaim Deutsch (D-Sheepshead Bay). “The plan that the mayor and commissioner are unveiling ... will address some of my biggest concerns with regard to safety.”

Berger said that reviving the Barnes system would be beneficial to pedestrians but it would also help drivers, because everyone would have a chance to cross roadways and make turns without worrying about a collision.

“The cars are going all at one time or the people are going all at one time,” she said.

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A token of appreciation

S'Park biz group's coins for cops

BY MAX JAEGER

It was a great gesture any way you flip it.

The Sunset Park Business Improvement District presented "challenge coins" to officers at the 72nd Precinct as a show of support on Feb. 20. The coins and other tokens are common in the police, fire, and military communities — often one organization will give coins or patches to another it worked closely with — but civilians don't normally get involved in the exchanges, one police officer said.

"The coins are common — there's a lot of trading of coins and patches — but this is out of the ordinary," said Police Officer Dean Hanan. "It's so heart-felt."

The business improvement district purchased the 500 tokens, but the idea was a grass-roots effort that sprouted out of the Sunset Parker Facebook page run by the husband of the group's director.

"It started after the execution in December," said business improvement district director Renee Giordano, referring to police officers Rafael Ramos and Wenjian Liu, who were shot and killed by madman Ismaaiyl Brinsley on Dec. 20. "People wanted to do something to show officers of the 72nd Precinct that we appreciate them."

Giordano came to each of the precinct's three daily roll calls on Feb. 20 to thank officers and give them the token of appreciation.

The coins feature a reproduction of the police department's seal on one side and an invocation on the other.

The gesture shows that support is still strong for police, Hanan said — despite a tough summer where several videos emerged of officers getting rough with locals, and the news broke that officers from the precinct submitted false testimony against a street vendor they arrested in September.

The precinct's commanding officer Captain Tommy Ng — a coin collector with about 20 challenge coins on display in his office — was out of town



SEALED AND DELIVERED: The Sunset Park Business Improvement District gave collectible "challenge coins" to officers in the 72nd Precinct as a show of support for the force. (Above) One side bears the Police Department seal, and (below) the other an invocation meant to provide strength in trying times. Photos by Steve Solomonson



when Giordano presented the gifts at the station house, but he'll have one waiting for him when he gets back, Hanan said.

And so will the other officers out Feb. 20 who are eagerly awaiting their token.

"I'm getting texts all day from guys who are off saying, 'Save me one,'" Hanan said.

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Happy ewe year!

BY NOAH HUROWITZ

It may be the Year of the Sheep, but the Lunar New Year came roaring into Windsor Terrace like a lion.

A group of youngsters delighted passersby on Feb. 21 with a traditional lion dance, a ritual meant to welcome the new year. A director of a traditional Chinese dance group for youngsters said he chose Windsor Terrace for the celebration specifically because it does not have a large Chinese community.

"It's one thing to be performing for Asian people who have seen it a million times,"

said Brandon Tom, of the Chinatown Community Young Lions. "It's really special to be able to bring the lion dance to people who have never seen it before."

Tom's parents founded the Young Lions in 1972 as a way of connecting American-born kids of Chinese descent to the traditions of their ancestors, and since then the group has expanded beyond Manhattan as far as Orlando, Florida. Tom's group has additional performances lined up in Manhattan, Queens, and elsewhere in Brooklyn.

The lion dance commemo-

rates a mythical tale in which Chinese villagers built papier mache lions to fend off attacks from a monster.

Elsewhere in Brooklyn, getting in the spirit of this year's patron animal, the Prospect Park Zoo put the zoo's sheep on display during a scavenger hunt and lion-dance puppet show.

The sheep delighted 2-year-old Jack Nguyen, as did the puppet performance, according to his mom.

"He was definitely excited about seeing the lions dance," said Karen Tingley, of Windsor Terrace.

NEW YEAR SNOW: (Left) A curious sheep sniffs Sonja Dziegielewska, of Windsor Terrace, at the Lunar New Year celebration at the Prospect Park Zoo on Feb. 21. (Center) Elliot Graham got his name printed in Chinese calligraphy. (Above) A Chinese lion welcomes the Lunar New Year in Windsor Terrace. Photos by Elizabeth Graham

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TOUGH ON TRAFFIC: Polly Trottenberg, the commissioner of the Department of Transportation, shares pedestrian safety plans as part of the unveiling of the borough-specific Vision Zero guidelines. Photo by Steven Schnibbe

SAFETY

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we'd rather have a smooth signal progression where if you choose to speed, you'll just race ahead to a red light," said Deputy Commissioner Ryan Russo.

The department is also focusing on adding extra precautions near schools to protect students. Because children are more likely to be severely injured or killed in a crash, Russo said adding extra safety precautions in front of Brooklyn Ascent Charter School will

protect residents.

"This will help parents and children get safely to school," said Ryan Russo.

An elected official said he hopes the department's traffic and pedestrian changes ultimately end the unnecessary deaths that are often a result of cars colliding with residents.

"One of the things that I find to be so aggravating is when I read in the paper about someone who lost their life in an accident — an accident that didn't have to happen," said Councilman Alan Maisel (D-Marine Park). "It re-

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plant and it operated from the 1880s to around 1918. Like many of the hundreds of former manufactured gas plants throughout the city, the site has been contaminated for decades, but the toxins were contained by the parking lot and the shopping center, which serve as a protective barrier.

But a representative from National Grid said the contaminated soil will have to be carted away if the developer rips up the pavement and excavates the site, which will be necessary to construct the foundations for the planned 40-story residential tower.

"This area of New York, you're covered with asphalt and buildings, so no one comes into contact with that material," said Andrew Prophete, the project manager for National Grid. "If not for the development, it is completely safe, you wouldn't have to do anything."

The Department of Environmental Conservation, which will oversee National Grid's cleanup, assured residents at a public meeting in Brighton Beach earlier this month that the

cleanup process will be smelly but safe, and won't pose a threat to residents. But locals and elected officials have expressed concerns about the potential for hidden health threats, especially to senior citizens who may be particularly vulnerable to these toxins.

Local zoning allows owner Rubin Schron to construct the planned tower as of right, so opponents have little hope of blocking the project, but one resident said she wished he would be satisfied simply sprucing up the shopping center without demolishing it to build the tower, which would eliminate the need for the cleanup.

"A positive change would be a nice improved shopping center that everyone needs," said Andrea Bobrow, who added that the developer is trying to make a quick buck regardless of the impact on residents. "It is all because he wants to get richer at the expense of many."

Alder said the developer is ignoring the opposition to the project because he's banking, quite literally, on the fact that time is on his side.

"In five, six years, all the complain-ers will be gone. What does he care?" she said.



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NY Press Association: Cuomo's proposal would hide big news

The following is a letter from the New York State Press Association in response to a provision in Gov. Cuomo's state budget that would eliminate the requirement to publish in local newspapers proposed constitutional amendments prior to an election. Instead, those proposal would be published only on government websites.

Memorandum of Opposition Repeal of Newspaper Publication of Proposed Constitutional Amendments

Public Protection and General Government Article VII Bill, Part F; A.3005/S.2005

We strongly opposed to the governor's proposal to eliminate newspaper public notice of proposed constitutional amendments.

Instead of publishing public notices, the board of elections would post an abstract and brief description of the proposed amendment somewhere on its website for three days in the week prior to the election. The secretary of state would also post a notice somewhere on its website once per month for three months.

At a time when there is general agreement that there is a need to increase transparency and accountability in state government, it is astounding that this provision is included in a budget bill. Among the many reasons this is a very bad idea are:

1) By all accounts, broad swathes of New York State lack access to modern internet service. Governor Cuomo has recently unveiled a proposal to begin to narrow this digital divide, and has said it will take major investment over the course of several years. This proposal disenfranchises voters in rural areas, voters who cannot afford a home computer with broadband access, and a significant number of voters who are not highly computer literate.

2) This proposal assumes that New York voters sift through state agency websites when looking for news that affects them. They do not. They turn to a local newspaper. Existing law requires that constitutional amendment notices be disseminated through a newspaper in each county of the state. Most of these newspapers land on voters' doorsteps. Obscure and little-known state agency websites do not.

3) This proposal will not save money. Time after time, when advocating for legislation that would require government agencies to post information on their websites, we have been told it is too difficult or expensive. To ensure a tamper-proof publication of these most vital legislative initiatives would cost money, perhaps much more than the legislation estimates will be saved by eliminating newspaper public notice of amendments.

4) Newspaper publication keeps everyone honest. Knowing that a government document must be published by an

outside entity helps prevent the possibility that such an important notice could be slanted or misstated. A state supreme court judge ruled in 2014 that the state board of elections included misleading language in its description of one proposed constitutional amendment.

5) Newspaper publication provides a historic record. Government websites may not be maintained long term. Newspapers are preserved in libraries and newspaper archives for posterity.

6) The governor has called for a constitutional amendment to strip public pensions from legislators convicted of crimes, yet this bill supports making the proposed language available only on websites few voters will ever see.

The proposed legislation says it will save \$342,000. Total paid newspaper circulation in New York is approximately 8.6 million, and there are more than 10 million registered voters in New York State, so the proposal saves about three pennies per voter. This doesn't seem like very cost-effective government.

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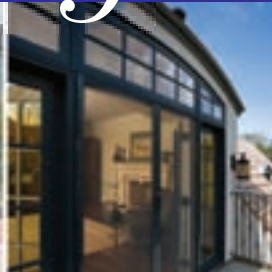
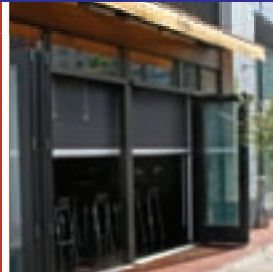
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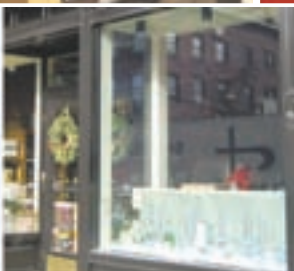
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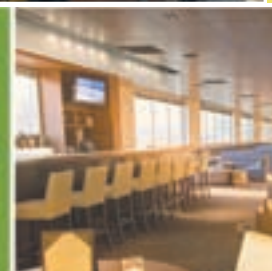


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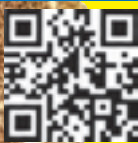


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of the traffic Downtown is through traffic, and that it should not be so.

Many civic activists were in attendance, as well as members of three community boards, and some of the area's business alliances. Their involvement does not amount to an endorsement, but it means they are all interested in the issue, a leader of a community group said.

"It's indicative of how seriously people perceive the challenge," said Gib Veconi, from the Prospect Heights Neighborhood Development Council.

The construction boom in the area around Barclays Center will only exacerbate already existing congestion there, Veconi said.

"There's a tremendous amount of development here and these projects are adding tens of thousands of residents," he said. "And they are centered around some of the busiest, most dangerous streets."

Bill Harris, a member of Community Board 2's transportation committee, said tolling the free East River bridges is the right thing to do. He laments the fact that he can drive all the way from Brooklyn to his second home upstate and only pay \$1.25 in tolls.

"That's not fair," Harris said.

In Williamsburg, the head of the transportation committee of the neighborhood's community board had a different take, saying that more people taking mass transit and cycling will actually increase traffic.

"It will mean that people will be parking and leaving their vehicles and crossing the bridge in other ways," said Karen Nieves. "It will add to congestion."

Nieves is also afraid that the tolls will put a strain on already-stretched small businesses.

"It is going to be extra expensive and hinder doing business in New York," she said.

In Bay Ridge, a telecommunications service worker who drives to jobs in Brooklyn and Manhattan daily agreed that the new system would be hard on the little guys trying to make a living.

"The city has increased the cost to guys like me going into the city to work tremendously in the last 20 years — much higher and much faster than everything else as far as traveling in the city goes, and I think it's just another way to suck more money out of us," Greg Ahl said. "It reminds me of Bloomberg, who just doesn't want us driving into the city, and that's not realistic, because there's too many people that don't have a choice."

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Foods that can help fight cancer

The foods we eat contribute directly to our overall health. From toddlers just getting used to solid foods to adults planning their diets, the foods we eat heavily influence how healthy or unhealthy we become.

Some foods can even reduce our risk for certain diseases, including cancer. According to the American Institute for Cancer Research, numerous studies have demonstrated that individual minerals, vitamins, and phytochemicals have certain anticancer properties that can protect men, women, and children from this potentially deadly disease. The following are a handful of foods the American Institute for Cancer Research says can fight cancer and help men and women improve their overall health.

Apples: Apples are a great source of vitamin C, with one apple providing at least 10 percent of the recommended daily amount of this valuable vitamin. Apples also are a great source of fiber, which can help men and women maintain a healthy weight. That's important, as excess body fat increases a person's risk for seven different types of cancer. A major portion of apples' dietary fiber is pectin, a polysaccharide that bacteria in the stomach uses to produce compounds that protect colon cells.

Cherries: Cherries are another great source of fiber and vitamin C, and sweet and tart cherries also contain potassium. Cherries get their dark color from anthocyanins, which are antioxidants that protect cells from damage. Studies have shown that anthocyanins inhibit the growth of cancer cells and even stimulate their self-destruction while having no negative effects on healthy cells. Anthocyanins also have been shown to reduce signs of inflammation in adults who consumed two to three servings of cherries or cherry juice per day.

Grapefruit: One-half of a medium-sized pink, red, or



The foods we choose to eat can play a significant role in reducing our risk of developing various cancers.

white grapefruit provides at least 50 percent of an adult's daily recommended intake of vitamin C. Though research into the potential anticancer properties of grapefruit with regard to humans is ongoing, studies of animals and cells have shown that grapefruit powder as well as limonin and naringenin, two phytochemicals found in grapefruit, decrease the growth and increase the self-destruction of breast, colon, lung, mouth, skin, and stomach cancers.

Walnuts: Nuts are often cited when discussing foods with anticancer properties, but the American Institute for Cancer Research notes that walnuts, in particular, are the most heavily researched. Despite that research, the American Institute for Cancer Research remains hesitant to draw any conclusions with regard to walnuts and their potential link to lowering cancer risk. However, several studies of mice found that consuming walnuts decreased the growth of breast and colon tumors among mice who ate walnuts as opposed to those who did not, while other studies in mice indicated that walnuts reduced the growth of prostate cancer. Studies into the impact of the Mediterranean diet, which includes walnuts, have shown that such a diet

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Alcohol and cancer risk

Though the exact details of how alcohol increases cancer risk are unknown, the American Cancer Society notes there are several different ways that alcohol may contribute to a person's elevated risk of developing cancer.

Tissue damage: Alcohol can be an irritant in the mouth and throat as well as other areas of the body, forcing damaged cells to repair themselves. That forcing of the hand may lead to DNA changes in the cells, and such changes may act as a steppingstone to cancer. Alcohol also can cause inflammation and scarring in the liver, and as liver cells attempt to repair that damage, mistakes in the DNA may result, increasing a person's risk for cancer. In the colon and rectum, bacteria can convert alcohol into acetaldehyde, a

chemical which studies have shown causes cancer in lab animals.

Body weight: Excessive consumption of alcohol often causes people to gain weight, and being overweight or obese is a major risk factor for various types of cancer.

Hormones: Women who consume alcohol may be prone to elevated levels of estrogen, a hormone associated with hormone-receptor-positive breast cancer that plays a significant role in the growth and development of breast tissue. According to Breastcancer.org, when compared to women who abstain from alcohol, women who have three alcoholic drinks per week have a 15 percent higher risk of developing breast cancer, and that may be a byproduct of the effect alcohol has on a woman's hormone levels.

Effect on harmful chemicals: Alcohol can dissolve other harmful chemicals, including those found in tobacco smoke, making it easier for them to enter the cells lining the upper digestive tract. The American Cancer Society theorizes that this may play a role in why the combination of smoking and drinking is far more likely to cause cancers in the mouth or throat than either smoking or drinking alone.

Effect on nutrients: The body's cells need a vitamin called folate to stay healthy. But alcohol consumption can compromise the body's ability to absorb folate from foods, which is especially problematic for heavy drinkers who do not get enough nutrients in their daily diets. Low folate levels have been linked to breast and colorectal cancers.

Coping with side effects of chemotherapy

Upon receiving a cancer diagnosis, men and women are often quick to inquire about their options with regard to treating their disease. Treatments vary depending on the type of cancer and whether or not the cancer has begun to spread, or metastasize, beyond its point of origin, but chemotherapy is one option used to treat various cancers.

First used to treat cancer in the 1950s, chemotherapy drugs help kill cancer cells and may be used to keep the cancer from spreading, slow its growth, or relieve certain symptoms caused by the cancer.

As effective as chemotherapy treatments can be, the drugs used in such treatments are very strong and kill any

cell that's growing fast, even if that cell is not cancerous. The death or damage of these normal and healthy cells is responsible for the side effects of chemotherapy. Some people do not experience any side effects of chemotherapy, while others develop side effects that can be painful, affect self-esteem negatively,

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You gotta have heart

Veteran surgeon now at Coney

BY ELIZABETH GRAHAM

Call it a matter of the heart.

It wasn't exactly a love affair that led veteran heart surgeon Dr. Timothy Hall to move halfway across the country to Brooklyn, but it was the decorated doctor's achievements, along with his ability to get, and keep, things running efficiently that landed him in the boss's chair in Coney Island Hospital's surgery unit.

Sitting in his office more than a week before officially starting his job as chairman of the department of surgery, Hall, who recently moved from Michigan to Brooklyn, said he's already begun work on his number one priority —

assessment.

"I want to get to know the area, talk with local doctors, meet with community groups, review activities, and try to see where our problems are," he said.

So far, he's joined forces with the heads of nursing and anesthesiology in order to make sure important decisions are made democratically.

"We want to make sure the services we provide are just as good as anywhere in the city, and that starts with the basics, and what the community needs," Hall, 59, said. "We're really first and foremost a hospital for the people of Southern Brooklyn. If we do what



Dr. Timothy Hall is the new chairman of the department of surgery at Coney Island Hospital.

Photo by Elizabeth Graham

we do here as well as anyone, and make sure the services are available, then we're not just a place that you go to because you have to go."

Hall hopes to occasionally trade his suit and tie for scrubs and a scalpel, but stresses that his primary role in Coney Island is that of administrator.

Successes in that capacity can be nearly as satisfying, and challenging, as saving a life in the operating room, he says.

"This hospital is motivated to change, and often that's a very hard thing to get done, but I don't think there's any question that the facilities and services in Southern

Brooklyn are about to get a lot better."

Fresh out of medical school in the early 1980s, the Kansas City native spent nearly a decade at Johns Hopkins Hospital, completing an internship, residency, and fellowship at the prestigious

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Eating a healthy diet helps your eyes, your brain and your general health.

It is said that "you are what you eat". Many of my patients, in an attempt to control their health, come into the office with a bag full of vitamins and nutrients. Where to begin? Do vitamins and other nutrients help stave off eye disease? Is there something to the adage, "too much of a good thing"?

What vitamins and nutrients delivered through food and supplements aid in the health of your eyes?

The only two major studies supported by the National Eye Institute (NEI) are the AREDS1 and AREDS2 studies. These studies essentially identified nutrients that are helpful in slowing down the

progression of macular degeneration, a retinal disease usually found in older individuals that destroys a person's ability to read or see small print. In order to stay healthy the retina needs carotenoids such as Lutein and Zeaxanthine. These are found in green leafy vegetables such as kale and spinach. The AREDS studies found that supplements which contain 500 mg Vitamin C, 400IU Vitamin E, and 80 mg Zinc, 1000 mg of omega3 fatty acids and 12 mg of the carotenoids reduced the progression of moderate and advanced macular degeneration by 25%. Although the results of the addition of omega 3s and carotenoids were inconclusive, many researchers believe that these are helpful in reducing advanced changes in macular degeneration.

Other supplements found helpful in maintaining good health are Vitamins A, E, B complex and omega 6 fatty acids. Ginkgo biloba has also been found effective for glaucoma. The omega3 and 6 fatty acids were found useful in treating dry eye syndrome. To date no vitamins have been found to prevent cataracts.

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High cholesterol in men linked to prostate cancer recurrence



Men who have previously been diagnosed with prostate cancer should know that high cholesterol can increase their risk of recurrence.

High cholesterol poses a significant threat to human health, and now there is another reason for men to get their cholesterol levels in check, as high cholesterol has now been linked to increasing a man's risk for prostate cancer recurrence.

A recent study funded by the National Institutes of Health linked triglycerides and cholesterol to the recurrence of prostate cancer. Among men who underwent surgery for prostate cancer, those with high cholesterol and triglyceride levels in their blood were more likely to develop prostate cancer again, says the research.

The study also found that relatively simple changes can greatly reduce one's prostate cancer recurrence risk. Findings suggest that normalization, or even partial normalization, of serum lipid levels among those with an abnormal cholesterol profile can reduce the risk of prostate cancer recurrence. Men with triglyceride levels of 150 mg/DL or higher were 35 percent more likely to have a prostate cancer recurrence. Similarly, those with total cholesterol levels above 200 mg/DL were linked to a 9 percent higher recurrence instance for every 10 mg/DL increase.

Men can take various steps to lower their cholesterol, which can be a multi-pronged process, and can work in concert with their physicians to develop an effective plan. The following are some effective ways to lower one's cholesterol:

Make dietary changes. Many different changes to your diet can impact cholesterol levels. Choosing healthier fats is a start. Instead of eating an abundance of saturated fats, such as those found in red meat and dairy products, select foods with monounsaturated fats found in olives and peanuts. Eating whole grains and opting for fruits and vegetables over meats and refined carbohydrates also can lower your cholesterol.

Exercise. Moderate daily physical activity can help raise high-density lipoprotein, or HDL, which is often referred to as "good cholesterol." Such activity also may help lower bad cholesterol levels.

Lose weight. The Mayo Clinic advises that losing as little as five to 10 percent of your body weight can help you significantly reduce your cholesterol levels.

Consider niacin. Some studies say niacin (vitamin B3) may be more effective at lowering bad cholesterol than medication. Niacin can be found in liver, meat, peanuts and other nuts, and whole grains.

Consider medication. People who are at a high risk of heart disease and who have poor cholesterol

numbers may need to take medication. Doctors can work with you to find the right combination of treatment.

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and make it difficult to maintain a normal level of activity during ongoing treatments.

The following are some common side effects of chemotherapy and some suggestions on how to best cope with them should they surface during treatment:

Nausea and vomiting

Because chemotherapy drugs are so strong, many people feel sick to their stomachs or vomit during their treatments. Nausea and vomiting that results from chemotherapy typically surfaces a few hours after a treatment, and men and women might feel their effects for a short time after they begin.

Coping with nausea and vomiting is something that should be discussed with your physician, who may prescribe medications to make these symptoms subside or at least lessen in severity. If the medicine does not work or if the vomiting continues for more than one day, call your physician.

Hair loss

Upon beginning chemotherapy, many people are understandably concerned about losing their hair. But only certain chemotherapy drugs cause hair loss. Before beginning chemo treatments, your physician will likely discuss the potential side effects of the drugs that will be administered during the treatment, including the likelihood that you will lose your hair. Hair loss may occur slowly or rapidly, and sometimes hair only thins.

When doctors advise you that hair loss is likely to occur, speak to the doctor about how to take care of your hair and scalp during treatment and ask about any potential solutions to mask the hair loss. Many people find their self-esteem suffers when they experience chemo-related hair loss, but such loss is nothing to be ashamed of and you can employ head covers, wigs, and scarves to mask hair loss during treatment. Your health insurance may even cover the cost of a wig or hairpiece you might need as a result of chemo treatments.

Memory loss

Some people find their memory slips and their ability to concentrate is compromised during and after chemotherapy treatments. This is more likely to happen among people whose chemotherapy drugs are administered in especially large doses.

Memory loss and other side effects that effect the brain remain somewhat



Chemotherapy is an effective way to kill cancer cells and prevent them from spreading, but such treatment may produce potentially painful side effects.

of a mystery. But men and women who find their memory and concentration suffering during chemotherapy treatments should speak with their physicians, who may suggest certain mental exercises to counter the memory loss and keep the brain going strong throughout the treatment process.

Change in mouth and skin

Dental care is an important part of chemotherapy treatment. Certain chemo drugs can cause sores in the mouth or throat, and the American Cancer Society recommends that men and women visit a dentist prior to beginning chemotherapy treatments. A dentist can show you how to take care of your teeth and gums during chemo, which may require you do more than your normal dental routine.

In addition to dental issues, skin changes are a side effect of certain chemo drugs. Redness, itching, dryness, acne, and peeling are some of the skin problems people have reported while receiving chemotherapy treatments. Others have reported allergic reactions that can cause hives and make it difficult to breathe. These particular issues must be treated right away, and if you report them to your physician, he may insist that you receive treatment in his presence so he can treat this reaction immediately.

Chemotherapy is an effective way to kill cancer cells and prevent them from spreading, but such treatment may produce potentially painful side effects. Men and women should not suffer these side effects in silence, as there are many ways to lessen their severity and make it easier to endure treatments.

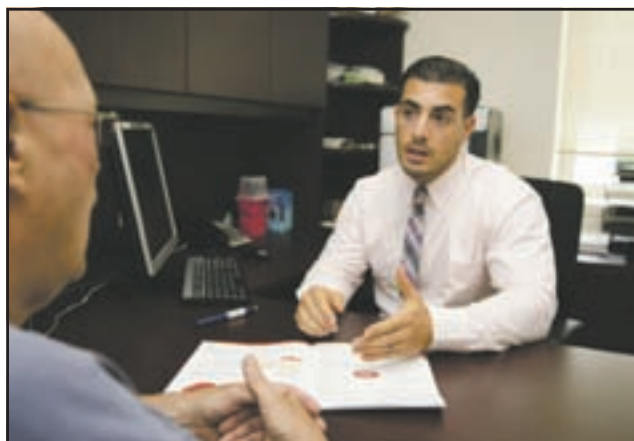
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A Closer Look at Diet with NYM's Diabetes Experts

Thirty million Americans, or one out of every ten, currently live with diabetes, which occurs when the body fails to produce the insulin that converts sugar into energy. Ninety million more American men and women live with pre-diabetes, which can lead to development of the disease.

Whether one is managing diabetes, or trying to stave it off, maintaining a healthy diet is crucial. But identifying foods that are "healthy" is not always easy, say diabetes specialists at New York Methodist Hospital's Diabetes Education and Resource Center.

"Most of the time, when foods are labeled as 'no sugar,' people think that means there are no carbohydrates, but these are two very different things," says NYM endocrinologist Farida Khan, M.D. "People with diabetes need to restrict carbohydrates in general so I always recommend talking with a nutritionist or doctor to gain a clear understanding of the language on food



Mark Doublet, R.D., New York Methodist Hospital diabetes educator and dietitian, meets with a patient.

packages."

"I encourage my patients to look closely at absolutely everything on the nutrition facts label and ingredients list of food packages, and not to take the information at face value," adds Mark Doublet, R.D., diabetes educator and dietitian. "Many patients have paid a high price for trusting confusing or misleading information. For example, the Food and Drug

Administration (FDA) permits manufacturers to advertise that a food product has 'zero grams of trans fat' if the amount of trans fat per serving is 0.5 grams or less. But 0.5 grams of trans fat, which is known to increase LDL (bad) cholesterol, is already around 20 percent of the recommended daily allowance for the average American. As a result, a patient with diabetes or pre-diabetes may be

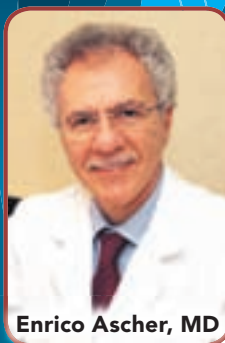
eating an unhealthy amount of trans fat while thinking that he or she is eating none at all! And this practice extends to other ingredients. As another example, if the package says the food is lower in sodium, fat or something else, it often just means that it is lower than the original version of the product."

A close evaluation and adjustment of a patient's diet and nutrition plan is often a component of treatment at NYM's Diabetes Education and Resource Center, one of the first Hospital-based, American Diabetes Association-recognized self-management programs in Brooklyn. The Center's staff includes endocrinologists, diabetes educators and nutritionists, who collaborate to develop diabetes self-management plans for each individual patient based on his or her needs. In addition to diet modifications, a treatment plan for a patient with diabetes or pre-diabetes may also involve a weight loss program, a change in exercise habits, coping strategies, or

instruction on how to properly manage and administer daily insulin doses.

"The stakes in the fight against diabetes are high," says Edmund Giegerich, M.D., chief of endocrinology at NYM and medical director of the Center. "Long term complications of diabetes that goes untreated or inadequately treated can include kidney failure, heart disease, vision loss, osteoporosis, and nerve damage that may require limb amputation. Successful diabetes treatment and management can help prevent these complications but prevention depends on patients' ability to independently, prudently, and precisely manage their condition. Developing a nutrition plan is a priority in this process."

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cases of ovarian cancer will be diagnosed in the United States in 2014, and approximately 14,000 deaths are expected to be caused by ovarian cancer in that same year.

The Ovarian Cancer National Alliance says women need to know ovarian cancer is the deadliest of all gynecologic cancers. That's because the earliest symptoms are frequently subtle and can be confused with other conditions. If ovarian cancer is detected before it has spread, there is a 90 percent survival rate. However, only 15 percent of ovarian cancer cases in the United States are diagnosed early.

Some of the earliest symptoms of ovarian cancer include:

- bloating
- pelvic and abdominal pain
- feeling full quickly when eating
- urinary urgency or frequency
- fatigue
- back pain
- menstrual irregularities
- indigestion
- pain with intercourse
- constipation

Certain risk factors can increase a woman's chances of developing ovar-

ian cancer. According to the Mayo Clinic, women between the ages 50 and 60; women who have inherited genetic mutations, including the genes known to increase risk of breast cancer (BRCA1 and BRCA2); women whose first menstruation was early; women who have undergone hormone replacement therapy; women who smoke; or women who have used of an intrauterine device are at greater risk of developing ovarian cancer.

No specific test exists to detect ovarian cancer. A pap test will screen for cervical cancer, but such a test is ineffective at detecting ovarian cancer. A doctor will conduct a pelvic examination and feel the uterus and ovaries. Imaging tests, such as ultrasound and CT scans, can help determine if there are abnormalities in the ovaries. A blood test, which will detect the protein CA 125, can help to determine if ovarian cancer is present. If cancer is suspected, a sample of tissue and abdominal fluid will be used to confirm ovarian cancer.

There are four stages of ovarian cancer. Stage I means cancer has been found in one or both of the ovaries. Stage II means cancer has spread to other parts of the pelvis. In Stage III, ovarian cancer has spread to the abdomen. Stage IV cancer is found outside of the abdomen.

DR. HALL

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training ground for some of the nation's top doctors.

Early on, the young surgeon pinpointed heart and lung, or cardiothoracic surgery, as his specialty. Starting at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, he's spent the past 30 years performing heart-stopping procedures in operating rooms across the country and earning board certifications in general surgery, thoracic surgery, and surgical critical care.

While the walls in his new office are still bare, they won't be for long. With a resume that rivals a novella in length, Hall's accolades include serving as a professor in prestigious medical schools, a surgeon in some of the nation's best hospitals, and copious honors, scholarships and awards.

Asked when he's planning on covering his walls in Coney Island with the trappings of an outstanding career, Hall smiles and waves the question off. Right now, his focus is on getting to know the workings of his new hospital and identifying the needs, and earning the trust, of the local community.

Of vital importance is figuring out how to reach people living in the neighborhoods surrounding Coney Island Hospital. When sick people opt out of making a trip to the hospital because they're afraid they won't get the care they need, the consequences can be disastrous.

"The reality is when people have to travel more than 25 minutes from their homes, they change their choices. People think of traveling that much time as a burden," Hall said.

FOODS

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can help people lose fat and lower their blood pressure and triglycerides. But the American Institute for Cancer Research still notes the need for more research into walnuts be-

fore they can be considered foods that fight cancer.

Many factors, such as family history, that increase our risk for developing cancer are beyond our control. But the foods we choose to eat can play a significant role in reducing our risk of developing various cancers.

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Brooklyn doctor pioneers breakthrough in treatment of aneurysms

BY JACK RYAN

With the minimally invasive treatment for aneurysms now offered by the Vascular Institute in Borough Park, patients can now plan to go home the same day of an operation that once kept patients in the hospital for days.

Under the direction of Dr. Enrico Ascher, the Institute, located across the street from Maimonides Medical Center, offers the very latest state-of-the-art treatment for a wide range of vascular conditions.

No need to travel to Manhattan or Long Island when the very best care is available right here. Dr. Ascher and his team are internationally recognized for developing groundbreaking treatments for patients with vascular disease. In some cases the endovascular techniques developed by this team have eliminated the need for surgery.

There was a time not long ago when patients seeking treatment for an aneurysm could expect to leave the hos-



Doctor Enrico Ascher

pital with an ugly scar running from the collar bone to the groin.

It doesn't have to be that way, says Dr. Ascher. The surgery that he has pioneered is done with the guidance of ultrasound on an ambulatory basis.

"This procedure is minimally invasive. The blockage can be removed with just a small incision in the groin," he said. "The beauty of it is

that we have simplified this approach. Instead of spending four or five days in the ICU, patients can expect to be home for dinner."

This new procedure reduces costs and, more importantly, it reduces the risk of complications. In the not-distant future he expects to be able to perform the surgery, which is done with the patient under local anesthesia, in his Brooklyn facility. To

date more than 1,000 patients have taken advantage of the life-saving aneurysm surgery offered by the institute.

Aneurysms occur when part of a blood vessel or cardiac chamber swell because the blood vessel is damaged or there is a weakness in the wall of the blood vessel. As the aneurysm grows there is a risk of rupture, which can lead to severe hemorrhage and other complications, including sudden death.

Dr. Ascher is currently the chief of vascular surgery at Lutheran Medical Center. Prior to this he was the chairman of the Vascular Division and director of the Vascular Fellowship Program at Maimonides Medical Center. In addition he is the founder of the Pan American Congress on Vascular and Endovascular Surgery, which provides a forum for surgeons from South America, Central America and North America.

The doctor has written

more than 250 articles published in medical journals. Put simply, it would be difficult, if not impossible, to find a more respected leader in the field of vascular medicine.

In addition to the treatment of aneurysms, the Institute provides the most progressive and advanced care available for the treatment of wide range of vascular conditions including stroke prevention and clearing blocked arteries. The Institute is also involved in wound treatment, saving limbs, and removing varicose veins.

Asked why he chose Brooklyn to set up his practice, Dr. Ascher said simply, "I am very happy the very best in vascular medicine right here in Brooklyn."

The Vascular Institute of New York [960 50th St. between Ninth Avenue and Fort Hamilton Parkway in Borough Park, (718) 438-3800, vascularnyc.com] Call or go the website to make an appointment.

HealthQuest relieving Brooklynites' pain

BY CAMILLE SPERRAZZA

You don't have to live with pain.

HealthQuest is a multi-specialty facility dedicated to pain management. The doctors there can improve your quality of life by providing expert treatment, utilizing the latest technology available.

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

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

Patients who have suffered with debilitating neck pain have found relief from its use, says the doctor. It's used primarily to treat disc injuries to the lower back and neck, providing an alternative to those who do not wish to have surgery.

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

dles precisely to these affected areas. Targeting areas with epidural injections and facet injections can provide relief to those suffering from spinal and back pain.

Other ways to manage pain include neurology, orthopedics, and physical therapy. The facility's Medical Director is Dr. Igor Stiler, a neurologist who oversees the care of those who suffer with neurological disorders as well as patients recovering from surgery or accidents.

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

The first step is a consultation and physical examination so the doctors can evaluate the condition. If further diagnostic testing is needed, you won't have to run all over town to get it. X-rays and MRIs can be taken right at the facility, making everything convenient for the patient.

"We make it as easy as possible for you," says Dr. Greenseid.

The goal is to find the cause of the pain.

"You want to treat the cause, not the symptoms," says Dr. Greenseid.

The MRI technology at HealthQuest is one of the most advanced,

noninvasive pieces of equipment available. It provides accurate scan results of various diseases and conditions, says the doctor.

"By having MRI capabilities on site, we are able to provide both patient and physician detailed diagnostic images of the body's soft tissues."

The scanner makes use of powerful magnets, radio waves, and computers to generate high-resolution images, he notes. These advanced diagnostic testing procedures help to accurately diagnose problems so doctors can prescribe treatment that is tailored to individual needs.

HealthQuest is an American College of Radiology-accredited facility. It has an open MRI scan for those who prefer that type of experience.

The facility also offers a unique smoking cessation program.

"By tapping into certain points through the ear to the brain, chemicals are balanced, and cravings vanish immediately," says Dr. Greenseid. No pain or drugs are involved, he says, "and one treatment is all that is usually needed."

A weight loss treatment is similar, as "very light stimulation to precise points on the external ear" is used to reduce cravings. "It is proven to be an effective and pain-



The exercise rehabilitation machines. Photo by Steve Solomonson

less option that enables one to lose weight," says the doctor.

Another unique offering is that the company is certified by the Department of Transportation to provide physicals for drivers seeking certifications, says the doctor.

HealthQuest has been servicing the community since 1994. Most major medical plans, including No Fault Workers Compensation and Medicare, are accepted. The 6,000 square foot state-of-the-art facility is handicapped accessible, and there's parking on the premises. It is conveniently located near all forms of mass transit.

Check HealthQuest's website for educational seminars that help improve quality of life. Some of last

year's topics included nutritional counseling, dealing with arthritis, weight loss, stop-smoking programs, and headaches.

HealthQuest's mission statement is to provide comprehensive and quality medical care in a multi-disciplinary, responsive and operationally efficient environment that will support and meet the healthcare needs of patients and the many communities they serve.

HealthQuest [3500 Nostrand Ave. between Avenues U and V in Sheepshead Bay, (718) 769-2521, www.hqbk.com]. Open Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, 9 am-7 pm; Wednesdays, 7 am-7 pm; and Saturdays, 9 am-noon.



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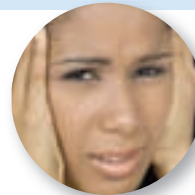


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Features

Main Street

Main Street is the historic aviation-themed entryway, welcome center, and thoroughfare into Aviator Sports and Events Center. The environment features the Customer Service center, modeled after an air traffic control tower, our 35-foot rock climbing wall, Flight simulator, Bungee Jump, Arcade and more. Follow along Main Street to take you

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CrossFit Floyd Bennett Field

CrossFit Floyd Bennett Field is southern Brooklyn's premiere CrossFit gym, located within Aviator Sports and Events Center. The gym offers state-of-the-art equipment, spacious locker rooms, showers and plenty of FREE parking. At CF FBF you will find a community of people dedicated to wellness by being both physically and mentally fit.

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Public Skating

Aviator Ice Rinks ranked among the top skating rinks in NYC! We are very proud of our World Class Skate Instructors. You can bring your own skates or rent from us. Open 7 days a week, our regularly scheduled open skate hours offer you a chance to experience year-round fun.

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Catering Event Spaces

Aviator Sports can offer several convenient catering options to meet all of your event needs. The food service at Aviator Sports is overseen by our team of experienced restaurant and catering professionals. Event planners and promoters appreciate Aviator's convenient location.

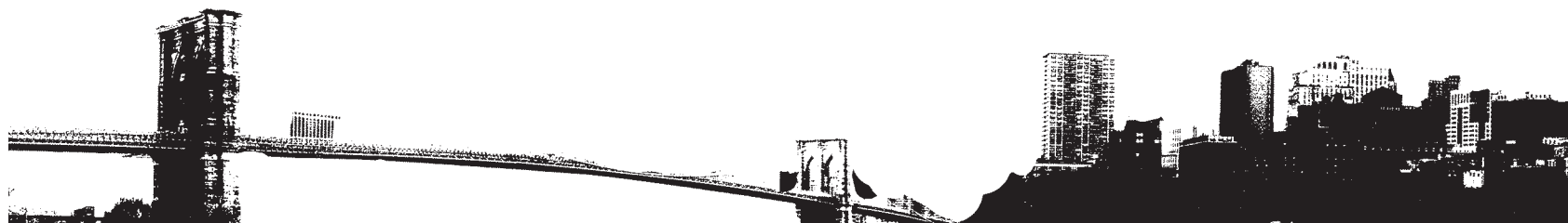
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Description

Located within Floyd Bennett Field, Aviator Sports and Events Center is an authorized Concessionaire of the National Park Service and New York's largest sports and events center. Aviator has refurbished four historic aircraft hangars and surrounding grounds in partnership with the NPS. The area includes 175,000 square feet of indoor sports and event space along with adjoining outdoor turf fields and FREE parking for 2000 cars. Aviator provides a wide variety of sports leagues and activities, including CrossFit, camps, birthday parties, field trips, ice skating, hockey, gymnastics, basketball, volleyball, soccer and more. To learn more visit www.AviatorSports.com or call 718-758-7500.

General Information

- 175,000 square feet of indoor space
- Two state-of-the-art full-sized outdoor turf fields for soccer, football, lacrosse, field hockey – bleacher seating for 4,000
- Outdoor events space for festivals, fairs, concerts and community-oriented entertainment – seating for 4,000+
- Two NHL-sized ice rinks – seating for 2,000
- 20,000 square foot multipurpose Field House, which houses:
 - *10,000 square foot hardwood floor for basketball, volleyball, indoor tennis and special activities
 - *10,000 square foot indoor turf field for soccer, football, fitness training and special activities
- 15,500 square foot Gymnastics Center
- 35 foot tall rock climbing wall
- Arcade
- Food court
- Two outdoor 4 feet deep, 20 feet x 40 feet above-ground pools
- Indoor and Outdoor (open seasonally) Sports Bar
- Full catering and food service
- Large corporate meeting and private events rooms
- Child Care Center
- FREE parking for 2,000+ cars



Aviator Age Guide

Toddler/Youth Baseball

Pitching Clinic: Ages 7-14
 Little Sluggers: Ages 3-4
 Big Hitters: Ages 5-6
 Developmental Program: Ages 7-12

Basketball

Development Program: Ages 5-15
 In-House Camp: Ages 5-16
 Open: Ages 11+
 Private Lessons: All Ages

Camps

After School & Break Camps: School Age
 Junior Camp: Ages 3-5
 Summer Camp: Ages 5-13

CrossFit Kids

1st-2nd Grade (ages 6-7)
 3rd, 4th, 5th Grade (ages 8-11)
 6th Grade & up (Ages 12-15)

Figure Skating

Learn to Skate/Advanced
 Learn to Skate: Ages 3-14
 Freestyle: Ages 3-14
 Aviator Figure Skating Club: Ages 3-14
 Private Lessons: All Ages

Flag Football

Flag Football League: Ages 8-12

Gymnastics

Mommy and Me: Ages Walking-36 months
 Tiny Tot Pre-K: Ages 3-5
 Girls or Boys Beginning/Intermediate/Advanced: Ages 6-17
 Tumbling & Trampoline: Ages 6-17
 Parkour: Ages 7-17
 Tween Night: Ages 10-12
 Teen Night: Ages 13-17
 Special Needs: All Ages
 Private Lessons: All Ages
 Play Dates: Ages 3-17

Ice Hockey

How to Play: Ages 4-15
 Hockey Program: Ages 5-17
 House Hockey Thanksgiving Clinic: Ages 6-13
 Aviator Travel Hockey Club: 18 & under
 Sticks & Pucks: All Ages

Kid Center

Ages 1-5

Soccer

Dutch Total Soccer: Ages 18 months-12
 Dutch Total Soccer Break Camp: Ages 7-15

Tennis

Quick Start: Ages 10 & U

Volleyball

Private Lessons: All Ages

Sports Performance

Age: Ages 8-11
 Prep: Ages 12-14
 MVP: Ages 15+

Adult Basketball

A and B Leagues: Ages 18+
 Open: Ages 18+
 Private Lessons: All Ages

CrossFit

Ages 17+

Figure Skating

Learn to Skate/Advanced
 Learn to Skate: Ages 14+
 Freestyle: Ages 14+
 Private Lessons: All Ages

Flag Football

8v8 League: Ages 18+

Gymnastics

Classes: Ages 18+
 Free Running: Ages 17+

Ice Hockey

League: 18+
 Open: 18+

Soccer

5v5 Indoor League: 18+

Volleyball

League: 18+
 Open: 18+
 Private Lessons: All Ages

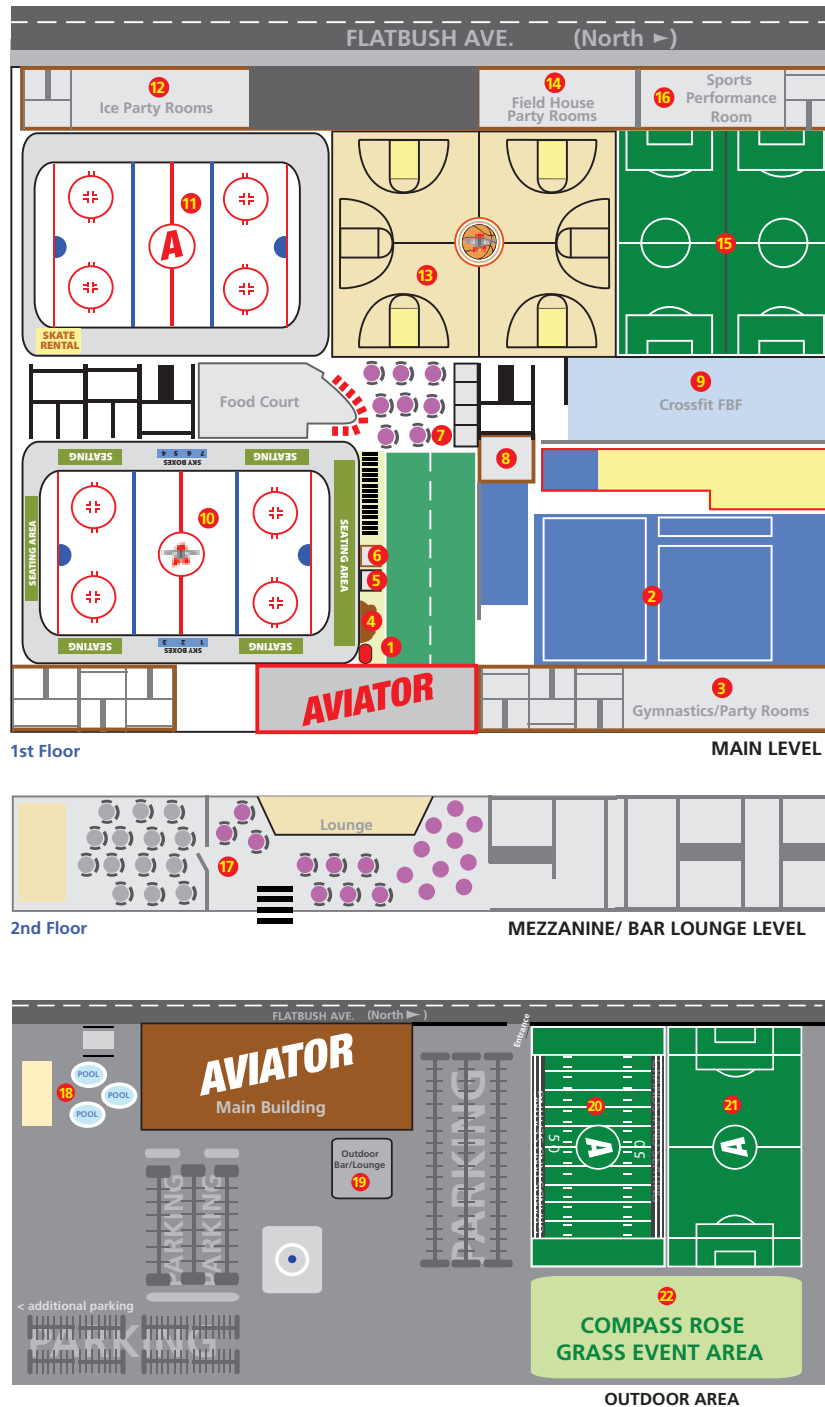
Sports Performance

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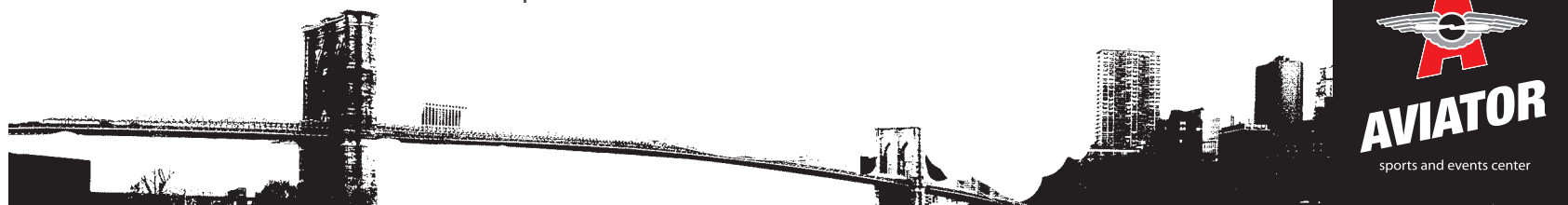
Facility Map

Here at Aviator we have plenty for you to do: Main Street, 2 Outdoor Fields, 10,000 sq. ft. Indoor Turf Field & much more!



Map Legend

- 1 Main Street/Customer Service
- 2 Gymnastic Center 15,500 sq ft
- 3 Gymnastic party rooms (3 rooms)
- 4 Rock-Climbing Wall-35ft
- 5 Max flight-Flight simulator
- 6 Sky jump
- 7 Food court & seating area
- 8 Aviator Arcade & Redemption Center
- 9 Crossfit FBF
- 10 Rink A-Seating Capacity 2000 people
- 11 Rink B-2nd NHL size rink
- 12 Ice party Rooms (2)
- 13 Field House -hardwood courts for basketball, Volleyball, boxing, trade shows, 10,000 sq ft
- 14 Field House Party rooms (2)
- 15 One 10,000 sq. ft. turf field
- 16 Sports Performance Room
- 17 2nd level-mezzanine and lounge
- 18 Summer camp, picnic/BBQ and pool area
- 19 Outside summer bar
- 20 Outdoor turf field #1- lined for football & soccer
- 21 Outdoor turf field #2-lined for soccer and lacrosse
- 22 Compass Rose outdoor grass event area- 210,000 sq ft



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- 15,500 sq. ft. gymnastics
- Hardwood courts for basketball, volleyball and events
- 35' tall rock climbing wall
- Family Arcade and redemption center
- Food court
- Birthday and hospitality areas

Annual Membership Rates

Individual Membership
\$35 per person

Family Membership
\$85 for a family of
3 to 6 people

Facility Features

See all that Aviator has to offer, all under one roof.



Main Street



Basketball (2 Courts)



Indoor Turfs (2 Fields)



2 NHL Size Hockey Rinks



Gymnastics (15,000 sq. ft.)



Crossfit FBF



2 Outdoor Fields



Birthdays (7 Party Rooms)



Outdoor Pools, BBQ area & Tents



Event Space 10,000 sq. ft.



Sports Performance Room



Mezzanine



Lounge Area



Rock Wall (35ft.)



Food Court

Activities Open To The Public

Here at Aviator we have plenty for you to walk up and do.

Rock Climbing

Admission Fees:

\$10.00 per person/\$9 Aviator Members

At 35 feet high, it is among the tallest indoor rock climbing walls in NYC and another "Best of Brooklyn" for Aviator.

Hours of Operation:

Friday 6:00pm-9:00pm

Saturday 11:00am-9:00pm

Sunday 11:00am-6:00pm

Check website for Holiday & School break hours.

Arcade

With over 30 games to choose from, you're guaranteed to have an awesome time in the Aviator Arcade.

Hours of Operation:

Wednesday & Thursday- 4:00pm-9:00pm

Friday- 4:00pm-10:00pm

Crane Games:

UFO Catcher

Bling King

Racing Games:

3-Fast & Furious-

Motorcycles

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Wheel Fun Rentals Bike Rentals

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Sky Jump & Maxflight

Admission Fees: \$6 per person

Max Flight: Faster, sharper and more exciting than any indoor thrill-ride on the market, the FS2000 lets guests



be pilot or gunner or both as they engage in interactive dog fighting, carrier landings, flight training and aerobatic maneuvers. Sky Jump: 12-foot bungee trampoline located on Aviator's Main Street.

Hours of Operation:

Friday- 6:00pm-9:00pm

Saturday-11:00am-9:00pm

Sunday- 11:00am-6:00pm

Check the website for Holiday and School break hours.

Open Basketball

Admission Fees:

\$10 per person/\$9 Aviator Members

Hours of Operation:

Monday 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Wednesday & Friday 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Sat. 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm & 4:30 pm - 6:30pm

Friday & Sat. Midnight Basketball

11:00 pm – 2:00 am 18 and over

ID required & must arrive before 12:00am

Note: In order to borrow a basketball during any session you must leave a valid ID with the Staff at the door. All Basketball games will be played to 15 points straight.

Aviator Sports and Events Center's 10,000 square foot hardwood field house is home to two regulation suspended hardwood maple courts, programmed for a variety of basketball leagues, camps, clinics, and drop-in play. For more info contact 718-758-7569 or Fields@aviatorsports.com

Kid Center

Ages: 1-5 years old

Admission Fees:

1 hour: \$12/ \$10 Aviator Members

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 4pm-8pm, Saturday & Sunday 9am-4pm

*hours subject to changes without notice

Drop your small child off in the Kid Center for some play time for them and break time for you. Whether your older child is in another program or you are headed to an open sport or CrossFit class, just drop them off for a supervised good time of games, toys, activities and more.

Open Adult Volleyball

Admission Fees: (Adults 18 & Over)

\$10 per person/ \$9 Aviator Members

Hours of Operation:

Thursday - 8:30 pm – 12:30 pm

Sunday - 7:00 pm – 11:00 pm

Join us at Aviator for a fun night of recreational pick-up games of Volleyball then go upstairs to the Aces Sports Lounge to relax. For more info contact 718-758-7569 or Fields@aviatorsports.com.

Open Adult Hockey

Admission Fees: (Adults 18 & Over)

\$20 per person/ \$18 Aviator Members

It's no-hassle hockey where and when you want it! For a small drop-in fee, you get 80 minutes of the best ice in Brooklyn, locker rooms, and shower facilities. No leagues to join! Men and women are welcome. Players should bring both dark and light jerseys.

All sessions (ages 18+) are "no-check" and limited to a maximum of 30 players. The first two goalies are always free! Pucks will not be provided. Please bring your own. All evening sessions attracting more than 20 skaters will have an open hockey monitor timing shifts and making sure ice time is equal.

For more information please contact us at 718-758-7566. For up-to-date open hockey times, please visit www.aviatorhockey.org and click on "Open Hockey" under the "Adult Hockey" tab.

Gymnastics

Admission Fees:

\$10 per person/ \$8 Aviator Members

TWEEN NIGHT Ages 10-12

Friday 6:15pm, 7:00pm, 7:50pm, 8:40pm (45 min sessions)

TEEN NIGHT Ages 13-17

Fri - 7:00 pm, 7:50 pm, 8:40 pm (45 min sessions)

Drop-in Fun Gym: During scheduled vacations and holidays, we will run break camps and drop-in activities. Call 718-758-7575 or email gymnastics@aviatorsports.com for dates, times and prices.



Gymnastics

We strive to build self-esteem, fitness, good health habits and positive interaction with others in a fun and safe environment while providing the highest quality of gymnastics instruction. The goal of the Aviator Gymnastics Center is to provide outstanding and comprehensive gymnastics programming that is as unique and diverse as the community we serve.

Aviator Sports and Events Center is committed to offering the best gymnastics experience in New York City. All ages and abilities are welcome at the Aviator Gymnastics Center. From babies to adults, beginners to elites, you will find the most state-of-the-art equipment and a variety of programs to choose from.

If you have any questions, please call the gymnastics office at 718-758-7575 or email Gymnastics@AviatorSports.com.



Spring Schedule 2015

Mommy & Me/Tiny Tot (50 mins) & Girl's/Boy's Beginner/Intermediate (1 hr.)

\$433.50+ \$35 Membership fee for 17 weeks

• Mom/Dad & Me (Walking-36 months)

Monday 10:30am
Saturday or Sunday 10:25am

• Tiny Tot (Ages 3-5)

Monday 11:30am, 4:30pm
Tuesday 4:00 am
Wednesday 4:30pm
Thursday 4:00pm or 5:00pm
Friday 4:15pm
Saturday or Sunday 9:30am, 11:20am, 12:15pm

Girl's/Boy's Beginner/Intermediate (1 hr)

\$433.50 + \$35 Membership Fee for 17 weeks

• Girl's Beginner/Intermediate (Ages 6-12)

Monday 4:30pm
Wednesday 4:30pm
Thursday 4:00pm, 5:00pm or 6:00pm
Friday 4:15pm
Saturday 9:15am, 11:45am, 12:45pm, 2:00pm
Sunday 9:15am, 11:45am or 12:45pm, 2:00pm

• Boy's Beginners/Intermediate (Ages 6-12)

Saturday 10:15am
Sunday 10:15am or 11:15am

Girl's or Boy's Beginner/Intermediate/Advanced (1.5 hours)

\$544 +\$35 Membership fee for 17 weeks

• Girl's Beginner/Intermediate/Advanced (Ages 6-17)

Monday 5:30pm
Tuesday 5:45pm
Friday 5:25pm

• Boy's Beginner/Intermediate/Advanced (Ages 6-17)

Saturday 11:15am
Sunday 12:15pm

• Girl's Intermediate/Advanced ONLY (Ages 6-17)

Wednesday 5:30pm
Saturday or Sunday 10:15am

• Boy's Intermediate/Advanced ONLY (Ages 6-17)

Tuesday 5:00pm

Girl's/Boy's Tumbling & Trampoline Classes Beginners/Intermediate/Advanced (1 hr)

\$365.50 + \$35 Membership Fee for 17 weeks

Wednesday 6:00pm (ages 6-12)
Thursday 6:00pm (ages 12-17)
Saturday 12:45pm (ages 6-17)

Girl's/Boy's Tumbling & Trampoline Classes Beginners/Intermediate/Advanced (1.5 hr)

\$450.50 + \$35 Membership Fee for 17 weeks

Wednesday 7:00pm (ages 12-17)
Friday 5:15pm (ages 6-17)

Girl's/Boy's Parkour Classes All levels (1.5 hr)

\$510 + \$35 Membership Fee for 17 weeks
Monday 5:30pm (ages 6-12) or Thursday 7pm (ages 12-17)

SPECIALTY CLASSES:

Special Needs (50 mins)

\$433.50 + \$35 Membership Fee for 17 weeks
Tuesday 4:55pm (ages 6-17)

Tween/Teen Night (45 mins)

\$10 per session
Friday 7:00pm, 7:50pm, 8:40pm (ages 10-17)

Adult Gymnastics (1.5 hour)

\$22 per class Or \$160 for a 10 class card
Monday and/or Wednesday 7:00pm

Free Running (Ages 17+)

\$17 per class
Saturday 5:45-8:15pm
Sunday 5:00-7:30pm

Playdates (Ages 3-17)

\$10 per hour
Playdates can be arranged for groups of 3 or more upon request.
Call to schedule!

Important Dates

Scheduled Start & End Dates

Sun. Feb. 1 – Jun. 14
Mon. Jan. 26 – Jun. 8
Tues. Jan. 20 – Jun. 2
Wed. Feb. 4 – Jun. 10
Thurs. Feb. 12 – Jun. 18
Fri. Feb. 13 – Jun. 19
Sat. Feb. 7 – Jun. 13
* 17 classes throughout the Spring Program

Scheduled Vacations, Holidays, & Competitions

Feb. 10 (Tuesday) PSAL Competition
Feb. 16-22 (Monday-Sunday) Midwinter Recess
Apr. 3-9 (Friday-Thursday) Spring Recess
May 24-25 (Sunday-Monday) Memorial Day

*Please note – During the scheduled vacations and holidays, call to schedule a play date!

Contact: (718) 758-7575
Gymnastics@aviatorsports.com



Lacrosse



Spring Lacrosse Clinic

Ages: 6-13 years old

Dates: Sunday, March 8 & 15 12:00-2:00pm

Fee: \$50 for members, \$60 for non-members

Coached by Major League Lacrosse (MLL) Rookie of the year for the Florida Launch Kieran McArdle

Lacrosse Spring Class

Ages: 6-13 years old

Dates: April 2nd-May 14th (No class April 30th)

Times: 6:00-7:00pm

Fee: \$240, early registration before March 16th \$200.

For more information contact Charlie Wodicka at 718-758-7584 or charlesw@aviatorsports.com



CrossFit Floyd Bennett Field



CrossFit Floyd Bennett Field is southern Brooklyn's premiere CrossFit gym, located within Aviator Sports and Events Center. The gym offers state of the art equipment, spacious locker rooms, showers and plenty of FREE parking. At CF FBF you will find a community of people dedicated to wellness by being both physically and mentally fit. You are promised to be challenged by our varying programming – completely shutting the door on boredom and passivity that you may have encountered elsewhere. Only one thing will stay the same – you will be motivated each and every day that you walk in our doors. Our coaches and fellow members are here to support and rally you on.

CrossFit

CrossFit is functional movements centered around Olympic lifting, gymnastics, and endurance (cardio). It caters to anyone and everyone by varying the load and intensity of workouts with infinite modifications. CrossFit is designed to develop and hone your skills across the entire spectrum of fitness by dynamic compound body and weighted movements.

* Prior Crossfit experience or the completion of ALL three CF FBF Elements classes is needed.

Team CrossFit

Team CrossFit offered on Saturday mornings, this WOD (work out of the day) is to be completed with a partner or a team of 4. Your destined to have a great time and make new friends! This class really showcases FBF's awesome community. Be sure to sign up it fills up fast!

NEW CrossFit Kids

CrossFit Kids is a brand new program that focuses on functional fitness movements to increase your child's stamina, balance, agility, power, speed, accuracy, flexibility, strength, and much more. CrossFit Kids both prepares kids for training in other sports, as well as teaches and reinforces safe and healthy habits of self-care. Most importantly, our highly trained coaches make sure everyone is included and having fun!

Cardio Fit

Cardio Fit is a one hour session that blends the well-known boot camp approach of group fitness classes with

the functional sport feel of CrossFit. This class is perfect for all levels, even beginners. Cardio Fit is all about functional movement performed at high intensity, with an emphasis on intensity.

Elements

Elements are our three training sessions, 1 hour each, that teach you the basic movements commonly encountered in CrossFit workouts. This is your opportunity to become familiar with the movements and "ramp up" to the intensity of the group classes. This way you will feel safe, confident and ready to go!

Mobility

Mobility this class is designed to help you improve mechanics and to provide you with the tools to perform basic maintenance on yourself to become a better athlete. We will teach you how to recover from intense workouts, achieve better positioning and manage soreness all through foam rolling, self-myofascial release, PNF, trigger point, self-massage, and stretch band work. This class is about stretching with intention. It's about positions, ideas, and the focus changes weekly. Inspired by the hard work and knowledge cultivated by Kelly Starrett through www.mobilitywod.com. All levels are welcome.

Open Gym

Open Gym is offered to CF FBF members only. It is at designated times throughout the week where members are allowed to come in and use the gym space and equipment to work on skills, do a WOD or additional strength exercises.

Coach Bios

Steve Abgarian holds a Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology from SUNY Brockport. He is a former All American Soccer player and CrossFit games athlete. He most recently competed with his team at the 2013 CrossFit Games held in Southern California which was broadcasted on ESPN.

Certifications:

- CrossFit Level 1 Certified
- USAW Level 1 Certified

Laura Henschel grew up playing all types of sports such as swimming, track, cross country, cheerleading and even JV boys lacrosse, but most of her time was spent in the pool having been a USS competitive swimmer. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Theatre from SUNY Stony Brook (her classes can be quite theatrical). While honing her craft in Los Angeles, Laura was introduced to CrossFit and was instantly hooked. Soon after Laura received her CF level 1 and began her new career path as a CrossFit Coach. After 2+ years of coaching and competing in Southern California Laura was offered the amazing opportunity to move back home to NY and do what she loves at CF FBF!



Certifications:

- CrossFit Level 1 Trainer
- CrossFit Movement & Mobility Trainer
- CrossFit Coaches Prep
- USAW Level 1 Sports Performance Coach
- CrossFit Kids
- CrossFit Coaches Prep Level 2

Soccer

Summer, Spring, Winter or Fall – Aviator Sports and Events has a soccer program for you! We also feature Dutch Total Soccer training, based on the Dutch philosophy of coaching which is founded on the premise that the player's ball control and tactical development will receive top priority in training.



Dutch Total Spring Soccer

Ages: 3-12 years old

Dates: Starting first week of April continuing until the end of May. (Days of the week are Tuesday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday)

Length: 8 Week Session; Classes meet once a week; All classes are 1 hour long

Times:
Saturday 9:30am-1:30pm
Tuesdays 5:00pm-8:00pm
Sundays 12:00pm-3:00pm

Pricing:
\$240 for 8 week sessions + \$35 Aviator membership
\$124 for 8 week sessions Mommy & Me classes + \$35 Aviator membership
Early registration discount ends March 18th.

Classes:

- **Mommy & Me (Ages 18 months-3)**
Friday 11:30am

- **Stepping into Soccer (Ages 3-4)**

Tuesday 5:00pm
Saturday 9:30am, 11:30am
Sundays 12:00pm

- **DTS Jrs (Ages 5-6)**

Tuesday 5:00pm
Saturday 9:30am & 11:30am
Sunday 1:00pm

- **DTS Jrs (Ages 7-8)**

Tuesday 6:00pm,
Saturday 10:30am
Sunday 2:00pm

- **Skills and Drills (Ages 9-12)**

Tuesday 7:00pm
Saturday 10:30am

- **Power Shooting (Ages 9-12)**

Tuesday 6:00pm

- **DTS Elite (Ages 8-12)**

Tuesday 7:00pm

Dutch Total Soccer Spring Break Camp

Dates: April 6-10

Time: 9:00am-3:00pm each day (Lunch included 11:30am-12:30pm)

Price: \$60/day for non-members, \$50/day for members (lunch included)

Men's 5v5 Indoor Soccer League

Begins: Tuesday, March 10, 2015

Nights: Tuesday

Time: 8pm, 9pm, and 10pm

Fee: \$700 per team
\$50 fee for teams that need jerseys
\$450 team deposit on registration
Each player must pay \$35 Aviator memberships
\$30 referee fee per game

Game format:

- 5 vs. 5 including goalie
- 2x22 minute halves
- 10 games + potential playoffs
- (Min 7 players, Max 12 players)

Soccer Field Rentals

Indoor & Outdoor Field Rentals:

Aviator Sports and Events offer rentals on all four of our spacious indoor and outdoor fields.

Outdoor Fields:

360' x 210' state of the arte infilled synthetic turf fields with lights and 4,000 spectator seating capacity for 11v11 and 8v8 soccer leagues, camps, clinics and tournaments.

Indoor Turf Fields:

With our indoor turf fields, you have the option to rent one 50'x100' field or combine both for a 100'x100' total area, for the ultimate indoor soccer experience. Contact to Reshat Kadiu at 718-749-9531 or reshat@aviatorsports.com

Ice Skating/Learn to Skate

Aviator Sports and Events Center is committed to offering the best ice skating experience in New York City. The Aviator Ice Academy is affiliated with U.S. Figure Skating with classes for skaters of all ages and abilities. The Academy offers group "Learn to Skate" classes 4 days a week. There are classes for tots, youth, teens and adults, as well as skaters starting their competitive careers.

Aviator Ice Academy (Youth) Learn to Skate Spring 2015

Our professional staff in Aviator Sports and Events Center's Learn to Skate Program consists of Olympic & World coaches and competitors, as well as international performers. Parents will now have the opportunity to join their children on the 2nd half of the extended LTS and continue skating during public session every week for \$5.00 (payable day of class) DOES NOT INCLUDE PARENT SKATE RENTAL

Fee:

Weekdays – \$220 for 10 Weeks + \$35 annual membership fee
Weekends – \$270 for 10 weeks + \$35 annual membership fee

Schedule:

Late Registration Policy

Rolling Enrollment is offered. You may register for 10 weeks of classes at any time, classes will carry over into the next semester.

Refund/Make-up Class Policy

No Refunds given after 1st Class. Only 2 Make-up classes may be taken throughout the semester (your child should complete a minimum of 10 weeks).

Class Dates — Spring 2015

Thursdays 4:00pm: February 12 – April 30 (No classes Feb 19, April 9)

Fridays 4:30pm: February 13-May 1 (No classes Feb 20, April 10)

Saturdays 11:00am: February 7-April 25 (No classes Feb 21, April 11)

Sundays 10:00am & 11:00am: February 8-April 26 (No classes Feb 22, April 12)

Aviator Ice Academy (Adult) Learn to Skate Spring 2015

Aviator Ice Academy also offers Learn to Skate classes for adults. Adult skaters

will learn the basics of skating from the Adult Basics Skills structured program.

Fee:

Weekends- \$270 for 10 weeks + \$35 annual membership fee

Schedule:

Late Registration Policy

Rolling Enrollment is offered. You may register for 10 weeks of classes at any time, classes will carry over into the next semester.

Refund/Make-up Class Policy

No Refunds given after 1st Class. Only 2 Make-up classes may be taken throughout the semester. No Classes will be carried over into the next semester (a minimum of 10 weeks).

Class Dates — Spring 2015

Saturdays 11:00am: February 7-April 25 (No classes Feb 21, April 11)

Sundays 11:15am: February 8-April 26 (No classes Feb 22, April 12)

Freestyle Skating Spring 2015

Monday:

Morning: 6-7*, 7-7:50, 8-8:50, 9-9:50, 10-10:50
Afternoon: 3:10-4, 4-4:50, 4:50-5:40, 5:40-6:30

Tuesday:

Morning: 6-7*, 7-7:50, 8-8:50, 9-9:50, 10-10:50

Wednesday:

Morning: 6-7*, 7-7:50, 8-8:50, 9-9:50, 10-10:50
Afternoon: 4-4:50, 4:50-5:40, 5:40-6:30

Thursday:

Morning: 6-7*, 7-7:50, 8-8:50, 9-9:50, 10-10:50
Afternoon: 4-4:50, 4:50-5:40, 5:40-6:30

Friday:

Morning: 6-7*, 7-7:50, 8-8:50, 9-9:50, 10-10:50
Afternoon: 4-4:50 Rink A, 5-5:50, 5:50-6:40

Saturday:

Morning: 8:10-9, 9-9:50, 10-10:40

*Please note: 6-7am sessions with coach only, must have unlimited monthly plan.

NOTE: You must pay and sign in before entering the ice. No split sessions allowed

PRICING

1 Session – \$20.00
10 Pack – \$160.00 (expires in 2 months)
20 Pack – \$280.00 (expires in 2 months)
Unlimited monthly – \$300

Aviator Sports and Events Center and Aviator FSC members-\$250 (Must have both memberships)

*Cost of 20 Pack will remain \$270 for Aviator Members

**Multi-Packs are Non Transferable & Non-Refundable

***Guest Coaches must receive approval from skating director before teaching.

Skating Instructors

Slava Rozanski, Skating School Director. Slava is the Figure Skating Director at Aviator Sports. He has 20 years of coaching experience.

Aviator Sports and Events Center is proud to provide top quality coaching for whatever type of private lessons you are interested in. We have coaches ranging from Learn To Skate Specialists through Olympic level coaches.

Schedule Private Lessons

- Call our skating office and leave a message to schedule in advance, with date and time (a small window of time is helpful) -- an available instructor will call you back to discuss details.
- Go to the web, click on the link for instructors to learn about pricing, view bios and to contact one directly.
- Come to the rink and observe their teaching skills and ability personally. You can approach them directly and make your own arrangements for date, times, price, etc. ~Schedule an evaluation with a skating director (for more advanced levels) to find the proper instructor for your child.
- Lessons are offered 7 days a week &

can be scheduled on either public or freestyle sessions.

- Semi-private lessons are also available (price to be agreed upon with instructor). No more than 3 skaters allowed for semi-private lesson during public sessions.
- Please note: the price for private lesson DOES NOT include ice admission and skate rentals (please see website for price details).

Aviator Figure Skating Club

The principal purpose of the Club is to foster figure skating on ice. In order to do so, the Club has been organized to exist as a member club of U.S. Figure Skating and, therefore, seeks to assist in carrying out the objectives and purposes of U.S. Figure Skating in accordance with the provisions of the U.S. Figure Skating Bylaws and Official Rules. The Club shall maintain its membership in U.S. Figure Skating and conduct its affairs in a manner consistent with the bylaws, official rules, policies and procedures of U.S. Figure Skating. ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN!

Upcoming Events

- Test Session, April 12th, Approx. 10:15am*
 - Annual End-of-the-Year Show, June 21st, 3:30pm*
- *Dates and times subject to change



Public Skating

Aviator Ice Rinks ranks among the top skating rinks in NYC, according to the Daily News! We are very proud of our World-Class Skate Instructors. You can bring your own skates or rent from us. Open 7 days a week, our regularly scheduled open skate hours offer you a chance to experience year-round fun on New York City's only twin NHL size ice rinks.

Public Skating Spring 2015

Starts: April 1, 2015

Admission & Rental Fees:

Adults: \$10/ \$9 Aviator members
Children (11 & Under): \$8/ \$7.20 Aviator members

Skate Rentals: \$5.00/pair

Regular Schedule:

Mondays 11:00am-4:40pm
Tuesdays 11:00am-4:40pm
Wednesdays 11:00am-3:45pm
Thursdays 11:00am-3:45pm
Fridays 11:00am-4:15pm / 7:30pm-11:00pm
Saturdays 12:15pm-6:30pm / 7pm-11:00pm
Sundays 12:15pm-3:15pm/ 3:30pm-6:30pm

Spring Break Extended Hours:

Monday April 6-Thursday, April 9 11:00am-4:00pm/
4:30pm-8:30pm

For up-to-the-minute schedule changes, please call the public skating hotline at 718-758-7567. Also if you are interested in booking a field trip or group outing to Aviator contact Joe today: 718-758-7520 or joseph@aviatorsports.com to learn more and to book your dates!

Ice Hockey

Get in the action with one of Aviator's many recreational or competitive leagues with quality officiating and professional grade rinks. Players looking for the ultimate travel hockey experience can try out to be part of the Aviator Hockey Club program with some of the area's top teams.

Adult Hockey League

Aviator Sports and Events offers Adult Hockey Leagues every season, offering 10 regular season games. To qualify for the playoffs, your team must finish in the top 60% of your division. Sign up now as a team to assure your spot in the various leagues that Aviator has to offer. If you are an individual interested in signing up, please contact us in the office for help in finding a spot on a team: 718-758-7554 or email us at hockey@aviatorsports.com. Space is limited!

Tier 1:

This will be the most advanced division of hockey at Aviator Sports and Events Center. It will be most appropriate for competitive players with Division I, D-II, or D-III college experience or those who have some pro hockey experience. Games will be played on various nights 7:30pm to 12:30am (Ages 18+).

Tier 2:

This division will consist of players who have several years of experience playing competitive hockey. Participants will have experience at college club teams, high school and youth travel teams, or competitive adult leagues. It is appropriate for players who have proficient skating, shooting, passing, and overall strategic skills. Games will be played various nights from 7:30pm to 12:30am. (Ages 18 and up).

*ONLY 3 'A' league caliber players per team

Tiers 3 & 4:

These divisions will consist of average to above-average recreational players with previous experience in organized hockey. Players at this level understand the basic strategy and rules of the game and have adequate puck handling, shooting and passing skills. Games will be played various nights from 7:30pm to 12:30am. (Ages 18+)

*Only 1 'A' league caliber player per team.

Tiers 5 & 6:

This division will consist of players that are either graduating from our Adult Learn-to-Play programs, have no or little experience in organized hockey, or coming from inline/roller hockey. The Aviator Developmental Division provides an atmosphere of learning, as well as the competitive spirit of the game of hockey. Games will be played on various nights from 7:30pm to 12:30am (Ages 18+).

Registration

Fee: \$3,450 per team + \$35 Aviator membership fee for each player (Please contact us at hockey@aviatorsports.com regarding individual registrations) All participants must be USA Hockey registered: www.usahockeyregistration.com.

Season: 10 Weeks (various days)

NO JERSEYS ARE PROVIDED!

FULL EQUIPMENT REQUIRED: Helmet with full face mask, Shoulder pads, Hockey skates, Hockey pants, Hockey gloves, Shin pads, Athletic support with cup (men) or pelvic protector (women), Elbow pads, Hockey stick, Hockey jersey.

Youth How to Play

The Aviator Atoms program is for boys and girls (ages 4 to 15). This is a 10-week class with two classes to choose from. We offer a Tuesday afternoon and Saturday afternoon class. This program is for the player that has never played hockey but wants to progress into our in-house leagues.

Schedule:

Tuesday 5:00-6:00pm (Begins March 31, 2015)

Saturday 4:40-5:40pm (Begins March 28, 2015)

*Times are approximate, they may change from season to season

Ages: 4-15 years old

Fee: \$285 per player + \$35 Aviator membership

Season: 10 Weeks

Prerequisite: Aviator Initiation program, Aviator Learn to Skate program or other House League experience.

All participants must be USA Hockey registered: www.usahockeyregistration.com. To register for one of these classes online, please go to: www.aviatorsports.com/sports/ice-hockey.

FULL EQUIPMENT REQUIRED: Helmet with full face mask, Mouth guard, Neck guard, Shoulder pads, Hockey skates, Hockey pants, Hockey gloves, Shin pads, Athletic support with cup (boys) or pelvic protector (girls), Elbow pads, Hockey stick.

For more info on Aviator Hockey Club's youth programs, please visit www.aviatorhockey.org.

Youth Hockey Program

Ages: 5-17 years old

Aviator Sports Hockey Program is for the House player ages 5 to 17. The In-House hockey program will consist of 1 practice and 1 game per week. All practices will be 60-70 minutes and all games will be 60-80 minutes. Boys and girls who were born in the years 1996 through 2009 are eligible for the Youth House League which will encompass Mite through Midget levels.

Season: 10 weeks (Mid March- Mid June)
Begins the week of March 23, 2015

Fee: \$450

All participants MUST be USA Hockey registered: www.usahockeyregistration.com

Prerequisite: Aviator Initiation program, Aviator Learn to Skate program or other House League experience.

Youth League Divisions:

Mite: ages 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010

Squirt: ages 2004, 2005

Peewee: ages 2002, 2003

Bantam: ages 2000, 2001

Midget: ages 1997, 1998, 1999

In-House Practice Schedule:

Mite Practice: Tuesdays – 5:00pm-6:20pm

Squirt Practice: Tuesdays – 6:30pm-7:50p

Peewee Practice: Thursdays –

6:00pm-7:20pm

JV(Bantam & Midget) Practice:

Thursdays – 8:40pm-9:50pm

FULL EQUIPMENT REQUIRED:

Helmet with full face mask, Mouth guard, Neck guard, Shoulder pads, Hockey skates, Hockey pants, Hockey gloves, Shin pads, Athletic support with cup(boys) or pelvic protector(girls), Elbow pads, Hockey stick.

To register by phone, please call 718-758-7554 or email ryan@aviatorsports.com.

Adult Open Hockey

It's no-hassle hockey where and when you want it! For \$20, you get 80 minutes of the best ice in Brooklyn, locker rooms, and shower facilities. No leagues to join! Men and women are welcome. Players should bring both dark and light jerseys. All sessions (ages 18+) are "no-check" and limited to a maximum of 30 players. The first two goalies are always free! Pucks will not be provided. Please bring your own.

Fee: \$20 per session/ \$18 Aviator Members

For more information please contact us at 718-758-7566.

Aviator Travel Hockey Club

Aviator Hockey Club fields teams Mite-Midget (18U) every season. All of our head coaches are NON-PARENT, full time, professional staff. We are an official Tier II New York State Tournament bound organization participating in the Long Island Amateur Hockey League.

Tryouts are held every April for the upcoming Fall season.

Please visit www.aviatorhockey.org for more information. Any Questions Contact Chris Werstine, Director Of Hockey @ 718-758-7541 or chris@aviatorsports.com. Aviator Hockey Club Tuition includes summer travel practice beginning in July and Boot Camp (August).

Youth Sticks & Pucks

Our Youth Sticks & Pucks program is an opportunity for youth players to come down and practice their skills in an open hockey environment with other youth players, practice with a parent, or take private lessons with one of our Aviator hockey coaches.

Fee: \$25 per session, per participant/ \$20 Aviator members – and full equipment is required

If you are interested in private lessons, please contact us in the office at 718-758-7541 and we will pass on your information to our coaches to contact you regarding scheduling appointments. Please visit www.aviatorhockey.org for schedules.



Volleyball

Aviator will provide professional referees, in-ground poles, fully air conditioned gym and electronic scoreboards. We will do all the work; all you need to worry about is bringing your game!

Adult Volleyball League



Dates: Beginning in early April
Nights: Fridays
Time: 7:00pm, 8:00pm, 9:00pm
Price: \$700 team fee + \$35 Aviator membership
Game Format:
• 6 games + potential playoffs
• Winning team receives team T-shirts, free championship game after party and 50% off next league fee
• Best of 5 games
• \$30 referee fee per game per team

Open Volleyball

Join us at Aviator for a fun night of recreational pick-up games of Volleyball, then upstairs to the Aces Sports Lounge to relax.

Fee: \$10 a person non-members/\$9 a person members

Schedule:
Thursday 8:30pm-12:30pm
Sunday 7:00pm-11:00pm

For more information contact Reshat Kadiu at 718-749-9531 or reshat@aviatorsports.com

Private Volleyball Lessons

Aviator Sports & Events Center now provides private volleyball lessons for youth & adults.

1 PERSON SESSIONS

Non-Members
\$45 per 1 hr Session
\$115 for Three 1 hr Sessions
\$225 for Six 1 hr Sessions
\$360 for Ten 1 hr Sessions
Members
\$40.50 1 hr Session
103.50 Three 1 hr Sessions
\$202.50 for Six 1 hr Sessions
\$324 for Ten 1 hr Sessions

2 PERSON SESSIONS

Non-Members
\$165 Three 1 hr Sessions
\$285 Six 1 hr Sessions
\$425 Ten 1 hr Sessions
Members
148.50 Three 1 hr Sessions
\$256.50 for Six 1 hr Sessions
\$382.50 for Ten 1 hr Sessions

Tennis



Spring 10 & Under Youth Tennis

Length: 8 week program
Starts: Sunday, March 22, 2015
Fee: \$230 for Ages 3-6, \$294 for Ages 7-10
Times: 3-4 years old: 11:00am-12:00pm
5-6 years old: 12:00pm-1:00pm
7-10 years old: 1:00pm-2:15pm

- Programs use kid-size courts and equipment so kids can learn the game of tennis while having fun.
- Class taught by a Junior Development PTR (Professional Tennis Registry) certified Coach Jim DiGiacomo.

Contact Charlie Wodicka at 718-758-7584 or charlesw@aviatorsports.com

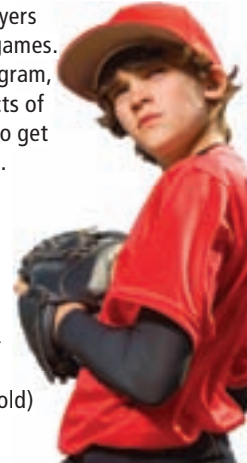
Baseball



Youth Baseball Development Clinics

The Baseball Development Program is a great way for baseball players to take the next step in their games. During this 6 week indoor program, children will work on all aspects of the game using various drills to get the most out of their potential.

Ages: 7-9 years old and 10-12 years old
Dates: March 25-April 29
Length: 6 week session
Times: Wednesdays 6:30pm-7:30pm (7-9 years old), 7:30pm-8:30pm (10-12 years old)
Fee: \$150.00



Baseball Little Sluggers

Introductory class for children looking to start baseball
Ages: 3-4 years old
Dates: March 30th – May 4th
Length: 6 week session
Times: Monday 5:00pm-5:45pm
Fee: \$100.00

Baseball Big Hitters

Kids focus on learning fundamentals of baseball
Ages: 5-6 years old
Dates: March 30th – May 4th
Length: 6 week session
Times: Monday 5:45pm - 6:45pm
Fee: \$120.00

Contact Brendan Cassidy at 718-758-7547 or brendan@aviatorsports.com

Field Trips/Group Outings

Aviator Sports and Events Center is an ideal location for a wide range of group outings and group events. With a 175,000 square foot facility and a wide array of sports and activities to choose from it's easy to see why hundreds of schools every year take advantage of Aviator Sports when booking a trip. Let our experienced staff and instructors plan a trip specifically designed for your needs. Our facility has two regulation NHL ice rinks, 20,000 square foot Field House, full Gymnastics Center, Rock Wall and two Outdoor Fields. Aviator Sports can handle small to large classes and the best part is you choose the sports and activities for your students to experience.

Activities

At Aviator, student groups scale the rock wall, leap and jump in the gymnastics pit, and even take to the sky in our flight simulator. Students also have options for year-round ice skating, basketball, and indoor/outdoor field for soccer, flag football and turf-based field games.

Field Trips

Field trips, class outings, scouting, summer camp, and youth group outings at Aviator are unforgettable educational experiences that allow students to discover

their natural talents. These programs expand student horizons and build self-esteem by allowing students to experience and learn about an extraordinary variety of sports and activities.

Call today: 718-758-7520 or email groups@aviatorsports.com to learn more or to book your field trip dates!

Staff Development Day

Do you want to bring in your teachers for a fun-filled staff development day? This day of events for all staff will include private rooms for development workshops,

sport activities, teambuilding games, breakfast + lunch and more! We will work together to create an experience that is both engaging and impactful for your educators and school leaders.

Fundraisers

Want to raise money for your organization? Looking for a low risk, fun way to do it? Aviator Sports has great ways to help your organization. Charge entrance or participation fees and earn money for your fundraiser while having unforgettable experience(s) at the same time!

Flag Football

Our full-sized outdoor turf fields provide players an exceptional sports experience. The fields are furnished with large scoreboards. Both individual and whole teams are welcome to register. The League runs during three seasons: Winter/Spring, Summer & Fall. Aviator provides two separate men's leagues "A" & "B."

Men's Flag Football Leagues

Our full-sized outdoor turf fields provide players an exceptional sports experience. The fields are furnished with large scoreboards. Both individual and whole teams are welcome to register. The League runs during three seasons: Winter/Spring, Summer & Fall. Teams consist of 20 man rosters. Aviator provides two separate men's leagues.

Adult Flag Football 8 v 8 League

Starts: First week in June

Price: \$900 per team + \$35 Membership Fee

Referee Fee: \$60 per game

Game Format:

- 2x 22 minute halves
- Referee fee per game \$60
- 10 games and possible playoffs
- Refer a new team & get \$100 off league fees
- 2 free pitchers of beer per game
- 16 team league
- Winning team get 50% off next seasons league fee

Aviator has moved to a membership program which means all players on each team must have a \$35 Aviator Yearly Membership. With this membership you will receive discounts in our food court and you will receive special promotions or offers from local business and organizations that participate in our Benefit Program. In addition, you will receive the follow league amenities throughout the season.

- League stats will be kept on the Aviator MySAM website
- Interactive Team Roster
- New RSVP System. Allows each player to RSVP for games they will attend to eliminate the guessing game on who will show up for each game
- For the both "A" & "B" League Championship games there will be 4 total Referees; the extra referee will be provided at no extra charge.
- Bi-Weekly Interactive Voting Polls
- Champions will receive 50% off next season's league fee

Flag Belts

Aviator no longer provides flag belts. Each team must bring their own Belts. The

official belts that will be use are the Flag A Tag- Sonic Belts. Belts can be purchase from Aviator Sports Pack of 20 Belts \$160. Single Belts \$12 ea.

Refer-A-Team Deal: Every new team you refer to the league you will receive \$100 off your registration fee.

Contact Charlie Wodicka at 718-758-7584 or charlesw@aviatorsports.com

Youth Flag Football League

Ages: 6-12 years old

Starts: April 18, 2015 at 3:00pm (1hr)

Length: 8 weeks (1 hour sessions)

Dates: Saturdays

Fee: \$200 + \$35 Aviator membership

Location: Class will be held on our newly renovated indoor turf fields and will focus on teaching the basics of football

Our Youth Flag Football program will focus on the fundamentals of football by providing high energy drills, activities, and game scenarios. Instructor Timothy



Bishop's coaching experience at multiple levels makes him perfect for explaining and demonstrating the ins and outs of the game. His experience and knowledge of the game is unmatched, but what separates him is his ability to teach important life values through the game of football.

Contact Charlie Wodicka at 718-758-7584 or charlesw@aviatorsports.com

Basketball

Aviator Sports and Events Center's 20,000 square foot field house is home to two regulation suspended hardwood maple courts, programmed for a variety of basketball leagues, camps, clinics, and drop-in play. Come into the facility and register in person, no registration form needed!

Youth Basketball Development Program



The Baseball Development Program is a great way for baseball players to take the next step in their games. During this six week indoor program children will work on all aspects of the game using various drills to get the most of their potential.

Days: Saturdays

Dates: April 18-June 27, 2015 (No class May 23 & 30)

Length: 10 weeks

Price: \$132.00 +\$35 Aviator membership

Age Groups & Times: (All Age Groups are Coed)

Biddy(5-6yr): 9:00am-10:00am

Pee-Wee(7-9yr): 10:00am-11:00am

Juniors(9-11yr): 11:00am-12:00pm

Varsity(12-15yr): 12:00pm-1:00pm

In-House Youth Basketball League

Days: Sundays

Dates: May 3-July 19 (No games May 24, 31, or July 5)

Length: 10 weeks

Price:

\$90 +\$35 Aviator membership (Ages 5-8 & 9-12 years old)

\$110 + \$35 Aviator membership (Ages 16U)

Age Groups & Times: (All Age Groups are Coed)

5-8 year olds: 8:00am-9:00am

9-12 year olds: 9:00am-10:00am

16U: 10:00am-11:00am

Adult Basketball 'A' League

Nights: Mondays

Dates: May 4th – July 27th

Length: 10 Weeks + potential playoffs

Game Times: 8:00pm to 11:00pm

Price:

\$750 Teams returning with Aviator T-shirts/Jerseys

\$800 Teams ordering T-shirts

\$900 Teams ordering Jerseys plus each player must have a current \$35 Aviator membership before the team first game

Adult Basketball 'B' League

Nights: Tuesdays

Dates: May 5th – July 29th

Length: 10 Weeks + potential playoffs

Game Times: 8:00pm to 11:00pm

Price:

\$750 Teams returning with Aviator T-shirts/Jerseys

\$800 Teams ordering T-shirts

\$900 Teams ordering Jerseys plus each player must have a current \$35 Aviator membership before the team first game

Open Basketball

Fee: \$10 a person non-members/\$9 a person members

Youth & Adult Basketball Times:

Monday 3:00pm-5:00pm

Wednesdays 2:00pm-4:00pm

Fridays 2:00pm-4:00pm (Ages 11 & older)

Saturday 2:00pm-4:00pm & 4:30pm-6:30pm

Midnight Basketball

Nights: Friday and Saturday

Time: 11:00pm to 2:00pm (Must arrive before 12:00am)

Ages: 18 and up (ID required)

Private Lessons

Pro-Style training each session created to each client's personal skill needs which leads to 1on1 intense coaching to bring your all-around basketball game up to the next level. Contact Brendan Cassidy at 718-758-7547 or brendan@aviatorsports.com

1 PERSON SESSIONS

Non-Members

\$45 per 1 hr Session

\$117 for 3-1 hr Sessions

\$225 for 6-1 hr Sessions

\$360 for 10-1 hr Sessions

Members

\$40.50 per 1 hr Session

\$105 for 3-1 hr Sessions

\$202.50 Six 1 hr Sessions

\$324 for Ten 1 hr Session

2 PERSON SESSIONS

Non-Members

\$165 for 3-1 hr Sessions

\$285 for 6-1 hr Sessions

\$425 for 10-1 hr Sessions

Members

\$147 for 3-1 hr Sessions

\$256 for 6-1 hr Sessions

\$382.50 for 10-1 hr Sessions



Camps

Summer camp is a place for building new relationships, making new memories, having great experiences and days filled with smiles and laughter. Campers will be separated into groups by age, for days filled with everything our 175,000 square foot facility has to offer. Our low counselor to camper ratios ensure your child is safe and smiling all day. Whether your child attends Aviator for 1 week or 9 weeks, spending the summer with us will be a summer your child never forgets!

ADVENTURE SUMMER CAMPS (JUNE 29 - AUG. 28)

Where we combine fun and learning. Choose between instructional and recreational camps.

ADVENTURE CAMP

Ages: 5-13 years old 9:00am to 4:00pm (No restrictions on number of weeks, can register 1 to 9)

Campers in this camp will enjoy ALL Aviator has to offer throughout their week. Activities include recreational gymnastics, recreational swimming, casual sports, rock climbing, sky jump, arts and crafts, team building activities, field trips, and theme days. This is ideal for a camper who wants a little bit of everything without the intensity of formal coaching or training.

JUNIOR CAMP

Ages: 3-5 years old 9:00am to 4:00pm. (No restrictions on number of weeks, can register 1 to 9)

Campers still enjoy a variety of unique activities at Aviator Sports such as swimming, gymnastics, rock climbing, art, and sports. This program does not participate in ice skating or field trips. It's a great way to introduce your young camper to summer camp or prepare them for their first year at school.

Gymnastics Program

Included in Adventure Camp

Ages: 5 to 13 years old (see registration form for dates) Must register for 1 full session (2 weeks)

Instruction will consist of a beginner level introduction to gymnastics which will include warm ups, stretching, tumbling, balancing and trampoline. This is for beginners to gymnastics

who seek formal introduction to the sport. Campers in this program will be pulled from their group for 1 hour a day 3 times a week and return to their regular group for the rest of the day.

Skate Instruction Program

Included in Adventure Camp

Ages: 5-13 years old (Must Register for 1 full session -2 weeks).

Campers will work with our instructors and camp counselors to build confidence and knowledge on the ice. Working with instructors, our campers will build basic skills regarding ice skating, as well as safety skills. Instruction will be for an hour a day and the campers will return to regular Adventure Camp activities and field trips after instruction.

Dance Program

Ages: 7-13 years old (Must register for 1 full session-3 weeks).

Campers in our Dance program will meet with both our Dance Instructor and Camp staff to practice three weeks with various styles of dance. Based on experience and skill, campers will be assigned to routines which they will practice and will culminate in a performance on the Wednesday of their last week of the program. Campers will spend an hour or two with this program a day and return to Adventure camp for activities and field trips.

Theater Program

Ages: 7-13 years old (Must register for 1 full session-3 weeks).

Campers in our Theater program will meet with both our Theater Instructor and Camp staff to practice three weeks

with various styles of acting. Based on experience and skill, campers will be assigned to roles which they will practice and will culminate in a performance on the Wednesday of their last week of the program. Campers will spend an hour or two with this program a day and return to Adventure camp for activities and field trips.

Aviator Camp Refund Policy

- A non-refundable \$300 deposit is due at the time of registration. Payments are due in full on or before June 7th, 2015. Persons with balances after the deadline are subject to cancellation.
- There are no refunds after June 7th, should you need to discontinue camp for any reason, Aviator Sports will retain your non-refundable \$300 + a \$50 processing fee. The remainder will be prorated and issued in the form of an Aviator credit.

Open House Days

March 7, 15, 28,
May 3, 16, 30,

April 4, 12, 18, 25
June 6, 7

If you cannot attend one of these dates listed and would like to make an appointment for a tour with one of our Directors please call 718-758-7510.

*There are no refunds after June 7th, 2015. After June 7th, should you need to discontinue camp for any reason, Aviator Sports will retain your non-refundable \$300 deposit. The remainder will be prorated and issued in the form of an Aviator credit.

*There are no refunds after June 7th, 2015. After June 7th, should you need to discontinue camp for any reason, Aviator Sports will retain your non-refundable \$300 deposit + a \$50 processing fee.

*We must have an updated medical on file before June 7th in order for your child to participate in any camp programs.

*Specialty Programs are subject to change based on enrollment

ADVENTURE CAMP

Ages 5-13 • 9:00am to 4:00pm 5 days a week

*Membership required to attend camp

Register Before January 31st, 2015	Register Before March 31st, 2015	Register Before May 31st, 2015
1 Week: \$440	1 Week: \$467	1 Week: \$495
2 Week Bundle: \$836	2 Week Bundle: \$888	2 Week Bundle: \$940
3 Week Bundle: \$1,214	3 Week Bundle: \$1,290	3 Week Bundle: \$1,366
4 Week Bundle: \$1,500	4 Week Bundle: \$1,636	4 Week Bundle: \$1,732
5 Week Bundle: \$1,892	5 Week Bundle: \$2,010	5 Week Bundle: \$2,128
6 Week Bundle: \$2,112	6 Week Bundle: \$2,244	6 Week Bundle: \$2,376
7 Week Bundle: \$2,279	7 Week Bundle: \$2,422	7 Week Bundle: \$2,564
8 Week Bundle: \$2,464	8 Week Bundle: \$2,618	8 Week Bundle: \$2,772
9 Week Bundle: \$2,613	9 Week Bundle: \$2,777	9 Week Bundle: \$2,940
(Only early bird discount can be applied)	(All siblings receive a 10% discount)	(All siblings receive a 10% discount)

ADVENTURE OR JUNIOR CAMP

Ages 3-13 • 9am to 4pm 3 days/week (Mon-Wed.)

*Membership required to attend camp

*Not eligible for Specialty Camps *No field trips

Package	3 Days a week
1 Week Bundle	\$400
2 Week Bundle	\$752
3 Week Bundle	\$1,104
4 Week Bundle	\$1,408
5 Week Bundle	\$1,720
6 Week Bundle	\$1,920
7 Week Bundle	\$2,072
8 Week Bundle	\$2,240
9 Week Bundle	\$2,376

JUNIOR CAMP

Ages 3-5 • 9:00am to 4:00pm 5 days a week

*Membership required to attend camp *Not eligible for specialty camps *No field trips

Register Before January 31st, 2015	Register Before March 31st, 2015	Register Before May 31st, 2015
1 Week: \$372	1 Week: \$395	1 Week: \$419
2 Week Bundle: \$741	2 Week Bundle: \$786	2 Week Bundle: \$833
3 Week Bundle: \$1,108	3 Week Bundle: \$1,178	3 Week Bundle: \$1,248
4 Week Bundle: \$1,408	4 Week Bundle: \$1,496	4 Week Bundle: \$1,585
5 Week Bundle: \$1,628	5 Week Bundle: \$1,730	5 Week Bundle: \$1,833
6 Week Bundle: \$1,848	6 Week Bundle: \$1,963	6 Week Bundle: \$2,079
7 Week Bundle: \$2,025	7 Week Bundle: \$2,152	7 Week Bundle: \$2,279
8 Week Bundle: \$2,201	8 Week Bundle: \$2,339	8 Week Bundle: \$2,477
9 Week Bundle: \$2,376	9 Week Bundle: \$2,525	9 Week Bundle: \$2,674
(Only early bird discount can be applied)	(All siblings receive a 10% discount)	(All siblings receive a 10% discount)



Sports Performance

Individual Sports Performance

Ace Level - Beginner (8-11 years old): They will cover the fundamentals of running, balance, strength, coordination, and flexibility.

Prep Level - Intermediate (12-14 years old): The program focuses on athletic speed, power, and agility.

MVP Level - Advanced (15 years old +): Athletes will have all fundamentals down to master their craft and programs are designed to prepare participants for the next level in sports (college/ pros).

Team Sports Performance

The Team Sports Performance program is designed to build team camaraderie, develop core strength and stability, improve flexibility and range of motion, and increase speed, agility, strength, power output, and injury prevention.

Workouts

Kettle Bell workouts including but not limited to: Russian swings, goblet squats, single arm swings and much more high explosive movements

Battle rope workouts including but not limited to: Alternating waves, double arm waves, arm slam jumps, and new innovative exercises.

Sled Machine workouts including but not limited to: Sled chest press, pull-through, bear crawls, and much more.

TRX - Bodyweight suspension training that develops strength, balance, flexibility, and core stability simultaneously.

High Intensity workouts that include Slam Balls, Medicine Balls, Bungees, Resistance Bands, Parachutes, and so much more!



Aces Sports Lounge



Brand New Menu

New appetizers. Signature burgers. Fresh Salads. We've decided to make some changes to the bar upstairs, including a brand new menu with familiar classics and bold new flavors. Choose from four types of fries, test our dipping sauces, or try it all with the combo platter. Keep your eyes peeled for our daily food specials!



Game Specials

Whether your football team is playing a division rival on Monday night or you want to watch a #1 seed get knocked off in March, we have you covered. Aces plays all your favorite games (and then some!) so you can celebrate the big win with chicken wings and fellow fans instead of potato chips and your cat.

Kids Menu

Aces Sports Lounge isn't just for adults! Our new kids menu features fresh spins on old-school favorites, including burgers, chicken tenders, and chili. Pair your entrée with one of our brand new Specialty Kids Drinks, such as a Shirley Temple or virgin Pina Colada. The possibilities are endless, so kids can use their imaginations to make their perfect meal!



Birthday Parties

Have your birthday party at Aviator Sports and Events Center. We have something for everyone, offering various activities through our Party Packages and add-ons. We can also custom design a party just for you. And remember, at Avator the birthday child is always free!

Gymnastics Birthday Party

Gymnastics Parties are great! You'll love our trampoline, foam pit, soft play equipment and our inflatable slide. Our activities are led by gymnastic instructors and birthday hosts who are qualified and experienced. Parties consist of a one hour activity and 30 minutes hour in the party area. Gymnastics parties are for children ages 4 and up.

\$500 for the first 10 children
\$25 per additional guest

Ice Skating Birthday Party

Join us for the "coolest" birthday party on ice! Parties consist of 45 minutes of skating during a public skating session and 45 minutes in your private party area. This party is everyone's favorite. Children ages 6 and up love AVIATOR'S Ice Skating parties. Reserve your spot today!

\$450 for the first 10 children
\$25 per additional guest

Ultimate Birthday Party Challenge

This unique birthday party package brings together our most popular games and activities. The fun starts with: a relay race, potato-sack race, wheelbarrow race, three legged race, "steal the bacon" game, egg and spoon race, tug of war, etc. It finishes with a game of soccer or flag-football. Parties consist of an hour of activity time and 30 minutes in your private party room. A second party host will make sure everyone gets the attention they deserve on your child's special day. Recommended for children ages 7 and up.

\$525 for the first 10 children
\$25 per additional guest

Tiny Tykes Birthday Party

Preschoolers will have a blast with pin the tail on the donkey, ring toss, giant parachute, a big inflatable Bounce-House, a piñata, and more. This package includes 45 minutes of activity and 45 minutes in your private party room. An additional party host is also provided to ensure that the children have proper supervision. Recommended for children ages 2 to 5.

\$525 for the first 10 children
\$25 per additional guest

Rock Climbing Birthday Party

The Rock Wall is 35 ft. high, one of the tallest rock walls in Brooklyn. All of your party guests will have an opportunity to climb. Our instructors will work the safety ropes for the children so you can be sure the children will have a safe and unforgettable experience. Parties consist of one hour rock climbing and 45 minutes in the party area. Recommended for children ages 7 and up.

\$525 for the first 10 children
\$25 per additional guest

Sports Birthday Party

Our Sports Birthday Party will start off with the sports activity of your choice. The sport activity may include basketball, indoor soccer, flag football and wiffle ball. Parties consist of 45 minutes of activity and 45 minutes in your party area. Recommended for children ages 4 and up.

\$450 for the first 10 children
\$25 per additional guest

Pool Party

On a hot summer day, a pool party is a great way to get friends together and have some fun! Aviator pool parties feature lifeguards plus two party staff with the children at the pool at all times. Pool parties consist of one hour in the pool and one hour in your private party area.

\$550 for the first 10 children
\$25 per additional child

Customize Your Party

- Ice Cream Bar: \$75 for the first 11 kids, \$6 each additional child
- Candy table: \$75 for the first 11 kids, \$6 each additional child
- Interactive Party Favor: (\$8 value)
- Sand Art & Aviator Ice Skate voucher
- Piñata: \$50 each
- Inflatable Bounce House, Water Slide or Quarter-Back- \$250 each
- Interactive Hot Dog Car: \$75 for the first 11 hot dogs, \$2.25 for each additional
- Cotton Candy machine, popcorn machine, pretzel stand, snow cone machine – rent one machine for \$100 and each additional machine for \$50

Please call our party department at 718-758-7551 for more information, or email party@aviatorsports.com



Catering

Aviator Sports can offer several convenient catering options to meet all of your event needs. The food service at Aviator Sports is overseen by our team of experienced restaurant and catering professionals.

Smaller Meeting & Party Room

For meetings and gatherings of up to 50 guests, Aviator has smaller rooms, which can be reserved for Team-Building Sessions to Informative Company Policy Changes. Continental Breakfasts, Snacks, Coffee Service, Buffets, and Desserts are available to make your next meeting or event a success.

Outdoor Picnic Area

If you are looking for something different for your next barbecue, then come to Aviator's Outdoor Picnic Area. This area consists of two (2) outdoor 4-foot pools, volleyball and basketball courts, as well as a grass area. Aviator offers different barbecue menus to take the pressure off of you and make your barbecue relaxing, fun, and filling. Come be a guest at your own party. Inflatable waterslide and bounce house can be added on to any party.

Aviator Corporate Events

When it comes to entertaining clients, or bonding with your employees, what better way to do so than by incorporating sports? Allow us to work with you to develop unique ways to hold off-site meetings and training sessions, launch new products and services, host industry tradeshows, or just gather up the troops for a fun-filled company field day.

Aviator truly is the ultimate off-site team-building, corporate picnic, and morale building experience. With

dozens of corporate teambuilding opportunities, full service catering, meeting and breakout space, and activities for every interest, your attendees will be inspired to interact and communicate with each other, and they will thank you for the experience.

Aviator Catering Event Spaces

Aviator's catering event spaces include indoor and outdoor recreation and entertainment venues. Event planners and promoters appreciate Aviator's convenient location.

Sky Mezzanine

Our Sky Mezzanine is a large event space located on the second floor of the Aviator Hangar. Elevated ceilings and unique architecture add a distinctive Industrial Art Deco Experience.

The Sky Mezzanine seats approximately 350 people and has a spectacular view overlooking the entire indoor facility. The possibilities for this space are endless. Our sports-themed Bar will accentuate Bar/Bat Mitzvahs to Corporate Parties. The team at Aviator Sports and Events Center is here to make your event a memorable one! Contact our Event Manager to begin the process of planning your next event!

Corporate meeting planners and committees have come to rely on the Aviator staff of corporate teambuilding and event planning experts to custom design team exercises



and activities that are ideally suited to the needs of their groups.

Catering options range from grab-and-go snacks and refreshments to full-service heated meals in our mezzanine-level event space.

Options for team building and recreation include rock climbing, flight simulator adventures, organized team competitions, traditional picnic games such as sack races, corporate Olympics and open ice skating. With over 175,000 square feet of indoor sports, recreation, and meeting space, you are sure to find what you need at Aviator. Please contact Jenna at 718-758-7549 or jenna@aviatorsports.com.

UPCOMING AVIATOR SPRING EVENTS!

EASTER BRUNCH ANYBUNNY?

Two seatings:
9am-11am & 12pm-2pm
Sunday, March 29th
RSVP by Monday, March 16th



Presented by: Northfield Bank

Join us for Easter
Bunny Brunch.

Contact Party Dept. at 718-758-7551 or catering@aviatorsports.com.
Also visit Aviatorsports.com ~ Parking is always FREE!

Universoul Circus – Tuesday, 4/7 — Sunday, 4/26
Chili Cook Off 2015 – Saturday, 4/18

Green Meadow Farms – Friday, 4/3 — Friday, 5/1
Kings County Fair – Thursday, 5/14 — Monday, 5/25

Special Events

Aviator's event spaces include indoor & outdoor recreation & entertainment venues. Aviator is ideally suited for a wide variety of community, sporting, and corporate events. Capacity for events in the Summer months is up to 5,000 while in the Spring or Fall, it can be up to 10,000.

Field House

The field house is 10,000 sq ft. of hardwood surface & 10,000 sq ft. of turf used for basketball, volleyball leagues, games & tournaments. The area can be covered and converted into event space for boxing, trade shows, college fairs, family days and charity events. The curtain can be lifted and the room expanded to a total of 20,000 square ft. Room

contains an in-house sound system, wireless mic, wireless internet, bathrooms and 2 private meeting rooms. Capacity of the entire 20,000 sq field house is 3,000 people.

Compass Rose

The expansive grassy area located in front of Aviator Sports & Events Center is known to guests as the "Compass Rose."

We host unique festivals, fairs, and circuses that take place on the Compass Rose throughout the year. The field is 300 ft wide by approximate 700 ft long with easy access to the main building, outside bar and outdoor playing fields. One of the largest open spaces in the area, it can be used for sporting events, festivals, group outings and picnics. You can also book this area for your own group event!

Outdoor Bar

The outdoor bar is open to the public on the weekends from May until Sept. It is a full-service bar with TVs, music, picnic tables and food available. You are able to rent the bar area for events, gathering, small concerts, etc. Contact Harvey at 718-758-7552 or Harvey@aviatorsports.com or Joe at 718-758-7513 or Joseph@aviatorsports.com

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Media plays 3-card monte with the news

To the editor,

Is our wonderful “impartial media” complicit in the game of three-card Monte? Why is the important news of the day too often focused on the field of potential candidates for the next presidential election, which is 23 months in the future, when instead it should be focused on the super-vital issues and needs that we are all facing or are concerned about daily, both nationally and internationally?

Electoral reform is so greatly needed in America, including timing and funding for candidates and elections. Three months of electioneering before an election should be more than enough, and we need to get the money influences out of elections and politics in general. I know, pipe dreaming, again.

Barry Brothers
Homecrest

Heal Gotham

To the editor,

As a mayoral candidate Bill DeBlasio didn't hide his intentions for changes in the NYPD if he won the election. As mayor he is keeping his promises for those reforms. I don't believe that he is as anti-police as he is made out to be, after all look at his pick for police commissioner — Bill Bratton, a seasoned commissioner whose reputation preceded him for bringing the crime rate down under the Giuliani administration more than 20 years ago.

He is pro-cop and anti-crime, and advocates the “broken windows” policies now under fire maybe because they are being abused by a few officers.

New York is too great a city to be torn apart because of a possible misunderstanding of words by both the police unions and the mayor. It's time for a new beginning, it's time to heal, and it's time for people like Al Sharpton not be given the platform he has been getting. We will heal, and all New Yorkers will be better off for it.

Chita Vilard
Flatbush

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To the editor,

I was all for stop-and-frisk and

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SOUND OFF TO THE EDITOR

LETTERS AND COMMENTS FROM OUR READERS

the broken-windows theory because the crime rate in the city is so low I figured it has been working. Now it looks like stop-and-frisk might not have been as productive as first thought and was probably being abused by some officers.

Two occurrences come to mind that I know of. One concerned a man in his mid-50s drinking a can of beer in front of his house that he owns. He was given a ticket by a cop driving by in a patrol car for an open container and appeared in court two or three times before having to pay a \$10 fine. Then a 19-year-old college student got a ticket for having her book bag on the seat next to her on an empty train car — no warning, just a ticket. Great police work if this is what's meant by broken window policing. Give me a break!

Lenny Painter
Flatbush

Scandalous pols

To the editor,

When voters went twice to the ballot box to vote for citywide term limits, thanks to Mayor Bloomberg, he and many city councilmembers did a third term. Many should have gone the way of the dinosaur for being totally useless and damaging many neighborhoods with their votes. Many of the good councilmembers are also replaced, but to get rid of the bad ones benefits us all. So now we've got another scandal in Albany with Shelly Silver, the disgraced former house speaker. In the state legislators term limits should not be a dirty word.

We have a right to have legislators working for us all of the time, and not devoting half of their time to their other lucrative interests.

Jerry Sattler
Brighton Beach

D for discipline

To the editor,

Fewer suspensions for public school students who constantly misbehave? We must thank our ultra liberal politicians and school heads with their ideas that have created conditions in the schools that are out of control. Some schools are so bad that we need the National Guard to be called in just to restore order.

No one bothers to think of the well-behaved students who are prevented from learning by students who refuse to follow instructions and

use the idea of school as a daycare center. I am tired of hearing the liberal excuses of teacher failure, more teacher training, alternate assessments for disruptive behavior, the total child, and other nonsense. Suspensions and expulsions are needed to reinforce the idea that when you're in school, you come to learn.

Where is the teacher's union in this matter? Out to lunch as always. Prior to my retirement it boasted about its expedited grievance procedure in dealing with class sizes. What expedited procedure? It is years later and the city has the largest class sizes. The union leadership couldn't care less, as they have been out of the classroom for years.

Wake up folks. Schools will never improve until discipline problems are removed.

Ed Greenspan
Sheepshead Bay

Love 'n' carriage

To the editor,

I'm hardly ever in Manhattan, but I was there to see a play and I couldn't believe the enormous crowds in our most beautiful city. I was told by my wife I looked like Jethro Bodine from the Beverly Hillbillies, amazed at the sights in the big city. I guess I did. I had a very quick conversation with a pedicab driver who was stopped for the crowds crossing the street. He was young and looked exhausted, and he was sweating even though it was cold outside. I asked him “How's it going?” He said in broken English, “I wish I was a horse, they get treated better.” Before he could say anymore the two overweight loudmouths in the back, who probably had had a few drinks, yelled, “Giddy-up, m-----” while tossing pieces of pretzel at the driver's back, and he rode away.

The only thing I could think about the rest of the night was that Mayor Bill DeBlasio is so hell-bent on getting carriage horses off the streets for reasons that have nothing to do with the safety or mistreatment of the horses because it is proven these majestic animals are well taken care of. They are probably better off than the pedicab drivers because the carriage driver is not only a buffer between the horse and obnoxious riders, but also because he or she loves that horse the way you and I love our pets — they are part of the family.

Mayor DeBlasio wake up and

leave the horses alone. Crack down on some of the idiots who ride pedicabs, and give the pedicab drivers the same attention and concern you have been giving to the horses. The carriage horses add to the city's beauty. I'll remember that night forever, including the young man who would rather be a horse.

Peter G. Orsi
Marine Park

Black-n-white

To the editor,

A brouhaha was reported recently in the media against Target stores. It seems as though they put out an advertisement showing a white Annie! If I remember right, Annie in the comics was white, along with Daddy Warbucks. In the first Annie movie the title characters, like the comics, were white. The new movie “Annie” is made with a black cast as another feel-good attempt, bowing to the black community. I hope they enjoy it, as my family will not pay good money to see it. But wait, as they say on the infomercials, there is more. David Letterman got into a bit of hot water when he made fun of the new James Bond movie. After decades of Ian Fleming's 007 hero being white, the new movie is based on a black 007. Go figure, I guess it is artistic license at the extreme.

Robert W. Lobenstein
Marine Park

When, oh, when?

To the editor,

When are black leaders going to speak up and condemn black-on-black crime, instead of blaming cops? When are Muslim leaders going to condemn the senseless murders of innocent people by the radical Muslims? When will parents take responsibility for their young children? When will fathers raise their children with their wives, instead of just making a baby and walking away? When will the exaggerated claims of racism and the war on women finally end? When will teachers stop getting the blame for failing students who don't do their homework or even show up for school? When will the borders be secured? When will politicians stop lying to us? When will the streets in my area that have been torn up for months be paved?

Maureen Parker
Sheepshead Bay

Uber ride share leaves Stan confused

We were sitting in the lobby discussing the pluses and minuses of Uber when one lovely, 30-something gal asked, "What's Uber?"

That's about when we came to the realization that there are many among us that read Dear Abby and the entertainment section of the newspaper and haven't the foggiest idea of what is really happening on the planet. They are busy watching "Law and Order" reruns and never tune in to CNN, FOX or Headline News.

The beautiful people that Jesse Watters interviews are very typical of many of our neighbors.

Okay, very briefly, the word "uber," meaning "over" or "beyond," may be used to describe something to an extreme — as in: "the ISIS beheadings are uber horrific." But the Uber we are talking about today is a worldwide car service based in San Francisco that currently operates in more than 200 cities internationally.

Need a taxi? Use your smartphone, connect with the booking operator and in minutes a private car, a limo, or even an airport rideshare shows up wherever you are — at your home, your office, and even at the Delta terminal. So what is wrong with this? For one thing, Uber drivers are hurting the hard-working folks who invested huge sums of money buying their way into the taxi business.

They are also breaking many laws that were instituted for good reasons. They feel they don't have to play by the rules. The technology-based alternative to traditional medallion taxis has its own thoughts about background checks on drivers, competitive pricing and insurance. Sure Uber gets fined a lot, but it is making so much money that it can just pay all of those fines and continue to roll along.

So as good American citizens, we are not supposed to like Uber.

On the other hand, when was the last time you took a cab downtown or from the airport in any major city? In some of my most recent rides, the car was dirty and smelled like a sewer. And in some, the driver spoke very little Eng-



IT'S ONLY MY OPINION

Stanley P. Gershbein

lish and badly needed a bath. My friends attempted to win me over to the cyber-cab service by telling me that with Uber the cars are clean, the drivers speak your language, they know how to get to your destination, and in many cases cost less than the metered cab.

I am still not sure. In about two weeks I will be flying into the airport of one of the nation's major cities. Should I carry the Uber telephone service number with me and take my chances, or should I go with the sweaty, smelly guy and hold my nose? What would you do?

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Some of you single guys are still looking for the perfect woman. Besides visiting the usual pickup bars, you've signed on to the dating services, spent time at a coed gym, and attended local singles dances.

Here's something that you've probably never considered. Two weeks ago, I was the guest of a friend at a gun show. I saw hundreds of people looking at thousands of weapons and was pretty much surprised at how many great-looking, hot, 20-to-40-something females there were at almost every counter checking out the guns.

Yup! Women today are really looking to protect themselves against the slimebucket predators they hear about.

I am StanGershbein@Bellsouth.net warning you: Don't get fresh. Many of those women are already carrying.

Terror summit an Islamic shindig

Even a bird-brain knows Islamo-nuts have cornered the market on brutal zealotry, but tell that to the White House,



A BRITISHER'S VIEW

Shavana Abruzzo

whose summit on confronting violent extremism — is there any other kind? — was an Islamic jamboree, complete with a Muslim prayer, proposed jobs for jihadists, Muslim hardliners as guests, including a Muslim Public Affairs Council leader who thinks America's founding fathers were the terrorists, and zip about the rampant Muslim persecution of Christians and Jews.

The three-day conference did not finger or eyeball Muslim radicals for terrorizing the world in their vile holy war against freedom — *the topic of our age*. Its Pee-Wee-League appreciation of the task at hand was a right old embarrassment, as the president and other participating invertebrates confused Islam's homicidal maniacs with

common criminals, exulted and coddled mainstream Muslims, and dribbled politically correct phlegm about building awareness, countering extremist narratives, and expanding community-led interventions. *Uh?*

The president needs to bone up on the facts:

- Muslim radicals have committed more than 25,000 terror attacks since 9-11 — around five a day.

- Muslim extremists beheaded 21 Egyptian Christians earlier this month for their religious beliefs.

- 2014 will go down in history for having the highest level of global ill-treatment of Christians in modern times, with around 100 million Christians violated and murdered mostly in the Muslim world.

• Jews are four times more likely to be victims of bias attacks than Muslims, reports the FBI.

• Islamophobia remains questionable: Last week University of Texas-Arlington student Ambreen Sharif admitted fabricating her yarn of being threatened at gunpoint in an anti-Muslim hate crime. In 2014 Montclair State University student Navjoat Aulakh lied about being assaulted and called a terrorist by a white mob, in one of several Muslim hoaxes uncovered that year.

The warning Mohammed gave the mostly Christian leaders of the seventh-century Byzantium, Persian, and Abyssinian empires — "embrace Islam and you will be safe" — is a clarion call his followers are sounding as fanatically today to our deaf ears.

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Jo's award for worst Oscars goes to...

Oscar, Oscar, Oscar — it is all about the Oscar. Or is it?

This year's version of the Oscars, or the "I Love Me, Who Do You Love?" fest was the lowest rated in years with only 36.6 million people watching (me included!), down 16 percent from last year.

Was it the fault of host Neil Patrick Harris, who was not up to his usual funny? Or the writers? Or the presenters? Or was it just a case of too much same old, same old?

I tried to watch the whole thing, but I was nodding off during the parade of red carpet spectacle and couldn't recover enough to stay up to the bitter end. At least with Joan and Melissa the red carpet run was funny.

It is a good thing I DVRd the program, else I would have missed Lady Gaga and her tribute to the "Sound of Music," which, by the way, was one of the few highlights of the show.

I have to admit, I didn't see any of the movies that were up for Best Picture, so after



NOT FOR NUTHIN'

Joanna DelBuono

full price, I would have demanded my money back.

Why did it win? Heck if I know.

But here's a clue: politics. In the immortal words of Mel Brooks, "Politics, politics, politics; the best money can buy."

Oh well, looking at the bright side — it wasn't a total loss. I enjoyed the parade of fashions. No where else can you find every designer recognized, the good the bad and the really bad. Thanks to Joan in past shows, "Who are you wearing?" is forever forged in my memory. And she wasn't even mentioned. Why?

Politics, politics, politics.

Not for Nuthin™, but I think they should combine televising the Oscars with the Democratic National Convention and kill two birds with one program. This way the viewers will not only discover what the pols are wearing, but which pockets are being dipped into. And once again, I'm begging the Academy to bring back Billy!

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Carmine's file system is really a pile system!

I'm madder than a squirrel who is starving because he lost the maps to all of his nuts over that fact that I can't keep up with things anymore thanks to the fact that I've got so much stuff that I don't know what I did with it!

Look, you all know the ol' Screecher has a way of piling things up on his desk and in his desk and under his desk and around his desk and in the closet and on top of the closet and around the closet and stuffed in a mattress under the floorboards in the attic, so I don't need to tell you that every time I file something for safe keeping, I always lose it!

Case in point is the receipt for my beloved newest toy, an inch-high, two-inch wide, one-inch fat speaker that was small enough for me to carry between my two fingers, but had a volume that went well past "11." I put the speaker in the carriage on the reigns of my trusty steed *Tornado*, and blasted my favorite music for all to hear as I cruised down 86th Street! It was even louder than the D train! But the best part about it was at night, I



BIG SCREECHER
Carmine Santa Maria

me into our Plymouth! I'd get in after waiting way too long on the street and blast some Tito Puente that the grandkids used magic to get onto my MePhone! They would go nuts and we would hop and bop all the way to the Staten Island Mall!

Speaking of which, a lot of youse have been asking me, "Carmine, you live in Brooklyn. Why the heck are you traveling all the way to The Rock to get your provisions?" The answer, dear reader, is because I know a deal when I see one. See, if I was to drive to Staten Island, it would cost me a bunch in gas, not to mention (as I am about to) the ridiculous toll on that Bridge to Nowhere! But when I take Access-A-Ride, I get door-to-door service for the price of a subway fare, saving me thousands of dollars a year. Nobody messes with the Screecher, the Screecher does the messing!

But I digress. See, it turns out, after weeks of faithful service, my Little Screecher stopped working, and I went on a frantic search for my receipt so I could bring it back

to the store from whence it came. But because I've created a "piling system" instead of a "filing system" at my office inside Harway Terrace, I couldn't find it. So I piled away the speaker, and went on a frantic search for the receipt. I checked the pile in the drawer, the pile on top of the drawer, the pile around the drawer. Not there. Then I checked the pile in the closet, the pile on top of the closet, and the pile around the closet (not to mention, as I am about to do, the pile on top of the pile around the closet!). Nothing! I searched non-stop for more than a week, breaking only to eat and hit the head, when I finally found the receipt right where I left it — in the pockets of what I call, for reasons only I understand, my "Tuesday pants."

Still, there was one problem — I forgot where I piled my speaker! Now, I have the receipt, but no Little Screecher to return!

Here's this week's "Screecher Senior Pro Tips!"

Lastly, I'd like to point out that every once in a while the

Screecher has a happy accident (draw whatever conclusion you want to out of that one). Last week, I mistakenly reported that Al Gore promised us global warming, and he still hasn't kept his promise. Well, it turns out that some astute readers have pointed out that our former vice president didn't make that promise at all, and I had misheard what he was trying to say (or at least misremembered it). In fact, it was Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan who made this promise back in the 1970s or something. So now I blame him for not keeping his promise!

Finally, we join in the heartfelt loss of Peter Walsh, beloved husband of Anna Marie Messina Walsh, head of Most Precious Bloods RC Church's Honora Society. We extend our sincerest condolences.

In conclusion, don't forget to e-mail BWECC@aol.com for info and reservations to BWECC's 54th Carmine Awards on March 5 at the incomparable El Caribe Country Club.

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TALKING SHOP: Lt. Gen. Karen Dyson addresses soldiers at the Association of the US Army's Monthly breakfast event on Feb. 18 in Washington. J.D. Leipold

Officer addresses fiscal year 2016

HARBOR WATCH

A senior Army finance officer provided a glimpse into the service's fiscal year 2016 budget request of \$126.5 billion and what could happen should sequestration kick in, reducing that amount by about \$6 billion.

Lt. Gen. Karen E. Dyson, military deputy to the assistant secretary of the Army (Financial Management and Comptroller), spoke to members of the Association of the U.S. Army at a breakfast meeting on Feb. 18. She said that for soldiers to be equipped and prepared to move out on "very unusual missions," as well as "full-spectrum, decisive-action missions, the Army needs to have predictability and continuity in funding to build readiness."

The Fiscal Year 2016 budget was supposed to correspond with the downsizing of the force that was supposed to correspond with less demand for Army forces, Dyson said. Instead "three big things" came up, which were totally unplanned a year ago — the aggression in Ukraine, response to the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria, and the Ebola crisis in Africa, she said. Dyson said the concern

leadership has, as the Army looks to the future, is uncertain funding levels will impact the Army's ability to be able to meet full-spectrum readiness, which is needed across the force to provide for unplanned missions.

"Now as I look at FY16, some of the things that are happening across our Title 10 responsibilities are that our Army is continuing to shrink," she said. "We'll be at 490,000 soldiers in the active force; 335,000 in the National Guard and 202,000 in the Army Reserve at the end of this year and we'll continue to shrink in FY16 by another 15,000 from the active component, 8,000 from the National Guard and another 4,000 from the Army Reserve."

Dyson said the Army was continuously reorganizing its brigade combat teams as well as shrinking the number and that modernization strategy is one that's incremental and builds on the equipment the Army already has, "because we just can't afford to do it right now." Equipment sustainment continues to be reliant on both "base" funding and Overseas Contingency Operations, or OCO, funds, she said, but OCO

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Soldiers take stage

The new company is cast for the Soldier Show



SING OUT: Soldiers compete in live auditions for a spot in the 2015 U.S. Army Soldier Show. Tim Hippi

HARBOR WATCH

Following a St. Valentine's matinee of live auditions at the historic Fort Sam Houston Theatre, 18 soldier-performers, four technicians, three production assistants, and two drivers made the cut for the 2015 U.S. Army Soldier Show on Feb. 14 in San Antonio. The "We Serve" tour will deliver song-and-dance entertainment for 63 performances at 38 venues, including an Army birthday week performance on June 9 at Warner Theatre in Washington, DC, and the Army Birthday Ball on June 13 at the Washington Hilton Hotel.

The troops also will perform at select U.S. Army garrisons in Europe, South Korea and the Pacific.

Three of the soldier-performers represent Fort Hood, Texas: Spc. Tierra Kirts of Pineville, La.; Spc. Brandel Diggs of Houma, La.; and Pfc. Jovan Maires of Dallas. Two came from Fort Campbell, Ky: Spc. Princess Threatt of Atlanta, and Pfc. Brianna Walker of Wakeman, Ohio.

Fort Bragg, N.C., is represented by dancer Spc. Donzje Brown of Washington, D.C., and Spc. Phillip Morris of Centennial, Colo.

Performers include 1st Lt. Derrick Bishop of Columbia, S.C., who comes from Fort Irwin, Calif.; Sgt. Janelle Edwards of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., representing Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; and Darius Riggins of Augusta, Ga., who comes from Fort Gordon, Ga.

Houston native Pfc. Elise Baldwin represents Fort Polk, La., and Pfc. Gahungu Guy came all the way from Burundi, East Africa, via Fort Drum, N.Y.

Other performers include Pfc. Eric Pendleton of Hobart, Ind., who only had to travel across Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston, Texas, to find the home of Army Entertainment, a U.S. Army Installation Management Command program. Detroit native Pfc. Damone Woods represents Fort Richardson, Alaska.

Three performers came

from the National Guard: Kentucky Army National Guard 1st Lt. William Bland of Louisville; Louisiana Army National Guard Sgt. Neasha Powell of Shreveport; and 2010 Soldier Show dancer and Idaho Army National Guard Sgt. Andrew Enriquez of Coeur d'Alene. Florida Army Reserve Sgt. Kaara Dunkley of Tampa completes the cast.

The technicians are Texas Army National Guard Staff Sgt. Patrocino Salas; Washington Army National Guard Sgt. Julando Samson; Spc. Dominique Carter of Fort Bragg, N.C.; and Pfc. Austin West of Fort Riley, Kan.

Production assistants include Spc. Tony Brown of Fort Bragg, N.C.; Spc. Caroline Listul of Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; and Spc. Bryan McNeill of Fort Campbell, Ky. Transportation will be provided by Sgt. Jose Magana of Fort Sill, Okla.; and S.C. Army National Guard Sgt. Megan Garrett.

The tour opener is scheduled for April 17 at the Fort Sam Houston Theatre.

Twilight Tattoo schedule set



RELIVING HISTORY: Soldiers from the third US Infantry Regiment perform the Twilight Tattoo on Whipple Field. US Army Public Affairs

HARBOR WATCH

The 2015 Twilight Tattoo showcase in Arlington, Va. will begin on April 29 and run through Aug. 19, every Wednesday with the exception of July 1. The 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard) and The U.S. Army Band "Pershing's Own," will support Independence Day celebrations that week.

The annual showcase at Fort Myer will be performed on Summerall Field from April through June, and on Whipple Field from July through August.

Twilight Tattoo is an hour-long, live-action military pageant featuring soldiers from The 3rd U.S. In-

fantry Regiment (The Old Guard) and The U.S. Army Band "Pershing's Own."

Attendees can experience a glimpse into U.S. history through performances by The U.S. Army Blues, vocalists from The U.S. Army Band Downrange and U.S. Army Band Voices, The Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps, and The U.S. Army Drill Team.

Each pageant is free and open to the public.

For more information on group reservations, contact the U.S. Army Military District of Washington at (202) 685-2888 or e-mail usarmy.mcnair.mdw.mbx.jfhq-ncr-pao-web-events-omb@mail.mil.

FISCAL YEAR

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dollars have been steadily declining over the last four years, shrinking to about 60 percent.

"The industrial base that performs a lot of sustainment activities — the depots, arsenals and ammunition plants — are very important to how we sustain capability," she said. "The real challenge we have there is the workload is declining because as our Army gets smaller, the workload to those activities gets smaller."

"Training is where we are really focusing today and in FY16," Dyson said. "What we are doing in our training is that we are leveraging the ideas that are coming out of the Army's operating concept that really suggest that our future is very uncertain

and very unknown."

She said the way the Army was going after that problem was by looking at how it can build leaders who can look at these complexities in the future and can be prepared to meet those unknown demands. Dyson said the Army has increased funding for military and civilian educational opportunities.

"And, we are standing firm on our commitment to combat training center exercises because we firmly believe this is the way you build depth of leadership experience," Dyson said. "You get the captains, majors and the lieutenant colonels who go through these rotations time and again, and they build that kind of experience they haven't been able to build because of the focus on the counter-insurgency missions."



TESTING: Electronics worker Shawn Warwick prepares to test mortar radar at Tobyhanna Army Depot's Anchoic Chamber. Steve Grzedzinski

New radar tested

HARBOR WATCH

A team of Army personnel that included two depot technicians gave the Ukrainian army the ability to accurately track mortar rounds.

Lightweight counter mortar radars that backtrack incoming mortar rounds, enabling quick countermeasures, recently were delivered to Ukraine. According to the Department of Defense website, the radar systems are the first to be delivered so U.S. Army military and civilian personnel can train members of the Ukrainian armed forces.

Team Tobyhanna arrived in-country and spent two weeks at the International Peace Keeping and Security Center in Yavoriv training Ukrainian soldiers to deploy, operate and troubleshoot the radars.

The Department of Defense's website said that the radar systems are part of the \$118 million in equipment and training the United States has committed to assisting Ukraine's armed forces.

Ed Mickley, a depot spokesman, said the training included classroom instruction, hands-on equipment assembly and disassembly, tactical deployment and emplacement. The team taught a cadre of Ukraine army officers how to use the radars.

"The students had exten-

sive hands-on training acquiring live mortar rounds and troubleshooting common equipment faults in the field," Mickley said. "Practical real-world experience is the focus of the radar training."

"The Ukrainians were very receptive to the training," said a U.S. Army radar trainer. "They had a very positive attitude and were eager to learn, knowing that the equipment would help prevent the deaths of fellow [Ukrainian] soldiers."

One of the depot technicians said the Ukrainians are very good soldiers, well educated, knew radars and had done their homework.

"They were thrilled to get these radars," he said. "They asked a lot of questions and thoroughly tested the system's capabilities."

"Our initial work was to check three to make sure they functioned as teaching aids," said an electronics technician in the depot's Production Engineering Directorate. They had to modify the radars to accept 220 volt electrical power, the standard in Europe.

By the end of the training, the Ukrainian soldiers could set up the radar as fast as U.S. soldiers.

"The most challenging part of this mission was the language barrier," Mickley said. "Several translators from the Ukraine Army and

the American embassy helped a lot."

"Working with Tobyhanna personnel has always been very beneficial to me," said the Army radar trainer. "I look forward to learning as much as possible from the skilled technicians. This information ensures the training soldiers receive is accurate and current."

The trainer said that he is looking forward to working with Tobyhanna in the future and commends the employees on their knowledge of the systems.

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Ring my 450-year-old bell: The ancient Chinese temple at the center of the opera "Semele."

Gary Beechey

Temple run

BAM opera features 17-ton ancient Chinese structure

By Claire McCartney

Talk about a weighty performance! An opera coming to the Brooklyn Academy of Music on March 4 will feature the Canadian Opera Company, sumo wrestlers, and an inflatable puppet. But the star of the show may be a 17-ton, 450-year-old Chinese ancestral temple. The formidable structure will be reconstructed inside the Fort Greene arts institution, where it will serve as the centerpiece for an ambitious adaptation of George Frideric Handel's opera "Semele." But while it may steal the show, it won't get in the way, a

Brooklyn Academy of Music representative said.

"The fine natural acoustics of the Howard Gilman Opera House are not hindered by the temple's size," said production supervisor Paul Bartlett. "The temple serves as a wonderful backdrop to Handel's 'Semele.'"

The show is being directed by Chinese visual artist Zhang Huan, who has combined eastern and western elements to re-imagine the Greco-Roman myth about a mortal woman who tries to sleep her way to divinity. Zhang, who divides his time between China and New York, found

the Ming Dynasty temple in a small town west of Shanghai. It will remain on stage for the entirety of the performance, while lighting effects, rain, and a temple bell that at one point bursts into flames all transform its appearance.

The structure takes three 12-hour days to assemble, and must be transported in four separate tractor trailers, Bartlett said. A lot of work must take place behind the scenes to make sure nothing goes amiss on stage, he said.

"Logistic is the whole game," said Bartlett. "The order of installation is the most important job. Making sure that

nothing gets left out or work falls behind is the trick."

Bartlett said he wasn't sure if the temple was the largest set in the organization's history, but it was probably up there.

"BAM has had a long history, so I cannot give a definitive answer," he said. "But 17 tons of temple is a whole lot of temple."

"Semele" at the Brooklyn Academy of Music [30 Lafayette Ave. at Ashland Place in Fort Greene, (718) 636-4100, www.bam.org]. March 4, March 6, and March 10 at 7:30 pm, March 8 at 3 pm. \$35-\$350.

GOY FOLK NIGHT

Concert celebrates Woody Guthrie's Jewish and Coney songs

By Matthew Perlman

We all knew Woody Guthrie was a mensch. Eastern European Jewish band the Klezmatics will perform a concert of Guthrie's songs at the Brooklyn Performing Arts Center on March 8. But don't expect to hear "This Land is Your Land" — the show will focus on tunes that convey his connections to Jewish culture and his life on Mermaid Avenue in Coney Island.

Guthrie was not Jewish, but his in-laws — who lived nearby in Sea Gate at the time — were, and his daughter said the food they made was what first got him interested in the culture.

"My grandmother was a great cook, and she introduced my dad to Jewish foods he never had before and loved," said Nora Guthrie, who is also her father's archivist. "He really loved her blintzes."

Guthrie became close with his mother-in-law Aliza Greenblatt, who was a Yiddish poet, after the family moved to the area in the early 1940s. She taught him about Judaism and the culture surrounding it through a shared love of words. Woody also made a connection between his own political views and those held by many of the Jewish immigrants in Brooklyn during the time, Nora Guthrie said.



Klezmania: (Above) The Klezmatics is playing a show of Woody Guthrie songs written while he lived in Coney Island in the 1940s and inspired by his connections to Jewish culture. (Top right) The man himself. Chuck Fishman

"He realized that the Jewish people had a long history of progressive politics going back to the Russian Revolution," she said. "The commonality made him even more interested."

So Guthrie started writing lyrics about the religion and about

the life he lived with his family in Coney Island. Some focussed on the history of Judaism and on holidays such as Hanukkah, while others dealt with the multiculturalism found along the boardwalk. Most of these songs went unre-

corded until Nora Guthrie asked the Klezmatics if they wanted to set them to music, since the band plays traditional Jewish klezmer music but with a modern twist.

"It was the perfect project for the Klezmatics," she said. "We didn't want it to sound historic, we wanted it to sound contemporary."



The band recorded two albums worth of material from the lyrics, winning a Grammy in 2006 for "Wonder Wheel." One of the band's founding members said it was an honor to set the folk icon's words to their music.

"Writing with his lyrics is great. He has such a strong voice," said lead vocalist Lorin Sklamberg.

The concert at the Brooklyn Performing Arts Center will be mostly composed of Guthrie songs, but will also feature some original Klezmatics songs, including some off of a forthcoming album. Before the show, Nora Guthrie will talk about Woody's Jewish roots and his life in Kings County.

The Klezmatics Woody Guthrie's Wonder Wheel Tour at the Brooklyn Center for the Performing Arts at Brooklyn College [2900 Campus Rd. at Hillel Place in Flatbush, (718) 9514500, www.brooklyncenter.org]. March 8, talk at noon, concert at 3 pm. \$30.

Annual Johnny Cash celebration adds kids' show

By Vanessa Ogle

The Johnny Cash Birthday Bash is turning 10 — and now 10-year-olds can actually attend.

Local band Alex Battles and the Whisky Rebellion has been putting on the annual tribute to the late country music legend since 2005, and it has since grown into a weekend-long Kings County tradition that sells out every year. This year, the party will see the band — plus singer Linda Hills, and old-time outfit the Calamity Janes — play two adults-only shows at the Bell House in Gowanus on Feb. 6 and 7, plus a new all-ages show on the afternoon of Feb. 8.

The kid-friendly session will center around spiritual songs from Cash's album "My Mother's Hymn Book." Battles said he decided to add the new component after numerous friends told him their youngsters were fans of the country crooner, too.

"I was like, all right if your parents are cool enough to take you to the Cash Bash and sing some good songs, it is going to be a good time," said Battles, who lives in Park Slope.

Battles said the bash is so popular because Cash's signature sound — a mix of country and rock 'n' roll — is music to everybody's ears.

"People go, 'I hate all country music.' I go, 'What about Johnny Cash?' 'Oh, I love Johnny Cash,'" said Battles. "He has got this deep voice and these really true stories."

Battles said the concerts also give Brooklynites who have been cooped up because of the cold a chance to blow off some steam — and he has seen the power Cash's music can have on stressed-out souls first-hand. Years ago, Battles said he was sure he was about to witness a bar brawl when suddenly, Cash's tunes began blaring from a jukebox and the music diffused the situation.

"You could watch the blood pressure of the entire bar go down," said Battles. "I find that people, no matter where I am, really respond to him."

The Johnny Cash 83rd Birthday Bash at the Bell House [149 Seventh St. between Second and Third avenues, (718) 643-6510, www.thebellhouseny.com]. March 6 and 7 at 9 pm. March 8 at 3 pm. Tickets start at \$18.



The big Battles: Alex Battles of Alex Battles and the Whisky Rebellion, which has been playing the Johnny Cash Birthday Bash since 2005. Michelle Talich

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DEAD-FORD AVENUE

New murder mystery is set in Williamsburg

By Noah Hurowitz

Mystery is afoot in Williamsburg. An author and Williamsburg expat has set his latest murder mystery novel on the mean streets of his old 'hood, an area he said is brimming with potential for tales of mystery and intrigue.

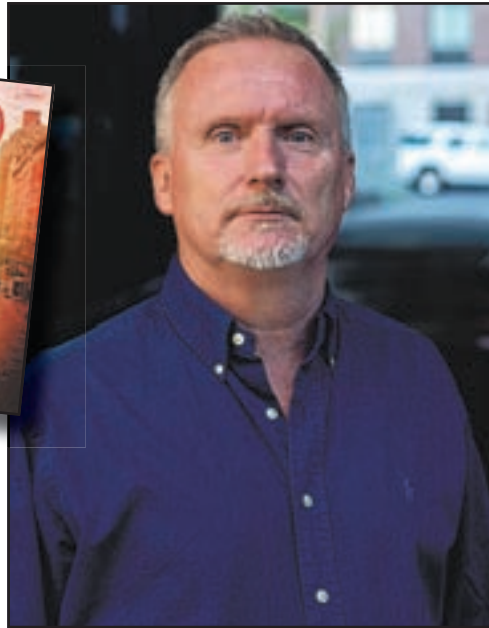
"I've often said if you walk around outside of your neighborhood, there's no way you can suffer from writer's block," said Tim O'Mara. "If you get of the L train at Graham or the G train at Greenpoint Avenue and walk around with your eyes open, you'll find stories."

"Dead Red," which O'Mara will bring to Word bookstore in Greenpoint on Feb. 27, follows the exploits of Raymond Donne, a Williamsburg teacher and ex-cop who begins unravelling the murder of an old police pal, gunned down in front of him shortly after asking for help.

O'Mara, who is also a full-time teacher at a school in Manhattan, said he wrote the book in his spare time over the span of about a year — considerably more quickly than the 20 years it took him to finally publish "Sacrifice Fly," the first novel in the Raymond Donne series.

O'Mara taught for more than a decade in Williamsburg, and said he uses that experience to inform his protagonist's adventures in education. But for things beyond his personal experience, he looks to real experts — for the skinny on his books' police themes, he turns to his brother, a cop on Long Island, and his brother-in-law, an officer in New York. And for "Red Dead," which deals in part with the difficulties experienced by returning veterans, he also spoke with a cop with combat experience.

"I like to go to the people who know more than I do," O'Mara said. "Researching on the internet is well



Hit the streets: Author Tim O'Mara says he gets inspiration for his novels from the streets and people of Williamsburg. *David Bowers*

and good, but that just tends to bring up the questions I want to ask real live people."

If Ray Donne, a teacher with an after-hours double-life, sounds like something of toughed-up alter-ego, that is because it is exactly what he is, O'Mara said. He said he puts much of himself into Donne, but quickly copped to adding a significant dash of grit and a sprinkling of moxie to the character.

"Ray is nosy and curious like I am, but he is a lot tougher than I am," he said. "I probably couldn't fight crime in my time off."

Tim O'Mara and "Red Dead" at Word [126 Franklin St. at Milton Street in Greenpoint, (718) 838-0096, www.wordbookstores.com]. Feb. 27 at 7 pm. Free.

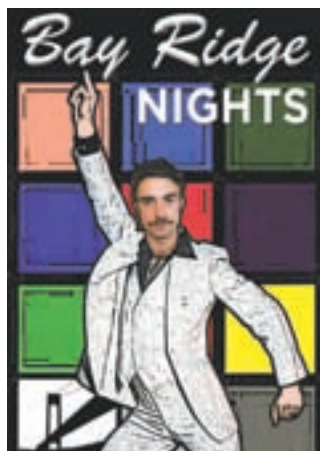
Rock it old school in Bay Ridge

By Max Jaeger

The Ridge is hotter than the La Brea Tar Pits circa 9000 B.C., because the rock gods are reviving the mammoths and dodos of music-dom for your entertainment. Ska, rockabilly, rhythm and blues (not to be confused with R&B), and Brit pop have all crept out of history book footnotes and onto stage in Bay Ridge this weekend.

On Friday, break out the fedora, checkered suspenders, and that old pair of Vans — and get ready to party like it's 1995 — because Monster Brew is cooking up some serious ska at the **Leif Bar** (6725 Fifth Ave. between 67th and Senator streets). The skanking kicks off at 8 pm.

Then Gretsch ready to rock at **Indigo Murphy's** (7102 Fort Hamilton Pkwy. at 71st Street),



where Rockabilly revivalists the Lustre Kings will be greasing ear drums from 8 pm. Ducktails and bouffants are optional, but you better wear your dancing shoes, because these guys really know how to rock and roll.

If proto-reggae and early rock aren't your bags, roll over to **Greenhouse Cafe** (7717 Third Ave. between 77th and 78th streets) for rhythm and blues outfit Lynne Watson and Positive N-ergy at 10 pm. This ain't the canned tracks and strained crooners you hear on the radio today — Lynne and crew do kick it old school with the likes of Chuck Berry, James Brown, and Motown maestros the Temptations.

And on Saturday, British Invasion resurrectionists London Fogg will march into **Red, White, and Brew** (8910 Fifth Ave. between 89th and 90th streets). Given the bar's patriotic name, giving these limey-lovers quarter is tantamount to turncoat-ery, but we'll look the other way as long as that fat cat King George III doesn't show up. The invasion is set for 4 pm.



Cubist: Mike Taubleb organizes the Brooklyn Futurist Meetup, where the borough's forward-looking citizens discuss topics such as bioethics in modern warfare and 3D-printed Rubik's Cubes. *Photo by Elizabeth Graham*

Looking forward

Brooklynites gather Downtown to discuss the future

By Max Jaeger

Next Monday night, they're sending you back to the future.

Since 2008, a group of forward-thinking Brooklynites has been gathering on a semi-regular basis to discuss the way the world will look 10 or more years from now. Seven years later, the Brooklyn Futurist Meetup claims it is now the largest futurist group in the country, with more than 3,000 members signed up.

"We're the largest futurist meetup in the country, and the second-largest in world," said organizer and Ditmas Parker Mike Taubleb. "And we're always looking for organizations to partner with to produce events or to develop programming."

The group has a storied history. Techie Sam Lessin first started the collective, but left two years later after Facebook acquired his Dumbo file-sharing startup Drop.io. Then Taubleb took up the reins in 2011.

Turnout for a given talk runs from 50 to 250 people — depending on the topic at hand and the weather that day, Taubleb said. Previous topics have included a proposed underground park in Manhattan, web security, and the future of porn.

Taubleb said he has also been trying to expand the coterie beyond its tech-bro roots.

"They were heavily males in their 20s — probably working in tech and living in Brooklyn or Manhattan," said Taubleb, who runs a speakers' bureau. "I wanted to extend the group, making it more balanced gen-

der-wise, age-wise."

Talks on women in innovation and the future of chocolate drew crowds that were predominantly women, he said.

The group's next gathering will take place at Brooklyn Law School on March 2, where a New York University professor will talk about the future of brain-mapping and its implications for science and medicine. Science has yet to unravel the mysteries of the human mind, the lecturer said.

"The brain is the most complicated thing in the universe," said Gary Marcus, director of the New York University Center for Language and Music. "We've collected a lot of facts but don't know how to put them together. What we need to understand is what individual neurons are doing."

It's only a matter of time before researchers bridge those gaps, but that doesn't mean it will happen tomorrow, he said.

"In 10 years, we'll be setting the table," he said. "We couldn't even find the table before."

After the lecture, attendees can pick Marcus's own brain and mingle with fellow future enthusiasts.

And another meetup slated for April will feature "Star Trek: The Next Generation" writer Morgan Gendel on the future of artificial intelligence and the singularity, Taubleb said.

The Future of the Brain with Gary Marcus at Brooklyn Law School Feil Hall [205 State St. between Court Street and Boerum Place Downtown, (718) 780-0383, www.meetup.com/BLKNY30]. Mar. 2 at 7 pm. \$5.



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RINGLING BROS. AND BARNUM & BAILEY PRESENTS CIRCUS XTREME: 11 am, 3 pm, 7 pm. See Friday, Feb. 19.

SUN, MARCH 1

RINGLING BROS. AND BARNUM & BAILEY PRESENTS CIRCUS XTREME: 11 am, 3 pm, 7 pm. See Friday, Feb. 19.

MON, MARCH 2

SPORTS, BROOKLYN NETS VS. GOLDEN STATE WARRIORS: \$40–\$3,000. 7:30 pm.

WED, MARCH 4

SPORTS, BROOKLYN NETS VS. CHARLOTTE HORNETS: \$20–\$3,000. 7:30 pm.

THUR, MARCH 5

MUSIC, CHARLIE WILSON, KEM AND JOE: \$57.50–\$153. 7 pm.

FRI, MARCH 6

SPORTS, BROOKLYN NETS VS. PHOENIX SUNS: \$20–\$3,000. 8 pm.

SAT, MARCH 7

SPORTS, WWE LIVE ROAD TO WRESTLEMANIA: \$25.50–\$120.50. 7:30 pm.

SUN, MARCH 8

SPORTS, BROOKLYN NETS VS. UTAH JAZZ: \$20–\$3,000. 6 pm.

620 Atlantic Ave. at Pacific Street in Prospect Heights (917) 618-6100, www.barclayscenter.com.

FRI, FEB. 27

PERFORMANCE

THEATER, "OLD PAPER HOUSES": Piehole Theater Collective presents an original performance piece that follows a group of idealists searching for meaning and purpose in a New England winter. \$18. 8 pm. Irondale Center [85 S. Oxford St. at Lafayette Avenue in Fort Greene, (718) 488-9233], www.irondale.org.

THEATER, "THE SINGAPORE MIKADO": Theater 2020 presents a twist on the Gilbert and Sullivan musical. \$18. 8 pm. The Saint Charles Borromeo Church (19 Sidney Pl. between Joralemon St. and Aitken Pl. in Brooklyn Heights), www.brownpapertickets.com.

OTHER

ART, DESIGNS FOR WORLD'S FIRST SCIFI MUSEUM: The Museum of Science Fiction will showcase the winners and runners-up of its Architectural Design Competition. Free. 10 am–6 pm. Brooklyn Public Library's Central branch [Flatbush Ave. at Eastern Parkway in Grand Army Plaza in Park Slope, (718) 230-2100], www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org/branch_library_detail.jsp?branchpageid=265.

ART, "BOTANICAL REVOLUTION" OPENING RECEPTION: Artist Christina Kaplan constructs her own canvas out of Velcro, then uses man-made recycled materials such as stockings and yarn to combine abstract shapes and colors to capture the essence of herbal remedies. Free. 7–9 pm. Remedies Herb Shop [453 Court St. between Fourth Place and Luquer Street in Carroll Gardens, (718) 643-4372], www.remediesherbshop.com.

ART, "IN PRAISE OF FOLLY" OPENING RECEPTION: A group exhibition inspired by the book of the same title by Desiderius Erasmus, focusing on works by artists who challenge our belief system and dogma in a satirical, humorous, and witty way. Artists include Pavel Acosta, Hong Seon Jang, Marc Oosting, Lior Shvil, and Ghost of a Dream. Free. Noon–5 pm. NARS Foundation [201 46th St., fourth floor, at

WHERE TO GO WHAT TO DO SEVEN EVENTS



March the fourth be with you: Bay Ridge Jewish Center — and many other synagogues around Brooklyn — will celebrate Purim this week. Photo by Steve Solomonson

Second Avenue in Sunset Park, (718) 768-2765, www.narsfoundation.com.

SAT, FEB. 28

PERFORMANCE

MUSIC, CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATION AND CONCERT: Event includes lion dancers, children's activities, and music. Songs will be sung in Chinese, English, Spanish, and Russian. Free. 1–4 pm. New Utrecht Public Library [1743 86th St. between Bay 16th and Bay 17th streets in Bensonhurst, (718) 236-4076], www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org.

MUSIC, THE PHANTAZIA STRING PLAYERS: Jazz, classical, and gospel concert celebrating Black History Month. Free with

museum admission. 3 pm. Brooklyn Children's Museum [145 Brooklyn Ave. at St. Marks Avenue in Crown Heights, (718) 735-4400], www.brooklynkids.org.

THEATER, "HOT FEET": The Paper Bag players presents short plays. \$12. 2 pm. On Stage at Kingsborough [2001 Oriental Blvd. at Oxford Street in Manhattan Beach, (718) 368-5596], www.onstageatkingsborough.org.

OTHER

3D PRINTING CLASS: 3DPrinterOS and Ultimaker offer free classes on the basics of 3D printing. Free. 10 am–noon. Brooklyn Public Library's Central branch [Flatbush Ave. at Eastern Parkway in Grand Army Plaza in Park Slope, (718) 230-2100], www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org/branch_library_detail.jsp?branchpageid=265.

THEATER, TEATRE TRE: Sweden's oldest troupe presents a physical comedy created especially for younger audiences. Clowns use blocks to build, break and rebuild relationships to space and each other. \$12. 10:30 am and 1:30 pm. BAM Fisher (321 Ashland Pl. between Hansen Place and Lafayette Avenue in Fort Greene), www.bam.org/visit/buildings/bam-fisher.

COSMIC CREATIONS: Kids learn about astronomy, space, and Dr. Neil Degrasse Tyson, a contemporary African American astrophysicist. Free with museum admission. 11:30 am and 2 pm. Brooklyn

Museum [145 Brooklyn Ave. at St. Marks Avenue in Crown Heights, (718) 735-4400], www.brooklynkids.org.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH: Kids learn about Rosa Parks and Jackie Robinson. Free. 2 pm. Barnes and Noble [267 Seventh Ave. at Sixth Street in Park Slope, (718) 832-9066], www.barnesandnoble.com.

AFTER SCHOOL HOMEWORK HELP: A trained volunteer helps kids and teenagers to complete their homework. Free. 2:30 pm. Sunset Park Public Library [5108 Fourth Ave. at 51st Street in Sunset Park, (718) 965-6533], www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org.

SUN, MARCH 1

OUTDOORS AND TOURS

GULL WALK: Hike with the rangers and discover how many types of gulls reside in the park. Free. 8 am–9 am. Prospect Park Audubon Center [Enter park at Lincoln Road and Ocean Avenue in Prospect Park, (718) 287-3400], www.prospectpark.org/audubon.

SPRING FORAGING: "Wildman" Steve Brill forages for edibles in Prospect Park. The hunt will search for field garlic, wild goutweed, and chickweed. RSVP 24 hours in advance. \$20 (\$10 for children under 10). 11:45 am. Grand Army Plaza [Union Street between Flatbush Avenue and Prospect Park West in Park Slope, (914) 835-2153], www.wildmanstevebrill.com.

PERFORMANCE

MUSIC, LITTLE LAFFS KIDS SHOW WITH THE GOOD MS. PADGETT: Variety show for kids ages 3–9, including juggling, balloon art, music, comedy, and more. \$5 kids, \$10 adults, \$25 family, kids under 2 free. 10:30 am. Jalopy Theatre [315 Columbia St. between Hamilton Avenue and Woodhull Street in Red Hook, (718) 395-3214], www.jalopy.biz.

MUSIC, ROBERT SIROTA: Free. 3 pm. St. John's Episcopal Church [139 St. John's Pl. between Sixth and Seventh avenues in Park Slope, (718) 783-3928], www.saintjohnsbrooklyn.com.

OTHER

STEP INTO PURIM: Kids celebrate Purim and enjoy the whole Megillah. The celebration will start off with a special performance by Timbalooloo, followed by a reading of "The Wonderful Wizard of Oz" and then an interactive performance. Children 2 to 10 years then make a crown and mask, have their faces painted, and dress up. \$5. 9 am–noon. Hannah Senesh Community Day School [342 Smith St. between First and Second places in Carroll Gardens, (718) 858-8663], www.hannahsenesh.org.

PURIM CARNIVAL: Enjoy an entire day filled with festivities including song, dance, children's rides, sand art,

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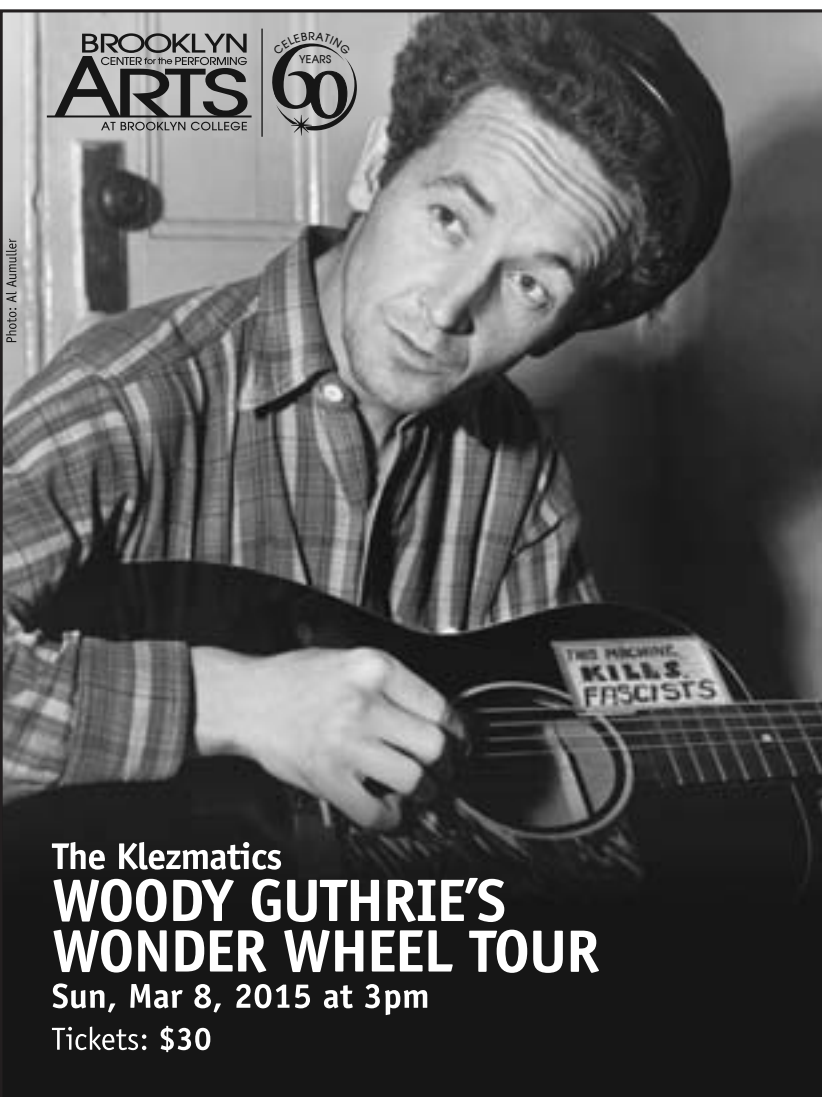
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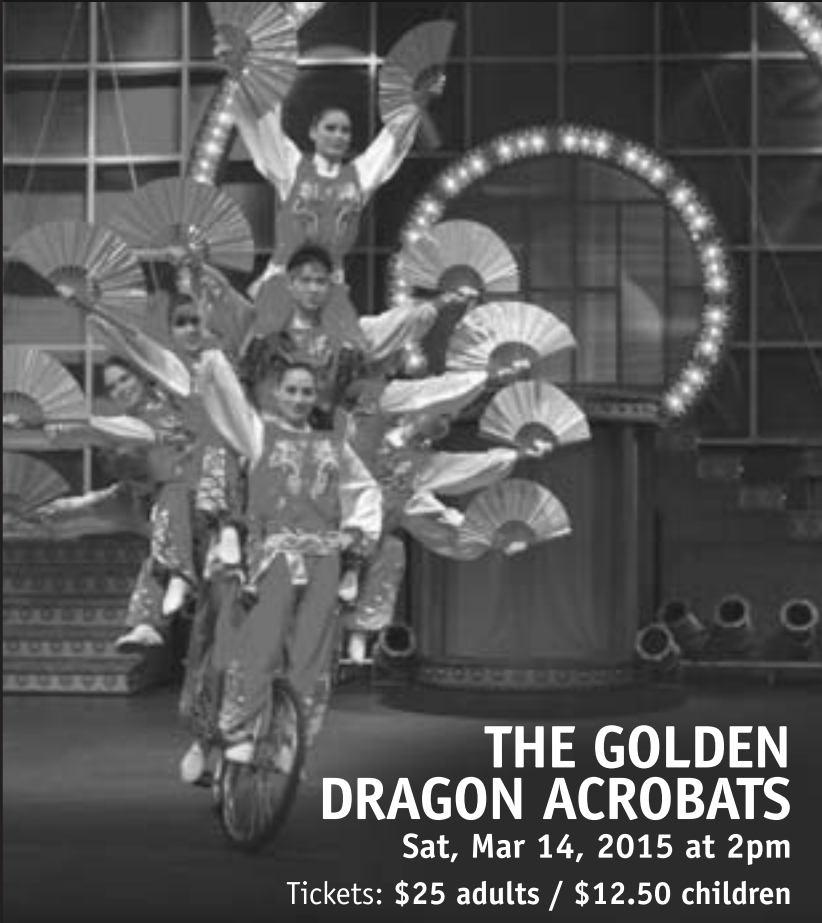
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MON, MARCH 2

OTHER

WILLIAMSBURG SPELLING

BEE: Adults-only spelling bee. Winners receive nerdy prizes and a spot in the annual finals. Sign-up begins at 7 pm and is limited to the first 16 contestants. Free 7:30 pm. Pete's Candy Store [709 Lorimer St. at Richardson Street in Williamsburg, (718) 302-3770], www.petescandystore.com.

COMEDY, THE MEHRAN

SHOW: Comedian Mehran Khaghani hosts a weekly comedy show, with celebrity and comedian guests. \$10 (\$8 in advance). 9 pm. Union Hall [702 Union St. at Fifth Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 638-4400], www.unionhallny.com.

TUES, MARCH 3

PERFORMANCE

MUSIC, "SOUTHERN LIGHTS TONIGHT": Debut of singer Matthew White's album "Fresh Blood." \$22 (\$18 in advance). 7 pm. BRIC Arts Media House [647 Fulton St. at Rockwell Place in Fort Greene, (718) 683-5621], www.bricarts-media.org.

MUSIC, THE BROOKLYN COLLEGE CONSERVATORY ORCHESTRA: Playing a diverse program featuring Richard Wagner's "Siegfried Idyll," Aaron Copland's "Appalachian Spring," and Erwin Schulhoff's "Jazz Suite". \$5. 7:30 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.

THEATER, "THE GOOD COUNSELOR": A cast of St. Francis College students and alumni tell the story of a public defender's attempt to mount a defense for a woman accused of killing her baby. Free. 11:10 am. St. Francis College [180 Remsen St.



Chilling out: "Old Paper Houses" — a play set in a freezing New England Winter — is at the Irondale Center from Feb. 27–March 14. Piehole

between Court and Clinton streets in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 489-5200], www.sfc.edu.

OTHER

TALK, LANDLORD-TENANT LAW — KNOW YOUR RIGHTS: The Foundation Law Committee gives a lecture on landlord and tenant proceedings, and the landlord's obligation to provide services under local and state

law. Free. 6–7:30 pm. The Brooklyn Bar Association [123 Remsen St. between Clinton and Henry streets in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 625-3398], www.ferfninkl.com.

Avenue at Eastern Parkway in Grand Army Plaza in Park Slope, (718) 230-2100], www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org.

WED, MARCH 4

PERFORMANCE

THEATER, "A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM": New Place Players theater company combines Shakespeare's classic comedy with either a rustic meal or a five-course feast served throughout the performance. \$75 or \$125. 6:30. Casa Duse [16 Prospect Park West between Carroll and President streets in Park Slope, (646) 266-2762], www.newplaceplayersnyc.com.

OTHER

PURIM CELEBRATION: Hear the full Purim story, participate in a costume parade, make arts and crafts, and sing songs. There will also be Hamantashen. \$5 per child, \$7 per adult. 6 pm. Bay Ridge Jewish Center [8025 Fourth Ave. between 80th and 81st streets in Bay Ridge, (718) 836-3103], www.brjc.org.

PURIM ACROSS THE SLOPE: Brooklyn Jews, Congregation Beth Elohim, Shir HaMaalot, Altshul, Mishkan Minyan, and Prospect Heights Shul host a joint Megillah reading and Purim party. Free for Megillah reading, \$10 for party. 7:30 pm. Congregation Beth Elohim [274 Garfield Pl. at Eighth Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 768-3814], www.congregationbethelohim.org.

READING, DOCTOR DREAD: RAS Records founder Doctor Dread launches his memoir "The Half That's Never Been Told: The Real-Life Reggae Adventures of Doctor Dread." Plus a performance from David Hinds of Steel Pulse, food, and beer. Free. 7 pm. Brooklyn Public Library's Central branch [Flatbush

THURS, MARCH 5

OUTDOORS AND TOURS

MOONLIGHT WALK: an evening of stargazing and hiking for families, with hot cocoa and s'mores. \$10 (\$30 for a family of four). 6–8 pm. Prospect Park Audubon Center [Enter park at Lincoln Road and Ocean Avenue in Prospect Park, (718) 287-3400], www.prospectpark.org/audubon.

PERFORMANCE

MUSIC, HOUSE OF WATERS: A three-person ensemble that embraces the multi-layered sounds of the world. Free. 12:40 pm and 7 pm. St. Joseph's College [245 Clinton Ave. between Clinton and Waverly Avenues in Fort Greene, (718) 940-5971].

MUSIC, TIME AND AGAIN: Cerddorion Vocal Ensemble celebrates its 20th anniversary with a concert revisiting past commissions by the group and introducing several new works. \$25 (\$20 advance), \$15 students and seniors (\$10 advance). 8 pm. St. Paul's Church [199 Carroll St. between Clinton and Court streets in Carroll Gardens, www.cerddorion.org].

OTHER

MEGILLAH, MIMOSAS, AND BRUNCH: Hear the Purim story while eating bagels, cream cheese, and lox brunch with mimosas. \$5 members, \$7 non-members. 10 am. Bay Ridge Jewish Center [8025 Fourth Ave. between 80th and 81st streets in Bay Ridge, (718) 836-3103], www.brjc.org.

READING, ELLA WOODWARD: Chef and blogger Ella Woodward shares her food and philosophy of healthy eating in her new book "Deliciously Ella."

Free. 9–9 pm. Powerhouse Arena [37 Main St. at Water Street in Dumbo, (718) 666-3049], www.powerhousearena.com.

FRI, MARCH 6

PERFORMANCE

THEATER, "THE CHAMPION": Play inspired by the life of singer Nina Simone. \$14 (\$10 in advance). 7:30 pm. BRIC Arts Media House [647 Fulton St. at Rockwell Place in Fort Greene, (718) 683-5621], www.bricarts-media.org.

THEATER, "BROTHERS FROM THE BOTTOM": The Billie Holiday Theatre kicks off its two-year residency at the Brooklyn Music School Playhouse with this play about gentrification in New Orleans, starring Wendell Pierce. \$20-\$30. 8 pm. Brooklyn Music School Playhouse [126 St. Felix St. between Lafayette Avenue and Hanson Place in Fort Greene, (718) 638-5660], brooklyn-musicschool.org.

OTHER

ART, "HMS JERSEY" OPENING RECEPTION: Exhibition of drawings by Howard Skrill of monuments in New York City, exploring the erasure of people and events from public consciousness. The opening will feature a reading of an essay by Skrill about the HMS Jersey and the battlefields of Brooklyn. Free. 6 pm. St. Francis College Callahan Center [180 Remsen St. between Clinton St. and Court St. in Brooklyn Heights, (646) 245-8345], howardskrill.blogspot.com.

SAT, MARCH 7

PERFORMANCE

MUSIC, "AMERICAN SHOWSTOPPERS — AN EVENING WITH IRVING BERLIN": A concert in celebration of Irving Berlin's legacy. \$35 (\$30 in advance). 8 pm. On Stage at Kingsborough [2001 Oriental Blvd. at Oxford Street in Manhattan Beach, (718) 368-5596], www.onstageatkingsborough.org.

MUSIC, "THE BARBER OF SEVILLE": The Regina Opera Company presents the Rossini classic, with English super-titles. \$25 (\$20 seniors, \$5 teens, free for children). 3 pm. Our Lady of Perpetual Help auditorium [5902 Sixth Ave. at 59th Street in Sunset Park, (718) 259-2772], www.reginaopera.org.

OTHER

TALK, THE BEAUTY OF BALLET: A lecture and demonstration presented by the School of American Ballet illustrating how students develop into classical ballet dancers, with examples of advanced classroom training exercises with the performance of excerpts from notable ballets. Free. 2 pm. Brooklyn Center for the Performing Arts [2900 Campus Rd. between Amersfort Place and Kenilworth Place in Midwood, (718) 951-4500], www.brooklyncenteronline.org.

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DYKER HEIGHTS

Kisses and hugs to **Pat Gualtieri**, Vietnam vet and executive director of the **United War Veterans Council**, and member **Marleen "Molly" Levi** for their generous support and love of the nation's war heroes.

Earlier this month the do-gooding Cupids presented a basket full of gifts and cards to **Russell Dolecal**, a volun-



teer service specialist at the Brooklyn Veterans Administration, to be distributed to the more than 150 veterans there.

The Goodwill Valentines Caravan, an initiative of the War Veterans, shares messages of love to those who have served our country. The drive was rewarding, claimed Standing O pal Pat.

"It brings unconditional love and Valentine's wishes," he said. "The cards, gifts and goodies, along with our personal message of thanks, brought smiles of gratitude to all present."

That is the greatest gift of all. Standing O presents an unconditional shout-out to the United War Veterans Council. Keep up the love.

V.A. *N.Y. Harbor Healthcare System*, (800 Poly Pl. and Seventh Avenue in Dyker Heights).

BOROUGH WIDE

Celena and the kids

Three cheers to **Celena Dyal**, a Brooklyn daughter who just returned from a semester in Thailand, as part of the **GeoVisions** program, which sends students all over the world to teach English and help others develop global skills to succeed in the 21st century.

Our pal Celena, a chemistry major at Goucher College in Maryland, spent her winter break tutoring the children of her host family because she wanted to share her love of language while fulfilling her passion for travel.

"It was definitely the easiest decision I made last year," said Celena, who has taught English as a second language for a year, every weekend, through a program at her school, but decided she wanted to do something different during her college winter break — hence her trip to Thailand.



HEALTHY SCHOLARS: Third-graders at PS 250 in Williamsburg passed the pilot nutrition program with flying colors.

Food for thought and nutrition

WILLIAMSBURG

Cheers to the Community Healthcare Network in East Williamsburg for piloting a nutrition program for students at PS 250. It consisted of seven 30-minute nutrition classes designed to help children make good food choices of their own at an early age.

The third graders learned basic concepts about food groups and portion sizes, and received practical tips on how to read labels and make a healthy breakfast.

Principal Norma Barnes encour-

aged the organization to plan an outreach effort to additional schools in the communities served, while nutritionist Maria Aguero-Martinez applauded the conscious-raising.

"Well-nourished and smart-food students are better learners," said Aguero-Martinez. "I think programs like these are important to raise awareness to prevent disease and obesity in our city."

Standing O wishes the students good eats.

PS 250 [108 Montrose Ave., and Manhattan Avenue in Williamsburg, (718) 384-0889].

Celena is back at school and planning a fund-raising project to raise money to buy new soccer balls for the students she taught.

Standing O is shouting out to Celena and GeoVisions for the visionary program.

FORT GREENE

Welcome to the board

Jonathan M. Weld has been appointed as interim president and chief executive officer at the **Brooklyn Hospital Center**. He takes the reigns on March 1.

Our pal Jonathan will take over while the board continues its national search for a successor to departing chief executive officer **Dr. Richard B. Becker**. Jonathan was chairman of the hospital's Board of Trustees from 2003 to 2010, and will take a leave of absence while serving as acting chief.

"We are very fortunate that Jon is willing to take on this role," said **Carlos Naudon**, chairman of the Board of Trustees. "His extensive ties to Brooklyn and his long association with the hospital and the health care industry

make him an ideal fit to lead the hospital through this transition in leadership."

The interim head is happy to oblige.

"I am pleased to assume leadership, though for a short period, of Brooklyn's first and pre-eminent hospital," he said.

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

BAY RIDGE

Save the date

Whether you need to re-fill your reduced fare card or buy a regular MetroCard, the MetroCard Van will be able to take care of all your needs on March 2, beginning at 1 pm, thanks to the community outreach services of state Sen. **Marty Golden** (R-Bay Ridge).

The do-gooding rep told Standing O, "Everyone will receive prompt and attentive service."

State Sen. Marty Golden's District Office [7408 Fifth Ave. at 74th Street in Bay Ridge; (718) 238-6044].



BAY RIDGE

Welcome aboard!

We hear that state Sen. **Marty Golden** (R-Bay Ridge) just added one more to his staff. Long time resident and Third Avenue merchant **Arlene Rutuelo** has joined the crew as the new executive assistant to the pol.

He was looking forward to working with her, said the senator.

"I am so proud to welcome Arlene, her enthusiasm, and love of our community to my staff," said the senator. "Arlene has long been an outstanding local leader who has made a difference in our neighborhood at so many levels, and I am confident that she will be a stellar addition to my staff."

Arlene has been a mover and shaker in the community for more than 30 years. She helped run her successful family business, **Nordic Deli** on Third Avenue, which Standing O can personally attest offered the best, freshest, and tastiest pork sandwiches anywhere. She also is president of **The Guild for Exceptional Children**, a member of the **68th Precinct Community Council**, and a board member of the **Merchants of Third Avenue**. To add to her list of achievements she has served as the city coordinator for worldwide Norwegian organization the **Dina Foundation**, vice chairwoman of the executive board at the **Norwegian Christian Home and Health Center**, a board member of the **Scandinavian East Coast Museum**, co-chairwoman of **The Miss Norway Contest**, and co-chairwoman of the **Norwegian Day Parade**. Is she well connected or what?

Standing O pal Arlene shared how happy she is to assume her new post.

"I'm really excited about this awesome opportunity and looking forward to working with Sen. Golden and his staff," she said. "My roots run very deep here in Bay Ridge."

Standing O wishes Arlene a very long and prosperous reign.

Sen. Marty Golden's district office [7408 Fifth Ave. at 74th Street in Bay Ridge (718) 238-6044].

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● 'I don't feel like I got the effort from my team the whole game.'

— Bishop Loughlin coach Chez Williams on his team's critical loss to Christ the King

● 'We want to get to the top.'

— St. Francis College's Jalen Cannon on his team's determination to win the conference tournament

Lions tamed by Christ the King

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Bishop Loughlin's inexperience under pressure showed against league power Christ the King last week with first place on the line.

The Lions girls' basketball team spent three quarters letting the Royals be the aggressors before mustering a rally that ultimately fell short in the fourth. Loughlin fell 69-56 to Christ the King on Feb. 18 in Middle Village, handing the Royals the Catholic High School Athletic Association Brooklyn-Queens Division I crown.

The team's only senior seeing court time said she was stunned by the performance of her team in the vital game, but chalked it up to experience — or lack thereof.

"I was kind of shocked we didn't come out the way we were supposed to," said senior guard Kiana Clark. "It's a learning experience. It happens"

Loughlin (19-5) wasn't patient enough on offense. It didn't move the ball well enough to find the openings and its shooters against the Royals' aggressive two-three zone. Christ the King was then able to smother freshman post Zaria Dorsey in the paint and collapse around any drivers.

The Lions scored just six points in the first quarter and trailed 24-15 at the half. Christ the King extended its lead to 40-26 heading into the fourth on a three-point play by forward Kaela Kinder.

"All we have to do is penetrate the middle and we have shooters on the wings," Clark said. "That is all we had to do and the game would have been simple."

The Lions had no answer for Kinder. The athletic ju-



SUPER SOPHOMORE: Loughlin's Milicia Reid drives to the hoop for two of her 19 points against Christ the King. Photo by Steven Schnibbe

nior scored a game-high 25 points and grabbed 14 rebounds. Kinder led the Royals' dominance of the boards and scored inside and out. Sydney Zambrotta tallied 19 points and Dominique Tousseint had nine for Christ the King (14-7).

Milicia Reid scored 16 of her 19 points in the fourth quarter for Loughlin and Lynette Taite added 11. Clark chipped in nine. The Lions

railed in the final frame. It used a 6-0 run, capped by a Reid layup, to pull within 52-44 with 3:53 remaining in the game. A bucket by Taite made it 58-50 with 2:48 to go, but the Lions couldn't get closer.

"I don't feel like I got the effort from my team the whole game," Lions coach Chez Williams said.

He wished his team could have played with that final. *Continued on page 50*



JUMP UP: St. Francis's Brent Jones netted 15 second-half points against Pennsylvania's St. Francis on Feb. 21. Photo by Michah Saperstein

St. Francis grabs regular-season conference crown

BY MICHAEL RANDAZZO

The first goal of a potentially historic season is now complete: the St. Francis College men's basketball team is Northeast Conference regular season champions for the first time since 2003-04 — and it secured the spot on Senior Day, to boot.

Senior stars Jalen Cannon and Brent Jones, along with their St. Francis Brooklyn teammates, wrote a script to remember with a 66-54 win over visiting Saint Francis (Pa.) last Saturday night. The victory ensures the Terriers the top seed in the conference tournament, and home-court advantage throughout. It is St. Francis's eighth-straight win, and its 20th in its last 24 games.

Cannon scored 23 points, putting him just 21 points shy of the St. Francis career scoring mark of 1,662 set in 2011 by Ricky Cadell. He also grabbed 15 rebounds, while Jones netted 15 second-half points.

"It was a great Senior Day," said St. Francis Brooklyn coach Glenn Braica. "To be able to clinch the league on this day was tremendous."

The Terriers (20-9, 14-2) wore down the Red Flash (14-13, 8-8) with defensive pressure and helpings of Cannon early and Jones late. The power forward scored 15 first-half points to help the Terriers to a slim 28-27 lead at intermission. Cannon, who will graduate from St. Francis holding every significant school scoring and rebounding record, acknowledged his and Jones's shared responsibility to their teammates.

"It's getting towards the end of the year and we don't have too many games left," Cannon said. "Brent and I have got to do as much as we can to be great leaders."

The second half belonged to Jones, one of four seniors — along with Cannon, Kevin Douglas, and Lowell Ulmer — honored in a pre-game ceremony. *Continued on page 50*

Jefferson wins track crown

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Thomas Jefferson's boys' track team bounced back from last year's lackluster showing to reclaim the city title it earned two years ago — in part to prove wrong the doubters on its own side.

After winning the last crown two years ago, the seniors told the then-underclassmen that they doubted the Orange Wave's new generation could live up to the legacy.

"They doubted us that we were going to actually win," said Orange Wave senior shot putter Clinton Belle.

Jefferson scored up and down its roster to edge out Susan Wagner 52-40 for the Public School Athletic League Indoor boys track and field championships at the Armory last Sunday. This win was special, after the team struggled in the meet a year ago and felt the pressure to get a crown of its own.

"It's motivation, but it's a way of tweaking them," Jefferson coach Claudel Martin said. "You got to work. Tweaking them to understand we have a good tradition."



CHAMPIONS: Thomas Jefferson boys' track team celebrates its Public School Athletic League indoor track and field title.

Photo by Joseph Staszewski

Belle was a big reason why that tradition continued this year — he won the shot put with a personal-best throw of 50 feet, 7.75 inches. Belle also placed fourth in the weight throw with a toss of 47-09.

Travion Gilchrist took home the triple jump crown with a leap of 46-10.50, and

Collis Cameron earned silver in the high jump with a mark of 6-04.

On the track, the Orange Wave got a big lift from its 4 x 800 meter relay team of Gairy Springer, Hakeem Alexander, Akeem Aaron and Alfred Serant which rallied for a sec-

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Poly misses out on Ivy title

BY PATRICK MCCORMACK

A slow start by the Poly Prep girls' basketball team cost it a shot at the Ivy League title as it fell to visiting Dalton 40-34 on Feb. 18, according to coach Mike Junsch, who saw the trouble early.

"I just knew watching the warm ups, that we were a little lethargic, a little lackadaisical, but we have done that before," Junsch said. But he had supportive words for his team's belated effort late in the game. "I got to give credit to them. They play hard and are a really good team."

The Tigers came out of the gate and took an 11-2 lead at the end of the first quarter. Poly Prep guard Carly Corr saw her team come out timid, which made it fall behind early.

"I think we were all ner-



IN A RUSH: Poly Prep's Carly Corr makes her way down the court during a game against Dalton on Feb. 18.

Photo by Steve Solomonson

vous, and once we lost momentum we couldn't get it back," Corr said.

Dalton turned its defense into offense. It opened the second quarter on an 8-2 run, led by six points from Ca-

leigh Ryan, to take a 19-4 lead. Junsch credited Dalton's pressure defense with forcing his club into mistakes. Poly Prep then responded with a run of its own to cut the Dalton lead to 21-10 at the half.

"We had every opportunity to win this basketball game, but every time we would bring it close, we would shoot ourselves in the foot," Junsch said.

The Blue Devils (15-3, 10-2) continued to trim the Dalton advantage in the third quarter, opening the frame with a 7-0 run, led by four points from Maggie White, to make it 23-17. The key to Poly's resurgence was its sense of urgency, according to Corr.

"I think we were just swinging the ball around faster," said Corr, who had

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St. John's inducts Chirs Mullin into its Hall of Fame

The induction of Chris Mullin into the St. John's University Athletics Hall of Fame was about celebrating much more than what he accomplished on court.

The school's legendary men's basketball star said in his time at the school he connected with people he remains close with decades later.

"My years at St. John's and my relationships there have developed over 30 years and are very special to me," said Mullin. "My teammates, coach [Lou] Carnesecca, and his staff Brian Mahoney and Ron Rutledge, I've known since I was 10 years old. It's much more than a four-year playing career and four-year student at St. John's."

He was enshrined with six other inductees during a ceremony last Saturday. Mullin, who now lives in California, said the honor may have come sooner had he and the school been able to work out the logistics of him coming to accept it. He's happy to receive it now and be with Carnesecca.

"I'm excited to go back," Mullin said. "Anytime I can be with coach and spend some time with him, I'd do anything to be with him."

Mullin, 51, is the program's all-time leading scorer with 2,440 points. His senior year the dead-eye shooter led the Johnnies to the 1985 Final Four and won the Wooden Award as the best player in college basketball that year.

"When I went on those visits, whether it be Virginia, Duke, Villanova, was really to compare to what I thought I had in St. John's and being home and being able to play for coach Carnesecca," Mullin said. "I felt it was the best place for me."

Mullin, who graduated from Xaverian High School in Bay Ridge, played 16 seasons in the NBA and was a five-time all star. He was a



JOE KNOWS

by Joe Staszewski

member of the 1992 Olympic Dream Team, and was inducted into the National Basketball Hall of Fame in 2011.

Mullin said he doesn't have any interest in coaching at St. John's, but he is willing to help the program in any other way he can. He feels that way about his high school Xaverian also, sighting good relationships with president Robert Alesi, and Jack Alesi, the school's director of finance and basketball coach. Mullin joined the school's board of trustees last September and is hoping to help fund-raise and expand the school.

"It's one of the best schools in the city, and a lot like St. John's," Mullin said. "Any way I can help. The time they invested in me, the guidance, and the mentorship is really irreplaceable. I can't pay them back. But any time I can help and assist."

Mullin, currently the advisor to the chairman of the Sacramento Kings, said he's still a New Yorker at heart and has always taken the time to remember the importance of his roots at St. John's.

"It's more than a four-year career for me," Mullin said. "It's a life-long relationship. It was one of the greatest experiences of my life."

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Boro boxers battle at Barclays

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Barclays Center will be part of boxing's return to the airwaves with a nationally televised bout in April in an event with an undercard packed with local fighters.

The home of the Brooklyn Nets will be the venue for an installment of "Premier Boxing Champions" on NBC — one of the first boxing events the network has broadcast in 30 years, the arena announced at Junior's Restaurant on Feb. 23.

The card will feature undefeated Danny Garcia facing Lamont Peterson, and middleweight world champion "Irish" Andy Lee will take on the unbeaten Peter Quillin. The broadcast will be called by Marv Albert, Sugar Ray Leonard and Al Michaels. It is a big showcase for boxing at Barclays Center.

"Going on network TV it enables the sport to grow up a little bit," said Brett Yormark, the chief executive officer of Barclays Center. "It enables the sport to have a better promotional platform and bring in the casual fan."

The non-televised undercard will feature a heavy presence of Brooklyn fighters, highlighted by World Boxing Association middleweight champion Danny "Miracle Man" Jacobs in his first fight since winning the belt.

The Brownsville brawler, who will fight Minnesota's Caleb Truax at the Barclays event, said developing a national television audience is critical to building the appeal of boxing and making its champions household names,



PUT 'EM UP: Brooklyn boxers, from left, Gabe Bracero, Heather Hardy, Danny Jacobs, and Marcus Browne were announced as part of the card fighting at the Barclays Center in April. Photo by Stefano Giovannini

especially with the added attention to the sport following the announcement of Floyd Mayweather taking on Manny Pacquiao.

"You look at basketball. You look at the NFL. You know them, even the people on the bench," Jacobs said. "They know the whole team. In boxing, you don't even know the world champions. You are giving people the opportunity to know some of the guys from the start to the finish of their careers."

Also fighting on the undercard will be Heather "The Heat" Hardy of Gerritsen Beach, Sunset Park fighter Gabriel Bracero, and Staten Island's Marcus Browne. Their opponents are still to be determined. This is Bracero's first time fighting at Barclays Center.

The undefeated Hardy fought in the first women's bout there in June 2014, and is

proud to be part of an undercard filled with locals.

"I worked so hard for that fight to sell tickets, did a lot of press and promotion, hoping to get back," Hardy said. "To have all that recognized and be invited back is huge. It's such a big Brooklyn undercard too."

For Barclays Center, this event is exactly what was envisioned when it committed to promoting boxing and local fighters.

"In addition to growing and nurturing so many of the careers of the local fighters, we also want fights that have national significance," Yormark said. "Garcia and Lamont Peterson, that's kind of the nice filter for national exposure with other fights that have a lot of Brooklyn flavor to them."

"Premier Boxing Champions" airs on NBC on April 11, 8:30 pm.



SUPER SOPHOMORE: Loughlin's Milicia Reid drives to the hoop for two of her 19 points against Christ the King. Photo by Steven Schnibbe

LOUGHLIN

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frame energy and urgency in the first three quarters. Williams wasn't surprised by it, because his team's energy has been up and down at times this season. The Lions

just allowed Christ the King to execute its game plan and did not do the same with its own.

"We just didn't play good basketball," Williams said. "We just didn't play smart basketball. You can't not play smart against a team like CK and expect to win."

ST. FRANCIS

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emony. The Brooklyn-born point guard connected on back-to-back three-pointers to launch a Terriers run that turned a three-point deficit into a 51-46 lead with 8:00 remaining. Jones fearlessly attacked the Red Flash defense, drawing five fouls and making eight crucial points in the closing minutes.

The win ensures St. Francis Brooklyn a trip to the National Invitational Tournament. Braica acknowledged his team's success, but identified a bigger prize.

"We've accomplished some of our goals, but we haven't accomplished all of them yet," Braica said. "We

got to the postseason. We've won 20 games. We're the regular-season Northeast Conference champs. We've got one more thing to do."

That, said Braica, is winning the conference tournament and reaching the NCAA tournament for the first time in the program's 76-year history.

There are still two regular-season games remaining — including a matchup against rival Long Island University — but the date that looms largest for the Terriers is March 4, when St. Francis will host the conference's eighth-place team in the opening round of the conference tournament.

"We want to get to the top," Jones said. "We want to have two banners."

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eight points. "I think we realized it was our last chance to win, so it's now or never."

Dalton (18-1, 11-1) answered right back with Ryan leading another 8-2 run to make it 31-19. The Tigers then jumped ahead 36-22 early in the fourth on a three-pointer from Natalie Ullman.

Poly had one more rally in it. Corr scored five points during a 9-0 run to get her team to 36-31. Following a Dalton basket, Corr hit a three-pointer to make it 38-34 with less than 2:00 left, but

that was as close as the Blue Devils would get.

Poly still heads to the private school state playoffs with a chance for a high seed. Junsch hopes his girls see Dalton again in the postseason and learn from their loss in the regular season finale. Poly won the first meeting between the two schools by 48-38 on the road earlier this month.

"Hopefully we'll meet again in the finals," Junsch said. "I said, 'girls you beat yourselves. If I were you guys, I would be upset with ourselves. Where do you take that? Do you mope, or do you come to practice and get down to business?'"

JEFFERSON

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ond-place finish with a time of 8:19.47. Springer also placed second in the 1,000 meters (2:35.52) behind Clara Barton's Kareem Joseph (2:35.51). Freshman Nathaniel Francis scored in both the high jump and the triple jump.

"We want to teach the younger ones to keep training," Cameron said. "Through hard work, you will be able to follow through."

Jefferson took home the crown, but Paul Robeson's Mergaran Poleon stole the show on his way to boys' track most-valuable-player honors.

The junior ran a personal-best time of 33.98 to beat Boys & Girls star Richard Rose. Poleon followed that up by holding off a late charge as the anchor leg in the 4 x 400 relay. Robeson won by nine hundredths of a second and earned the right to run in the state championships.

"It meant a lot," Poleon said of the relay win. "We have a lot of seniors. We just wanted to go out with a bang and that is what we did — extend the track season."

The Medgar Evers girls' team wasn't able to end its season with a championship like it did a year ago. It fell to rival Benjamin Cardozo.

Senior Brenessa Thomp-

son was, however, able to take home three gold medals and girls' track most-valuable-player honors. She won the 300 with a time of 38.43, the 600 in 1:32.01, and was a member of the winning 4 x 200 relay team.

Thompson, who is considering Texas A&M and Florida next year, didn't earn a personal best time in the 600, but did in the 300. She felt her team's performance in the sprints sank its chances for another city title.

"We are the sprinting school and Cardozo is the distant school," Thompson said. "We are suppose to rack up points in the sprinting event in order to win."

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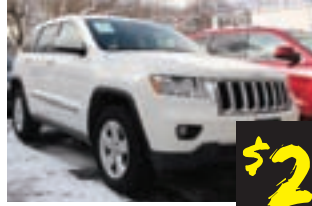
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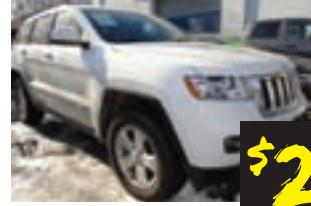
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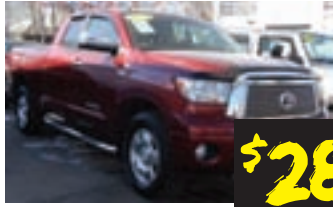
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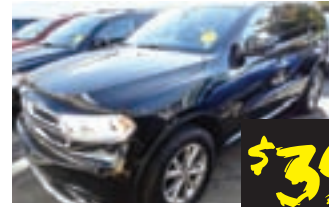
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