

Co-op d'etat

Federal govt. sues Trump Village condos

BY MAX JAEGER

They've got a dog in this fight. The president of one of Coney Island's largest private apartment complexes broke the law when he tried to muscle out disabled residents who rely on service animals, federal prosecutors claimed this week. Igor Oberman, who headed the co-op board at the 1,144-unit co-op, dogged three disabled residents — including a veteran with post-traumatic stress disorder — when they exercised their rights to own pets that sooth their stress, the suit filed Dec. 23 states. The complex has a no-pet policy, but it must make exceptions for people who can demonstrate a medical need, a federal attorney said.

"Emotional support animals provide critical care and therapeutic aid for people with disabilities," Vanita Gupta, a lawyer with the U.S. Attorney General's Civil Rights Division, said in a statement. "The

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TOWTAL RECALL

City hauling illegally parked cars

BY COLIN MIXSON

They're giving it the old one-tow punch.

Officials are waging a towing campaign to rid a Coney Island Avenue auto body shop of illegally parked cars.

Jalopies line the sidewalks around Lenny's Auto Service at Guider Avenue, creating a hazard for pedestrians and blocking traffic, locals say. But the business owner claims the cars aren't his and says he's thrilled tow jockies are hauling the heaps.

"When the cops come they say, 'I'm towing this car, that car,' and I say, 'Tow it, it's not mine,'" said the auto shop owner, who identified himself only as Robert and claimed independent salesmen were leaving the clunkers on the pedestrian-prone pathway to attract potential buyers. "Unfortunately, I get the heat for this, because the cars are getting parked on my sidewalk. So if you see cars parked illegally, no plates on it and it's right next to my business, the

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Delicate as snow

Ballerinas from the the Brooklyn Dance Center performed in the "Season of White" show at Cavallaro Junior High School on Dec. 20 to raise money to battle breast cancer. For more, see page 14.

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The year that was 2015 is come and gone, but at least we'll have our memories! Remember the time Sasquatch was "sighted" in Prospect Park? We couldn't forget! Or how about when the borough's oldest woman became the planet's oldest? Not to mention Coney Island electing its first black state representative and an upstart unseated the reigning Nathan's hotdog-eating champion in the same year! Of course there are some things we'd rather forget — when Brooklyn lost the biggest little entertainer in town, or when one of our congressmen got eight months in the slammer for tax fraud. Take a look back at the top news of 2015 with our Year in Review.



Photo by Paul Martinka

TO THE MAX!: (Left) Maxim Olenyukh was born at midnight, Jan. 1, at Coney Island Hospital, making him the first baby born in 2015 in the entire city. (Right) Courier Life Deputy Editor Max Jaeger braved frigid water during the Polar Bear Club's annual New Year's plunge, making him an idiot.



Photo by Elana Ehrenberg

January

Oh, baby: The new year got off to a lively start as adorable Maxim Olenyukh made his world debut at midnight on New Year's Day at Coney Island Hospital, making him the city's first baby of 2015. The strapping sweetie — born to new mom Olena — weighed in at eight pounds and eight ounces.

Daring dip: Who needs Hawaii in January? Roving reporter Max Jaeger chilled out with other bold beach buffs from the Coney Island Polar Bear Club, embrrr-acing 2015 with a frigid frolic in the waves off Coney Island.

Farvel: Ridgites sobbed in their *gravlax* when a long-standing Nordic food and gift store closed after decades of selling reindeer meatballs, fish pudding, and troll dolls to the community. Nordic Delicacies on Third Avenue in Bay Ridge was once the go-to spot

for tens of thousands of Scandinavian-Americans hankering for a taste of the motherland, but their local numbers have dwindled to around 1,700 according to recent census figures, prompting the owners to bid a bittersweet "farvel" after 30 years.

"It's just not enough to sustain a business any longer," said co-owner Arlene Rutuelo, a lifelong Ridgite, who had some good news to add: The annual Norwegian Independence Day Parade she helps organize will continue, ensuring a Scandinavian presence remains in the area.

Yikes, it's a Yeti: Big-foot in Prospect Park? A Fort Greene videographer claimed to have shot footage showing the legendary "Sasquatch" lumbering around a wooded area of Brooklyn's backyard near the Prospect Park Zoo after a snow storm. The shutterbug, who was working on time-lapse videos of Brooklyn and had set up several cam-

eras to catch the snowfall, was shocked to discover what he described as a tall, dark figure looming on the edge of the screen in a clip. The figure crouched to dig in the snow for a moment, then walked down a hill in the center of the frame and out of sight.

February

Provocative statement: State Sen. Velmanette Montgomery (D-Clinton Hill), an African-American, got into hot water for claiming "White people don't eat the way we do" to a mostly black audience gathered to talk about the closure of a neighborhood Key Food. She walked back the statement when reporters pressed her the next day, but readers online fixated on the provocative statement. Montgomery was saying African-Americans tend to buy in bulk, a context that was not included in the story, huffed supporters.

Return of the king: Kings

Theatre re-opened after decades of decay brought it to the brink of destruction. The city leased the long-vacant Flatbush auditorium to a theater-restoration outfit who returned the venue to its 1929 glory before Motown maven Diana Ross brought the house down during the inaugural show.

March

A-sod: They took this hero with a grain of salt. Some patrons and workers at the A-Rod Grocery on Myrtle Avenue, named for Alex Rodriguez, the heavy-hitting Yankees third basemen coming off a year-long suspension for using performance-enhancing drugs, said the slugger's recent apology was worth accepting — for now, anyway. "Everyone deserves a second chance," said Elvis Flores, a regular customer at the shop between Washington and Waverly avenues.

Party pooper: Assemblyman Steven Cymbrowitz (D-Sheepshead Bay) vowed to follow through on his campaign promise to push legislation in Albany that would ban the party boats from docking in Sheepshead Bay. But locals pointed out that the boozy boats, which have become staples of the waterfront district, are operating legally — and the assemblyman should broaden his focus to statewide issues instead of harping on hometown businesses.

College ruckus: Manhattan Beach residents who say that students from Kingsborough Community College disrupt the neighborhood took their complaints to the institution's president at a meeting of the Manhattan Beach Community Group. Locals have long argued that the college needs to police its students be-

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INN DOUBT

New hotel proposed for Gravesend manufacturing zone perplexes locals

BY COLIN MIXSON

They're trying to bring a little hospitality to this inhospitable Gravesend block.

Developers are planning to erect a four-story hotel next to a rail yard, a cement silo, and an auto body shop on an industrial strip of W. 13th Street in Gravesend. But respite-seekers shouldn't expect to get much shut-eye on the manufacturing-zoned, dead-end block, a local worker said.

"It's very noisy," said Brooklyn Motors auto-body worker Allan, who but declined to give his last name. "There's a train yard over there, so there's going to be trains coming in and out at night. There's a body shop, cement trucks, and they start work pretty early. So if they want to sleep in, that's not the best place," he said.

Long Island developer Grovesend Realty LLC aims to build a four-story, 59-room hotel on W. 13th Street near Avenue Z, plans filed with the city on Dec. 23 show. A basement level will include a breakfast room and storage, records show. The news was first reported by real estate blog Yimby.

Developers filed the plans just over a month after Mayor DeBlasio announced he was seeking a moratorium on hotels in ar-

eas zoned for industry.

The new hotel will rise higher than surrounding buildings, save a cement factory silo, and give tourist unparalleled views — of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority's Coney Island Rail Yard and the nearby Shore Parkway, Allan said.

"It's definitely going to be a bad view, all they're going to see are train tracks," he said.

The distance separating the planned lodge and the rail yard is less than a football field, but patrons will have to walk half a mile to get to the nearest subway station, city maps show.

This isn't the first hotel to come to south Gravesend's industrial sprawl. The new development will offer some competition to the nearby Sleep Inn on Stillwell Avenue between Avenue Z and Shore Parkway — local workers could only guess what competition they're vying for.

"I don't understand why they're building another hotel here when there's a Sleep Inn on the corner," said a man who worked nearby. "It's a really crappy neighborhood. This doesn't make any sense."

The developer didn't respond to a request for comment.

— with Louise Wateridge



PREPPED FOR A SHOWDOWN: Community Education Council 21 members Aisuluu Santbaerd, Heather Ann Florica, Umekul Soom Butt, and Anne Polizzi oppose a plan to increase enrollment at charter school Coney Island Prep, because they fear the publicly funded, privately run school will use growing enrollment to justify taking more space at IS 303, where Prep's middle school is co-located.

Photo by Jordan Rathkopf

School rivalry

Watchdogs fight Coney charter expansion

BY DENNIS LYNCH

They want to send this plan back to the chalkboard.

The state must deny a controversial, co-located charter school's request to boost enrollment, thereby preventing it from taking more space from public schools, education watchdogs say. Coney Island Preparatory Charter School aims to revise its charter to allow 84 more students, but members of the District 21 Community Education Council fear the publicly funded, privately run organization will use a growing student body to justify expansion in the public school buildings it occupies.

"As they over-enroll, those kids need to go somewhere, and they're just going to take up more of the public school classrooms," said council vice-president Anna Lembersky. "We will have to give them space, because they did not properly account for enrollment."

Coney Island Prep houses its elementary and middle schools within IS 281 and IS 303 respectively — parents sued to block the latter co-location in 2011, but the prep school prevailed. If the state allows the enrollment boost, it should only affect the prep's high-school, which is not co-located in a public school building, according to a letter the council



ROOM FOR DOUBT: Community members fear that granting Coney Island Prep's request to increase enrollment will give it an excuse to take up more space at IS 303 where the charter's middle school is co-located.

Photo by Jordan Rathkopf

sent the city last month.

The Department of Education and Coney Island Prep refute the council's notion the charter revision is precipitating a land-grab, arguing the requested revision would only memorialize the current number of students enrolled with Coney Island Prep — not bring more students into the school.

"This change is not taking additional space from the district schools there," an education department spokesman said. "It's just a revision to recognize the number of students actually enrolled in the charter school."

The council and the district's superintendent moved

their offices out of IS 303 to make room for new programs at the public Rachel Carson High School, which also operates out of IS 303's campus, but the council's leader believes she would not have had to move if Coney Island Prep wasn't taking up space.

"If Coney Island Prep wasn't located there, Rachel Carson would have had room to expand without offices being moved," said council president Heather Florica.

The Department of Education will make a recommendation to the state Board of Regents this month — after that, the board will decide whether to grant the charter revision.



ENJOY YOUR STAY: A new hotel development in Gravesend has locals scratching their heads. The area is surrounded by noisy industry, and offers views of a rail yard and cement factory. Photo by Louise Wateridge

Gone on a fender bender

Cops: Drunk guy caused four-car wreck in Bensonhurst

BY DENNIS LYNCH

Police arrested an underage Bensonhurst man on drunk-driving charges after he allegedly blew a red light, slammed his minivan into a police cruiser, and caused a four-car pile-up on 24th Avenue in the early-morning hours of Dec. 28.

The man was driving toward Stillwell Avenue around 4:30 am when he ran a steady red light and hit a transit division police cruiser crossing 24th Avenue at 84th Street, police said.

The driver lost control after the crash, and his van careened into oncoming traffic, where it hit a parked Chevy Trailblazer, knocking the sport-utility vehicle into another parked car, a police report states.

Emergency responders took the two people in the minivan and the two police officers in the cruiser to Lutheran Medical Center, officials said. One officer suffered injuries to the mouth and the other to the leg, a police report



HEAD-ON: A man driving a minivan blew a red light and smashed head-on into a police cruiser and then into two parked cars on Dec. 28, according to police. Officers arrested the 20-year-old driver for allegedly driving drunk. Photo by Mark Mellone

states. The minivan driver got a gash to the head, and the passenger's legs were hurt, police said. All four are in stable condition, according to officials.

Police gave the 20-year-

old man a sobriety test and charged him with driving recklessly under the influence, failing to obey a traffic signal, and underage drinking, court records show.



Bound and snagged

BY DENNIS LYNCH

Police are hunting for two guys who tied up a Sixth Avenue store clerk and robbed her at gunpoint on Dec. 17.

The pair made off with nearly \$14,000 in cash after binding a 38-year-old clerk and emptying the register, according to police.

The duo ducked into a store at the corner of 45th Street around 2:30 pm, police said. One forced the clerk to the back of the shop and tied her up while his accomplice — strapped with a silver handgun — took \$800 from the register and grabbed a

lock box containing \$13,000, officials said.

One was wearing a brown jacket, blue jeans, and brown boots — the other was wearing a black jacket, black hoodie, blue jeans, and brown boots, a report states.

The clerk was not injured in the robbery, officials said.

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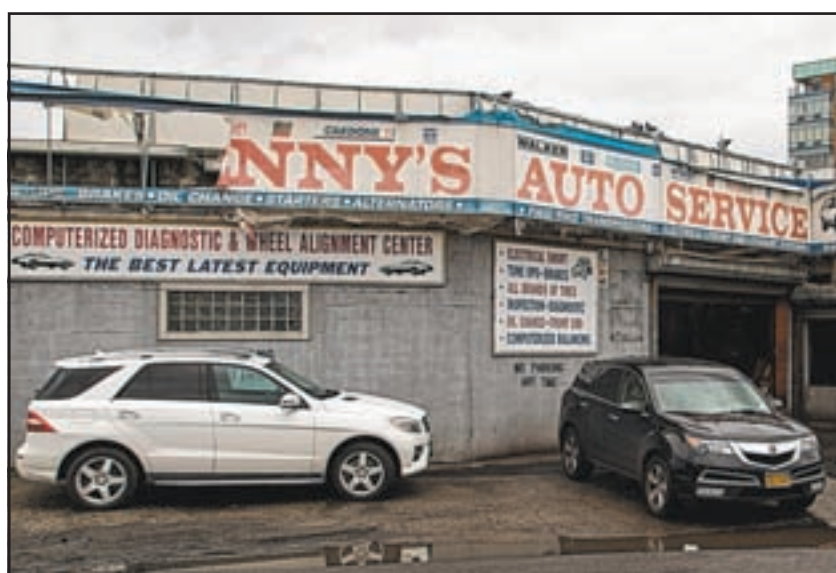


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AN IMPASS: Cars block the sidewalk and create a hazard for pedestrians, locals say.

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ILLEGAL PARKING

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cops come to me.”

But the tire-fixer’s excuse falls flat, because the city requires business owners take responsibility for their own sidewalks, a local pol said.

“Those cars are on his property, and it’s been an ongoing issue,” said Councilman Chaim Deutsch (D-Sheepshead Bay). “How can someone deny that it belongs to them when it’s on his property?”

The cars have been thorns in locals’ sides for years — Deutsch’s office has recently fielded dozens of calls from locals who say workers routinely leave autos on the sidewalk and make the hectic nexus of local streets and interstate ramps even worse, the pol said.

“That intersection is very busy and dangerous,” said Deutsch, who recently got the Department of Transportation to re-jigger lanes at the confluence of traffic lanes. “We want to make sure people can walk on the sidewalks properly.”

The city cut Guider Avenue to two lanes in each direction, so workers at Lenny’s must be more considerate, because double-parking cars on the Guider Avenue side of the body shop narrows the street to just one lane of traffic, a local said.

“If we’re going to have the situation with DOT, everybody has to work together, and Lenny’s has to work with us,” said Community Board 15 member Shari Kaplan. “They have to tell their customers they can’t park here, and they have to be considerate of the new traffic pattern. That’s the bottom line.”

Deutsch and 61st Precinct commanding officer Capt. Winston Faison recently hammered out a plan to make tow trucks a constant presence at the dent-fixer, Deutsch said.

Cops have been towing from in front of Lenny’s for about a year with little effect, but the recent push seems to be working, the auto shop’s owner said.

“More cars show up, more cars get towed,” he said. “It’s less now. The dealers realize their cars are getting towed.”

TRUMP VILLAGE

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department will continue to enforce fair housing laws to ensure that housing providers make reasonable accommodations for individuals who rely on assistance animals in their homes.”

Oberman tried to evict U.S. Army veteran Eugene Ovsishcher and his wife in 2012 after they proved he was entitled to a service animal to alleviate his post-traumatic stress disorder. A court threw out the case because Trump Village accepted rent from the Ovsishchers after terminating their lease, according to the Dec. 23 civil complaint.

Another resident complained in 2013, and federal housing officials forced Trump Village to allow service animals and submit board members to federal Fair Housing Act training. Oberman, a Soviet-born attorney, took

the training — and then waged a cold war against residents in retaliation, the suit alleges.

Prosecutors claim Oberman, a controversial Council also-ran, used his influence on the board to withhold parking spaces from disabled residents who successfully resisted the co-op’s unlawful attempts to remove them for possessing service dogs. The feds also allege he retaliated by kicking Ovsishcher’s wife off the development’s board of directors “for commencing legal proceedings against the corporation.”

One complainant has chronic depression and another has a debilitating stuttering problem aggravated by stress — both need comforting animals to help them get through the day, the suit states.

The co-op’s management office declined to comment on ongoing litigation. Oberman did not return requests for comment.

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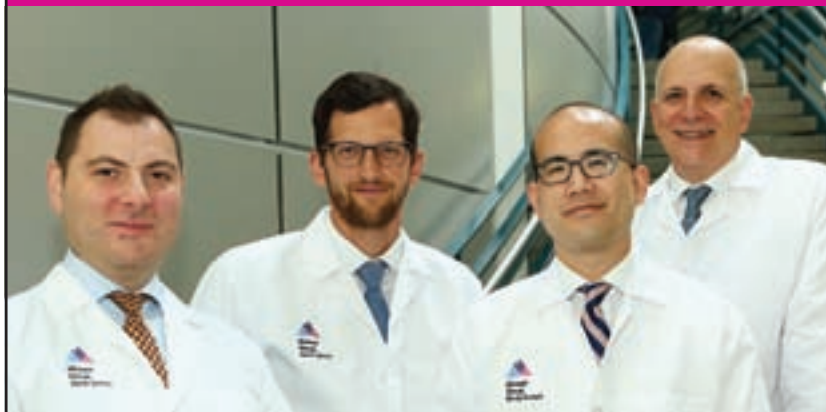
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Batters up

Cops cuffed a tough who they say bashed a fellow with a baseball bat inside a Brighton Beach Avenue shop on Dec. 24.

The victim told police the slugger stormed into the store between Brighton Fourth and Brighton Fifth streets at 9:50 pm and whacked him good upside the head. Cops later recovered the bat from the scene of the crime, according to police.

Vendetta

A gunman took a man's phone in an apparent revenge robbery on W. 32nd Street on Dec. 21.

The victim told police the crook pulled a gun on him near Mermaid Avenue at 11:55 pm.

"You broke my boy's jaw two years ago, give me your phone," the pistol-packing perp growled.

The victim then handed over his iPhone 6S and \$40, cops said.

Cigarette break

Two fiends robbed a man at gunpoint on Brighton Fifth Street on Dec. 22, taking cash and cigarettes.

The victim told police that one of the crooks drew a pistol and started barking demands at 6:40 pm.

"Give me your money," the thief snarled.

The man handed over \$120, but other thief reached into the victim's pocket and grabbed a pack of Marlboros before the duo fled, cops said.

Call disconnected

A slime ball punched a woman inside a Brighton Beach Avenue apartment on Dec. 27 and then took her phone so she couldn't call the cops.

The victim told police she was arguing with the man inside an apartment near Brighton 14th Street at 1:50 am. The quarrel turned ugly when the woman attempted to call the police and the lout punched her in the face before snatching her phone and fleeing, cops said.

Geriatric attack

Some cur beat a 75-year-old man on Neptune Avenue on Dec. 22.

The victim told police that he was engaged in a dispute with the 40-year-old dirt bag between W. 35th and W. 36th streets at 10 pm, a police report states. The argument reached its climax when the goon hauled off and slugged the old man in the face, cops said.

Mystery beat

Some villain bashed a man in the face with an unknown but very heavy blunt object on Mermaid Avenue on Dec. 24.



The victim told police the fiend suddenly cracked him in the head with the unidentified object near W. 33rd Street at 10:20 pm. He went to Coney Island Hospital for treatment, a police report states.

Cleaned out

A crook looted tools from a W. 33rd Street day care on Dec. 20.

The victim told police the thief entered the store between Neptune and Bayview avenues at 4:30 pm, taking advantage of an asbestos cleaning occurring there to slip in while nobody was around. Once inside, the burglar snatched \$1920 worth of various tools, cops said.

— Colin Mixson

61ST PRECINCT

SHEEPSHEAD BAY-HOMECREST-
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Brutal beating

Two toughs beat and robbed a man on Emmons Avenue on Dec. 21. The victim was near the corner of Bragg Street around 7 pm when the louts crossed the street and approached him, according to police reports. He had just finished at a cash machine and had a hefty sum on him, police said. The pair pummeled him, grabbed \$6,000, and fled, law enforcement sources said.

Grinch steals X-mas

A sneak managed to steal a man's custom bike and some other stuff out of his Avenue V apartment while he napped on Christmas Day. The guy snoozed for a couple hours starting at 6:30 pm, but he left his front door to apartment near E. 14th Street unlocked, so the thief had an easy time getting in and out with the \$10,000 bike, some credit cards, and some watches, police said.

No Christmas spirit

A cretin cribbed a baby monitor from an E. Fourth Street apartment on Dec. 23.

The owner left the door to his apartment near the corner of Avenue V unlocked for less than two minutes just after 2 pm, giving the thief just enough time to grab the brand new baby monitor — still in its package — and flee the scene unnoticed, police said.

Shoo!

Someone scared off two would-be

burglars trying to break into a commercial garage on E. 29th Street on Dec. 22.

The thieves made their attempt on the garage near Avenue Y just before midnight, police said. They came prepared with tools to open it up and had a getaway van at the ready, but someone caught them in the act, and they fled in their van sans loot, officials said.

— Dennis Lynch

62ND PRECINCT

BENSONHURST-BATH BEACH

Home wrecker

Some jerk broke into and destroyed a man's 73rd Street apartment on Dec. 28, splashing paint on the walls, crushing cabinets, and even breaking the toilet.

The victim told police that the rascal entered his apartment between 20th and 21st avenues at 1 am, before going on a rampage that left his home in shambles.

Knife guy

A knife-wielding wacko stabbed a man twice in the leg on Bay 19th Street on Dec. 28.

The victim told police that he was arguing with another man between 86th Street and Benson Avenue at 8:40 pm when suddenly, the guy's friend lashed out with a knife and stabbed him in the leg.

Busted pipe

Two savages beat a man with metal pipes on Avenue S on Dec. 28.

The victim told police that the rogues pounced on him between W. Ninth and W. 10th streets at 5:50 pm.

"You hit my sister," one of them bellowed, before smacking him repeatedly with the metal pipe, a police report states.

Ride jacked

A carjacker drove off with a grey 2002 Honda that a man parked on 71st Street on Dec. 22.

The victim told police that he left his car between 17th and 18th avenues at 8 pm — only to return later to find an empty spot where his car had been.

Three amigos

A dastardly trio robbed two colleagues at knife point on 78th Street on Nov. 22.

The victims told police they were on their way home from work be-

tween 21st Avenue and Bay Parkway at 5 pm, when the crooks held them up at knife point and demanded their valuables. The thieves snatched \$1,600 and two cell phones from the pair before piling into a black car and fleeing, cops said.

— Colin Mixson

68TH PRECINCT

BAY RIDGE-DYKER HEIGHTS

Snapped up

Someone stole more than \$20,000 in electronics and camera equipment from a car parked on 79th Street early Dec. 22.

The victim left his ride in his driveway near the corner of 6th Avenue around 1:35 am and came back the next evening to discover that his top-of-the-line MacBook Pro, three camera lenses together worth \$12,000, and some other camera gear was missing, police said. There were no signs of forced entry, a police report states.

Weaseled in

A cat burglar stole \$10,000 in cash and \$20,000 in jewelry from an elderly 81st Street woman's apartment while she was out of town over the weekend of Dec. 18.

The woman told police she left her home between 13th and 14th avenues around 3 pm on Dec. 18 and returned on the morning of the Dec. 22 to find a rear kitchen window wide open. She told police she did not lock the window when she left, a police report states.

Robbed — politely

Two cavalier crooks robbed a guy but returned his wallet on 67th Street on Dec. 23.

The pair approached the man from behind at the corner of Fort Hamilton Parkway around 2:20 am and grabbed him, police said. One told him to keep his gaze pointed straight ahead and hand him his wallet, officials said. The pair took \$450 in cash from the wallet but handed it back to him before they fled, police said. The victim never got a good look at his muggers, a police report states.

Caught in the act

A man caught a Scrooge-y scoundrel trying to clean out his 87th Street apartment on Dec. 24. He returned to his apartment near the corner of Fourth Avenue around 5 pm and found a stranger on his way out the window, he told police. The burglar only got away with \$150 in cash, police said. — Dennis Lynch

April

So long, Lil' Jim: Bay Ridge fixture James "Little Jimmy" Mas-trangelo — a Coney Island icon, author, Latin dancer, and former Oompah Loompah perhaps best known for playing "Little Uncle Sam" at the annual Nathan's Hot Dog-Eating Contest — passed away on April 6 after a two-year battle with prostate cancer. He was 67. He was remembered by friends and family as People's Playground royalty.

MTA murders: The Metropolitan Transportation Authority conspired to starve a colony of feral cats living in a Bensonhurst subway station, according to locals who were trying to save them. Cat-loving Bensonhurst-ers lobbied for permission to remove the kitties for years, but the authority wouldn't give them access to the property beyond the platform of the N train's Bay Parkway station until this paper wrote an article drawing attention to the plight and the authority let the cats out.

Bill DeBlah-sio: The mayor — a self-professed greenie — was an eco-klutz for letting his taxpayer-funded motorcade idle outside while he worked out at the Park Slope Y, fumed area residents. Hizzoner got in a lather about home fireplaces, Styrofoam cups, and plastic bags, but he didn't break a sweat about his lolling tailpipes spewing poisonous pollutants linked to asthma, heart disease, chronic bronchitis, and cancer, they claimed.

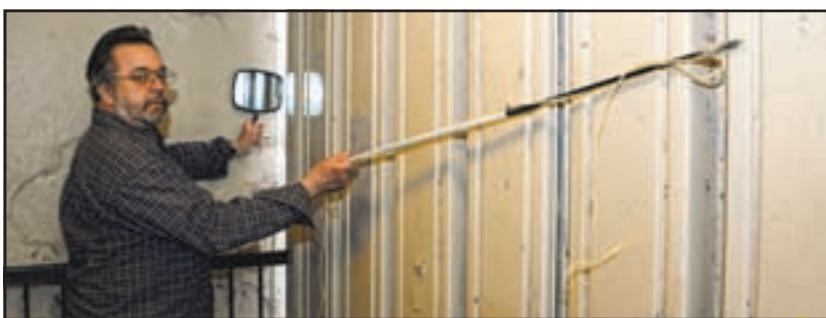


'TIL WE EAT AGAIN: We don't know if there are hot dog-eating contests in heaven, but if there are, Little Jimmy is probably there entertaining legions of angels.

YEAR IN REVIEW

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yond the campus gate, but the president explained the school administration doesn't have that authority. "We have no legal jurisdiction beyond the walls of the campus," said Farley Herzek, who became president of Kingsborough in June. Locals complained that students constantly zoom down residential roads and even park in private driveways, causing chaos for residents.



RESOURCEFUL: Bensonhurst Eddie Hidalgo used a mirror and a noose to rescue stray cats trapped behind a wall in the N train's Bay Parkway Station. Photo by Elizabeth Graham

May

Ship salute: Hundreds of people gathered at Fort Hamilton to hail sailors entering the New York Harbor during a pre-Fleet Week "Salute to Ships." A flotilla of Naval and Coast Guard six ships — including a guided missile destroyer — sailed beneath the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge and past the fort's bluff in the so-called "unofficial kick-off to Fleet Week," attended by more than 1,400 students from local schools and launched with an 11-gun salute from the fort's storied shore line.

Best of the best: Top Fire Department ambulance crews from around the city pitted their life-saving skills against each other at the 15th Annual Emergency Medical Technicians Competition at Downtown's MetroTech Commons. Competitors only rescued mock victims from simulated scenarios, but the tournament could very well save real lives one day, said contenders.

"It makes you better in real-time situations," said emergency medical technician Capt. Marcus Brandon, whose Bronx squad won the basic life support contest. "If we are faced with something like this in real life, we will not be afraid to get in there and get our hands dirty."

War! The battlegrounds were drawn between developers looking to build luxury housing on the former Long Island College Hospital complex and residents claiming the proposed high-rises would muck up Cobble Hill's historic district.

The hospital site is not barred, but that didn't faze audience members at a local civic meeting last week from vowing a "decade-long battle" with attorneys "up your a-- every step of the way."

June

Road rage: The U.S. Army had no plans to change a street named for a

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Confederate general once stationed at Ft. Hamilton Army Base — despite pleas from black church leaders who say the name is racist. Members of Rev. Al Sharpton's National Action Network rallied in front of the 190-year-old Bay Ridge base to denounce General Lee Avenue — named for Gen. Robert E. Lee — and call for a less racially charged moniker following the shooting death of nine black South Carolina churchgoers allegedly by a white gunman who posted photos of the Confederate flag to social media.

Super-centenarian: Susannah "Miss Susie" Mushatt Jones received an early birthday present when she became the oldest living person on Earth — three weeks shy of turning 116. Jones became the planet's longest-living residents after 116-year-old Jeralean Talley of Michigan died peacefully in her sleep on June 17, according to the Gerontology Research Group. "I'm the oldest person in the world? No, I'm not!" Miss Susie reportedly said to her grandniece, Myra Simpson, 40, after discovering her new celebrity. She credited her long life to sober living.

Planks for the memories! The Boardwalk's storied wooden planks may not be up to the Parks Department's standards, but Europeans said they would be happy to take them! Architects at the Italian World's Fair used wood reclaimed from the Board-

walk after Hurricane Sandy to build — you guessed it! — a boardwalk at the Milan Expo 2015's U.S.A. Pavilion.

July

Dog fight: Matt "Megatoad" Stonie became the new Nathan's Hot Dog-Eating Contest champion, dethroning eight-time Mustard Belt winner Joey "Jaws" Chestnut in a gut-busting gobble-fest on July Fourth in Coney Island. A stunned Stonie — amazed to have snatched victory from Jaws' defeat — returned for the sixth year to wolf down 62 dogs to Chestnut's 60, beating his personal record of 56. He entered the contest ranked second. Tim "Eater X" Janus came in a distant

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A NEW WIENER: Matt Stonie de-throned eight-time Nathan's Hot Dog-Eating Contest champion Joey "Jaws" Chestnut.

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FULL-COURT PRESS: Russian billionaire Mikhail Prokhorov now owns Barclays Center and the Nets.
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Russian in

Prokhorov buys Barclays – neighbors hope he plays ball

BY LAUREN GILL

Privyet, neighbor!

Russian billionaire playboy Mikhail Prokhorov will take full control of Barclays Center and the Nets after buying out Atlantic Yards developer Bruce Ratner's stake in both for \$1.7 billion, and nearby residents say they hope the new landlord will respond quickly to their gripes about noise, trash, and traffic.

“I’ve seen a lot and I’ve lived through a lot and quite frankly some of the issues that are going on now I don’t think need to be necessary,” said Regina Cahill, who lives 400 feet from Barclays on Flatbush Avenue and claims the neighborhood is now plagued by rowdy fans who she has seen urinating on sidewalks.

Prokhorov says he will uphold the so-called “community benefits agreement” Ratner’s operation signed when it began working on the sprawling Prospect Heights mega-development and arena — which pledges to work with local groups to create community events, host regular meetings to talk through issues with residents, and give away some free game tickets, amongst other provisions.

“We remain fully committed to community programs that were created as part of the arena,” said Prokhorov, whose group Onexim Sports and Entertainment bought a 45-percent stake in the arena in 2009.

A spokesman for Ratner’s Forest City Enterprises said the agreement is legally binding and should carry over to the new landlord without a hitch.

“The transition will be so seamless you won’t even know it’s a transition,” said Joe DePlasco.

But some locals say they *want* to see a difference — they say the massive sports and entertainment complex isn’t doing enough to address the problems it has wrought on the surrounding area since arriving three years ago.

“Past agreements regarding arena operations have proven to be unsuccessful in maximizing the visitor experience without encroaching on area residents,” said a letter locals sent to the state before the deal closed, demanding it vet the sale and beef up the agreement to ensure more security guards, trash cans, parking enforcement, and an open log of residents’ complaints and how they are being addressed.

Local pols — including Councilwoman Laurie Cumbo (D-Fort Greene), state Sen. Velmanette Montgomery (D-Fort Greene), and Assembly members Walter Mosley (D-Fort Greene), Jo Anne Simon (D-Cobble Hill), and James Brennan (D-Park Slope) — made similar demands ahead of the sale.

But now the deal is done, Cahill said she just hopes Onexim is open to meeting with neighbors and making those changes of its own volition.

“The goal moving ahead is to have a dialogue to discuss all of these issues and find out what is a reasonable solution so life can sort of return to a point where everything isn’t getting disrupted,” she said.

Forest City will continue developing the rest of the 16-tower project formerly known as Atlantic Yards — and now called Pacific Park — alongside its Chinese government-owned majority partner Greenland.

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Dancers battle cancer

BY DENNIS LYNCH

Dancing has never been so healthy!

Hip-shakers young and old wowed the crowd to raise money for breast cancer at the Brooklyn Dance Center's Season of White show at Cavallaro Junior High School on Dec. 20. And the audience really synced up with the idea of giving back during the holidays, the head of the dance theater said.

"People liked the fact that they could give this gift around the holidays," said dance center director Gail Kroog. "It was as gift to the cause."

Pros with the Benjamin Bri-

ones Ballet and the all-senior Rhythm and Style tap-dancing troupe joined the center's young ensemble dancers on stage. The dance center's Belly Mystics group mesmerized the crowd with their midribs, and belly dancer Gina Healy closed out each of the show's two acts with folk medleys alongside singers Angello Olivieri and Bil Kurz. Dance center teacher and disc jockey Mr. Kid spun records during the show.

Organizers raised roughly \$1,000 for the Brooklyn chapter of the American Cancer Society's Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk. A center

dancer's recent breast cancer diagnosis moved Kroog to donate proceeds, she said.

The dancers rallied around the cause, Kroog said — Benjamin Briones Ballet and Rhythm and Style hopped right on board when they heard the performance would aid the fight against breast cancer, and that made for an electric show, Kroog said.

"Everyone — from the young dancers with the groups up to the tap dancers in their late 80s — they were all super enthusiastic about," she said. "It was a great experience for everyone."

ELEGANT: Performers mixed music and movement to raise money to fight cancer during Brooklyn Dance Center's "Season of White" show at Cavallaro Junior High School on Dec. 20. Photo by Steve Solomonson

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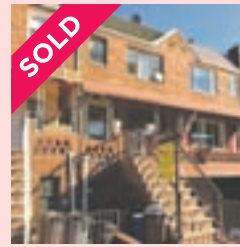
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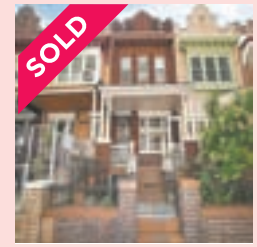
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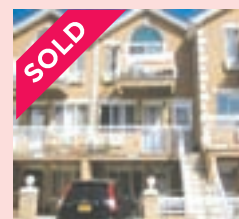
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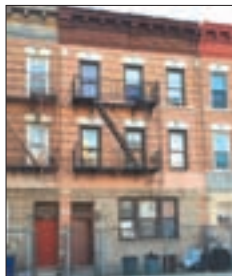
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NOW THAT'S A HOLE!: Workers are still fixing the massive sinkhole that swallowed the corner of 64th Street and Fifth Avenue in August. Photo by Georgine Benvenuto

YEAR IN REVIEW

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third, devouring 35 dogs.

Chestnut, who still holds the tournament record for the 69 dogs he demolished in 2013, said he never really found his rhythm in this year's 10-minute dog-devouring show-down, but praised his opponent's performance. "I just had trouble," said the former champion. "I was slow and he was eating fast."

Louis Powsner Way: Legendary Brooklyn Graphic columnist Lou Powsner, who died last year after more than 60 years of serving southern Brooklyn, will live on in his beloved Coney Island at the corner of W. 17th Street and Surf Avenue, one of 51 public thoroughfares and public places the city approved to posthumously honor notable locals. Rookie Councilman Mark Treyger (D-Coney Island) proposed the bill after we made a compelling case for why the iconoclastic ink-slinger — author of the tart and popular "Speak Out" column — and long-time community advocate deserved to have a street named after him.

Mikey jumpsuits: Disgraced former congressman and federal investigator Michael Grimm — who once went by the name "Mikey Suits" while investigating white-collar crimes as an undercover federal agent — was ordered to don an orange prison jumpsuit for eight months as punishment for cheating on his taxes. Grimm hoped that his two tours of duty in the Marine Corps and his service as a Federal Bureau of Investigation agent and congressman would help lighten his sentence. But his service worked against him, because he should have known better, said the judge, who ordered Grimm to serve eight months in jail, one year of probation, 200 hours of community service, and to pay restitution.

Stoop shrimp! Some Dyker Heights residents grossed out their neighbors when they cooked shrimp directly on their sun-bathed stoop — as in right on the concrete. Putting the prawn on the ground is one thing, but passing pooches made the situation even more volatile, one resident said.

"What if a dog comes by and pees on it?" said neighbor Vinny V.

August

Oy dismay: Marine Park has seen

a major influx of Orthodox Jewish families in recent years, but you won't find a kosher supermarket operating anywhere in the area. Not that several haven't tried. The remnants of one kosher supermarket still clings on at Yeshiva Ketanah of Torah Vodaath's preschool on Quentin Road between E. 31st and E. 32nd streets. The school has been operating since 2008, but still displays the awning and large signage from the previous tenant, Kolbo Kosher Marketplace, which closed more than 10 years ago. After Kolbo, another Marine Park kosher supermarket, BuyRite, opened in 2007 — and then closed about a year later. One local Jewish leader said the problem is that local operations just can't win customers over from larger competitors based in Brooklyn's more established Jewish neighborhoods.

Hole-y moly: A massive sinkhole opened on the corner of 64th Street and Fifth Avenue in Sunset Park, un-hinging its gaping, 20-foot maw during the morning rush hour. The sight may have surprised passers-by, but folks who live and work nearby knew it was just a matter of time before the earth would cleave beneath the long-sagging street. "It's been sinking for two years," said 64th Street resident Roseanne Coffey. "I just asked my husband two weeks ago, 'When do you think it's gonna go?'" The city doesn't know what caused the hole, but confirmed there was a leak in a 48-inch water main beneath the street.

September

Culture cultures: The Red Dragon met the Land of the Poets at the Brooklyn Emerging Artists in Theater Festival in Sunset Park. On the eclectic playbill was a rarely-seen type of Chinese opera, soulful crooners belting out ancient songs beside Latin dancers, a trumpeter, and a lecture. Chinese Theatre Works presented two scenes from the 16th-century Chinese opera "Peony Pavilion" in the traditional style of a Kun opera, featuring ornate costumes, pronounced body language, and few props and scenery. Seeing Kun opera performed was a cultural wonder, said the company's director. "Even for the Chinese, it is a rare art," said Kuang-Yu Wong.

Book duff: Borough President Adams backed a controversial plan to sell city land and redevelop the Sunset Park library with low-income apart-

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TIPS FOR GRANDPARENTS HELPING TO RAISE CHILDREN

As retirement age approaches, many older adults envision themselves downsizing and moving to a quaint community to enjoy their golden years in as relaxing a fashion as possible. However, for a growing number of seniors, their retirement years are being spent helping

to raise grandchildren.

United States Census data from 2010 indicates 4.9 million American children are being raised solely by their grandparents. CanGrads, a National Kinship Support organization, says approximately 62,500 children are being raised by grandparents and other fam-

ily in Canada. Many grandparents provide part-time care when their older children have to move back home with their families, as roughly 13 million children are now living in homes with their grandparents.

Being raised by grandparents may not be the ideal situ-

ation for all parties involved, but such situations are a necessity for many families. Seniors who are once again thrown into the caregiver arena may need a crash course in childcare or a few pointers on parenting in the modern age:

Get the right equipment. Children certainly require a

lot of gear, more than grandparents likely used when raising their own children. Certain safety requirements are in place to safeguard young children, and that often means investing in new cribs, car seats, high chairs, and other items. Grandparents should
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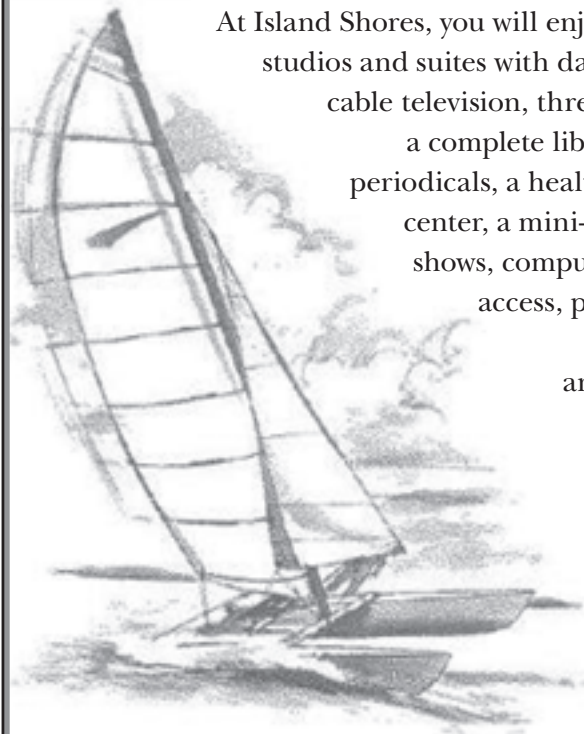


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What to ask when choosing an Alzheimer's unit

BY JOANNA R. LEEFER

Constance swore she would never place her mother in a nursing home, but her mom was in the mid-stages of Alzheimer's disease and her behavior was becoming more and more erratic. Mom would roam around the house at night and in the morning the family would find their shoes in the refrigerator or their clothes carefully folded in the bathtub. The situation was becoming overwhelming. The family was sleep deprived and confused. They finally decided the only alternative to keeping their mother safe was to place her in a facility with an Alzheimer's wing.

Many families are faced with this difficult decision. Finding a facility would be no problem; almost all senior housing and nursing home have a dementia wing, but how do you select the right one? Do all facilities offer the same programs? Are they all set up the same? The answer to these two questions is no!

Here are six questions to ask when selecting the best facility for a loved one with Alzheimer's disease:

How large is the Alzheimer's unit?

Alzheimer's disease is a progressive disease. People in the early stages are still active individuals and need space to walk around. If your loved one is still active, you do not want a unit that limits her movement. In fact, movement is important in the early stages of Alzheimer's disease. As a patient's memory deteriorates, she often compensates by using other senses like movement. She needs to walk around.

Many active Alzheimer's residents also lose all sense of time and walk around late into the night. They need a space that is not only open, but also where they can wander without getting lost or injuring themselves.

Does the unit convey a sense of calm?

An Alzheimer's wing should offer some visual stimulation without appearing overly busy or confusing. Muted wall colors are nice with some visual stimuli like photos and paintings. Some facilities paint landscape murals on the wall. The scenes should represent peaceful settings, like views of gardens, running water, or people picnicking. Avoid places that show scenes that might evoke fear or anxiety, like paintings of wild animals wandering in a jungle or confusing arrays of bright colors, jagged shapes, or large spiraling lines.

How does the facility protect residents from leaving?

A major concern of any Alzheimer's unit is insuring its residents do not leave the facility unattended. Sometimes residents try to walk out of the building, thinking they are leaving for work or picking up children from school. Most dementia facilities use one of two methods to insure their residents' safety:

One method is the installation of a coded lock on the entrance to the ward. This allows staff and family members to enter the area by punching in a code; the residents on the other hand cannot leave because they cannot remember the code. These areas always have staff available who can unlock the doors in case of emergency or fire alarm.

Another approach is fitting each resident with a wander guard, a sensory device installed in a bracelet that sets off an alarm if a resident leaves the area. The downside to wander guards is they do not deter active residents who continually walk past the alarm, setting it off multiple times. Of course, if a family member has limited mobility this is not an issue. This is a decision you must weigh depending on your loved ones capabilities.

What types of activities are offered?

Alzheimer's patients need different levels of activities as the disease progresses. Residents in the early stages are still active and can follow simple directions. They enjoy programs that are based on simple, familiar skills such as folding towels and sheets or setting a table. They can also participate in simple exercise programs like twisting from the waist or clapping hands.

Residents in the later stages are less capable of following directions but they can still enjoy sensory stimuli like touch, taste, and smell. They might enjoy cuddling soft stuffed toys, tasting different finger foods, and smelling flowers or herbs.

Music is important in all stages of Alzheimer's disease. Even residents in the late stages of Alzheimer's are responsive to music. Many patients who no longer speak or show any signs of responsiveness often sing when familiar songs are played for them. Music is often used to calm patients in stressful times as well.

How does the facility handle residents who become agitated?

This is a very important factor to consider. Dementia residents can be
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Exercise and arthritis



Across the country, more than 50 million people are living with doctor-diagnosed arthritis. So says the Arthritis Foundation, which projects that figure will rise to 67 million by the year 2030.

Simply put, arthritis is a significant problem, one that can not only affect a person's quality of life, but also his pocketbook, as working-age men and women who contend with arthritis are less likely to be employed than people of the same age who do not have arthritis. wages and medical expenses.

Exercise may be the last thing on many arthritis sufferers' minds, but it can play a vital role in reducing the often painful symptoms associated with arthritis. Among its other benefits, exercise can strengthen the muscles around arthritic joints and help men and women maintain bone strength. In addition, the Mayo Clinic notes that lack of exercise can make joints feel more painful and

stiff, as a sedentary lifestyle will ultimately contribute to putting more stress on joints.

Arthritis patients should speak with their physicians about the best way to use exercise to combat and relieve their symptoms. Some patients may require physical therapy, while others might be able to work with their physicians to develop an exercise regimen that can help reduce the severity of their symptoms and any pain that accompanies those symptoms:

Aerobic exercises: Low-impact aerobic exercises, such as walking and swimming, can help arthritis sufferers alleviate their symptoms and improve their overall health. Arthritis sufferers who have not exercised in awhile because of their pain may have gained weight as a result, and aerobic exercise is a great way to shed extra pounds. Losing excess weight is a great way to make physical activity less taxing on your joints as well.

Range-of-motion: Range-

of-motion exercises are typically simple and don't take much time, but when done correctly, such exercises can be very effective at relieving the stiffness associated with arthritis. A physician or physical therapist might advise you to do range-of-motion exercises each day, and you may even need to do them a few times each day.

Strength training: As previously noted, arthritis sufferers may feel as though lifting weights will only exacerbate their existing symptoms. But strength training will strengthen the muscles around the joints, providing more support for those joints and ultimately reducing symptoms of pain. Speak with your physician or physical therapist about appropriate strength-training activities and the importance of rest. If you experience any pain during strength-training sessions, stop immediately and report the pain to your physician.

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resist the temptation to use old items they may have kept in storage, as such items may no longer be safe and could put grandchildren at risk for injury.

Gather important documents. Grandparents should keep pertinent documents in one easily accessible place in their homes should an emergency arise. These include birth certificates, health immunization records, death certificates (if the child's parents are deceased), dental records, school papers, citizenship papers, and proof of income and assets.

Speak with an attorney. Lawyers can help grandparents wade through legal arrangements, such as filing for custody, guardianship or adoption. Options vary depending on where petitioners live, but lawyers can provide peace of mind to grandparents concerned about their grandkids' futures.

Investigate financial assistance. Seniors may not earn the income they once did and may be on assistance programs or living off of retirement savings. Grandparents who find themselves caring for a child may be eligible for financial assistance. The Temporary Assistance for Needy Families is a joint federal and state program that can provide need-based financial assistance. The AARP or the organization GrandFamilies may be able to put grandparents in touch with financial

advisors in their areas.

Contact schools and daycare centers. School-aged children will need to be enrolled in school. Grandparents should contact the department of education where they live to learn about local school systems, especially when grandkids are moving in with their grandparents. Some grandparents can qualify for free or low-cost daycare, and such programs can be discussed with local Social Services offices. Enrollment in school or daycare can provide grandparents with much-needed free time during the day.

Find emotional support. Taking care of grandchildren is a full-time job. At times, grandparents may feel stressed or out of sorts. Having a strong support system available can help grandparents work through the peaks and valleys of this new and unexpected stage in life. Church- or community center-based counseling services may be available. Grandparents also can check with their healthcare providers to determine if counseling or therapy sessions are covered under their plans.

Caring for grandchildren is a life-changing event. It can be fulfilling, but it also requires a lot of energy and commitment. But grandparents needn't go it alone, as there are numerous resources available to seniors who suddenly find themselves caring for their grandchildren.

ALZHEIMER'S

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come agitated for a number of reasons: loud noises, a change in routine, and sometimes for no apparent reasons. Evenings are a time when Alzheimer's patients become agitated or confused. This is a condition called sun downing. Some facilities stop agitation by prescribing sedatives, antianxiety or antipsychotic medications. Unfortunately, these drugs often leave the patient drowsy and lethargic.

More recently many facilities are experimenting with less intrusive methods. They are finding that if staff members talk to residents exhibiting signs of anxiety they can calm them without drugs. One example was the case of a woman who would stand near an elevator every evening frantically muttering to herself. She would try to leave every time the door opened. When a staff member finally asked her the reason for her anxiety, she explained she had to get home in time to cook dinner for her children when they returned from school. She calmed down when the staff assured her that her children

had already eaten.

Has the staff had special Alzheimer's training?

Alzheimer's patients experience the world differently and that world changes as their condition progresses. Staff who work with Alzheimer's patients must be attuned to these changes and understand how to interact with respect and understanding. They learn techniques for handling behaviors, eliminating restraints, and how to recognize and manage pain. The staff is also instructed on how to work with the families of Alzheimer's patients who might act out their frustrations either at the patient or the aides.

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Memory loss is a natural part of aging. Over time, an adult's brain changes and some aspects of cognition (thinking) such as attention and memory may deteriorate. Most people are able to adapt to these subtle changes. However, when the natural aging process of the brain is accelerated by disease, the result may be dementia, in which loss of cognition is severe enough to interfere with a person's daily functioning.

"Dementia usually begins affecting people over the age of 65. It can manifest in many forms," said Albert Ortega, Ph.D., neuropsychologist at New York Methodist Hospital (NYM). "Typical signs and symptoms of memory-related disease may include: being less social than usual or exhibiting isolating behavior; confusing or forgetting names of familiar

people, such as family members or close friends; difficulty completing important tasks, such as balancing a checkbook or following a favorite recipe; having trouble understanding directions or instructions; getting lost in the middle of a conversation; neglecting personal hygiene and other basic needs, or repeating the same question or statement several times."

Alzheimer's disease accounts for the majority of dementia cases, and affects one in eight older Americans. Other progressive conditions, such as Parkinson's disease and Lewy body dementia, can also lead to its symptoms. But it is not uncommon for other medical conditions to mimic memory related diseases. "Seniors may experience confusion or memory problems for a variety of reasons, such as infection, vitamin deficiencies,

depression, thyroid problems or medication misuse," said Miran Salgado, M.D., chairman of neurosciences at NYM. "A thorough evaluation can help determine whether these treatable conditions are resulting in a patient's dementia-like symptoms."

Once a physician reviews a patient's symptoms and determines the overall risk for dementia, the next step is to schedule an appointment with a neurologist for further evaluation.

"A neurologist generally orders blood work, neuroimaging—such as magnetic resonance imaging—and a neuropsychological assessment," Dr. Ortega said. "A neuropsychologist can determine whether cognition falls into an appropriate range, based on the patient's age, and can then determine whether dementia is

present and the likely cause."

For now, dementia caused by neurodegenerative diseases such as Alzheimer's is incurable. However, identifying dementia early allows specialists to treat symptoms by prescribing specific medications to help maintain functioning. In addition to medical management, a number of rigorously designed and well-controlled brain training programs have demonstrated benefit in improving cognitive functions in healthy elderly patients as well as those with mild cognitive impairment.

"The widespread belief that the brains of adults or older people cannot create new neurons (brain cells) is very outdated—there are areas of the brain that can generate new neurons every day through cognitive effort, learning, problem solving, and physi-

cal exercise," said Alexandra Krisztofer, Alzheimer's and dementia patient care coordinator at NYM.

Ultimately, to maintain the best brain health as one ages, or to slow the progression of disease-related dementia, requires a combination of good health practices, a steady routine of cognitive exercise and physical activity, pursuing optimal nutrition, and regularly engaging in stimulating, novel and rewarding social and recreational activities.

"No matter what the cause of your memory loss, it is important to seek treatment as soon as possible. You can often take steps to boost your brainpower," said Dr. Salgado.

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ments rising from it. The Beep, who has said he would like to replace paper books with electronic ones, gave the project \$500,000 from his capital budget that developers say they would use to keep rents affordable if the city signs off on the deal. But the move put Adams in the bad books of critics, who claimed it was a waste of taxpayer money because of the opposition to selling public land — even to promote below-market-rate housing.

Walk-ink billboard: A Dyker Heights woman with a skin disorder wore her condition on her sleeve, after getting the name of her affliction tattooed on her forearm as a way to cope with gawkers. Tiffany Posteraro, who has the auto-immune disorder vitiligo, affecting the skin's ability to make pigment, decided to get the ink after years of enduring nasty comments, including being called "cow" and "ghost face." "I got the tattoo as an open invitation for people to ask questions," she said.

October

Ship has ailed: Gowanus Bay Terminal owner John Quadrozzi, Jr. pitched his plan to toss a lifeline to the historic S.S. United States before the languishing ocean crawler moored in Philly is shipped off to the junkyard. The Red Hook business man wants to bring the boat to his dock and turn it into a multi-use emporium, but the scheme is now taking on water after struggling to secure backers.

On track: The Metropolitan Transportation Authority announced it is giving serious thought to adding a bike path to the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge, thrilling transit advocates who have pleaded for a car-less crossing practically since the bridge opened in 1964. The agency committed \$2.7 million to study the notion, officials said, while planning to spend \$1.5 billion on repairs and improvements to the vehicular viaduct over the next 25 years.

Tree huggers: Brooklyn College sharpened its axe and prepared to chop down more than a dozen dying



OWNING IT: (Top) A Red Hook concrete magnate proposed bringing the S.S. United States to Brooklyn and converting it into office space. (Left) A Dyker Heights woman with a rare skin condition got its name tattooed on her arm. (Right) A sea lion played soccer with the New York Cosmos at the New York Aquarium in Coney Island.

Photos by Steve Scibbe

Siberian Elms on the Flatbush campus, but alumni and students said they didn't mind the arborcide if the stumps were preserved for students' rumps with naming rights sold to well-heeled alumni. "I think they can use the stumps as little benches, and they might be able to raise some money by naming the stumps," said Cy Adler, a member of Friends of the East-Quad Stumps and a Class of 1950 alumnus.

People's Dismayground: The city must extend its land grab in Coney Island to the dilapidated Shore Theater, said local leaders, who wanted the shuttered show hall — once a Neo-Renaissance Revival-style magnet for celebrities and an opulent symbol of 1920s optimism — to be part of eminent domain proceedings, in order to spark long-halted economic development in the area. Balky landlords refused to sell their prized waterfront lots, hop-

ing to profit from the development boom, but the city wants to implement the rarely used law to seize the vacant lots, including one where the original Thunderbolt roller coaster rumbled, and build streets and parks Mayor Bloomberg mapped in 2009.

November

City of Lights: Christian, Jewish, and Muslim mourners flocked to Brooklyn's French quarter for a candlelight prayer vigil and march to remember the victims of the Paris terror bombings. The show of solidarity with devastated peers an ocean away was held in Carroll Gardens, also known as "Little Paris" for its vest-pocket of French ex-pats.

Flip the ball: A sea lion from the New York Aquarium took time out of its busy performance and autograph-signing schedule to play soccer with

players from the New York Cosmos, who couldn't get anything past the finned defender, proving that "David Beckhams" come in all shapes, sizes, and species!

Historic election: Coney Island Democrat Pamela Harris trounced Bay Ridge Republican Lucretia Regina-Potter in a special election to fill the vacant 46th Assembly district seat, becoming the first black assemblywoman to represent the district spanning Bay Ridge, Dyker Heights, and Coney Island. The neighborhoods may be racially divided, but the assemblywoman-elect said she'll look at things holistically.

December

Green-idiction: Workers broke ground on a new "Green Church" on Ovington Avenue, seven years after the Bay Ridge United Methodist Church demolished the deteriorating, century-old house of worship to preservationists' chagrin — and sold most of the land with promises to build an easier-to-maintain chapel on the remainder. The new church's scale will not be quite as grand as the old one's, nor will it have the green-tinged, serpentine stone facade that lent the long-gone house of god its nickname, but it will be green in another way, with eco-boosts like solar power.

Court goes to the dogs: A Brooklyn judge awarded damages to the Gerritsen Beach man who said his neighbor tried to kill his Basset hound by feeding it a sharpened bone. "The vet said it was made intentionally to kill him," said dog owner Frank Battaglia. The besieged Basset has since made a full recovery.

Hallelujah: Parishioners of the Hurricane Sandy-ravaged Coney Island Cathedral made it to the promised land after three years of wandering in the proverbial desert when they held service in the newly restored Mermaid Avenue house of worship. Congregants were ecstatic to see their church rebuilt after holding services in the gutted building. The storm of the century flooded the church's first floor with nine feet of briny water, destroying practically everything inside.

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Final City Point building will rise 57 stories

BY LAUREN GILL

Now they're really getting to the point!

A 57-story tower will be the final component of Downtown's City Point mega-complex, according to plans the developer filed with the city earlier this month.

Luxury real-estate firm Extell purchased the site at Wiloughby Street between Albee Square West and Flatbush Avenue Extension for \$115.5 million earlier this year. The builder — infamous for inspiring a backlash against “poor doors” after creating a separate entrance for below-market-rate housing in one of its Manhattan properties — will fill the behemoth high-rise with retail space and some 500 residential units, according to a New York Times report.

Construction is slated to begin in 2017 and wrap up by 2020 — at which point the 692-foot building may be the tallest in the borough, unless a rival builder can finish the 1,000-foot

“super tower” it is building on the neighboring block first.

The swanky skyscraper will be the third of three residential towers planned for the mammoth under-construction City Point project on Fulton Mall, which will also include stores and offices.

Here is the latest on what else you can expect and when you can expect it:

7 DeKalb Avenue

The 19 story-building — the shortest of the three towers — is expected to open in winter 2016, and will include 200 below-market-rate units alongside 50 market-rate rentals.

A whopping 88,500 people applied to nab one of the so-called “affordable” units, according to a spokeswoman for developers Acadia and Washington Square Partners. Those apartments will go to households earning between \$18,515 and \$142,395 annually, depending on the size of the unit and num-

ber of people living there, with rents ranging between \$500 and \$2,455 a month.

The building will include a gym, kids’ playroom, and lounge — but residents will have to pay extra to use them.

City Tower

This 48-story high-rise is still under construction, but residents will begin moving in next month, according to a spokeswoman for developer the Brodsky Organization.

The tower will include 440 market-rate units over 24 floors. Pads on the market right now are priced between \$2,350 for a studio and \$4,550 for two-bedroom units.

For their moolah, residents will get to luxuriate on two rooftop decks and play on a sky-high indoor basketball court.

Retail

The mammoth six-level City Point mall at the base of the building is scheduled to begin

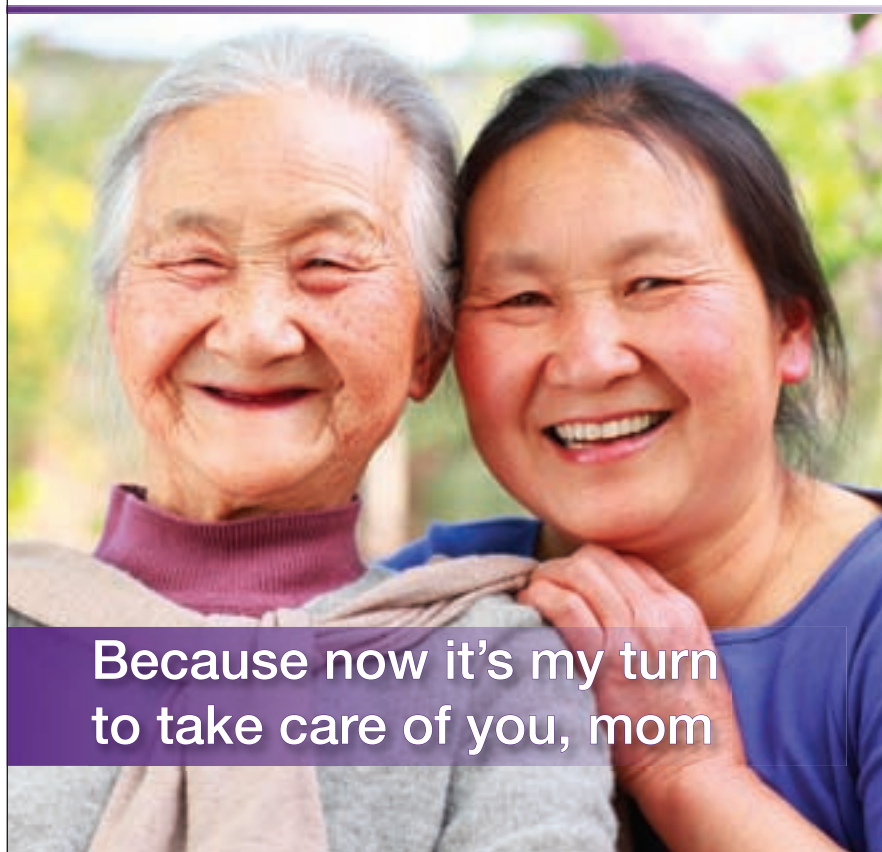


GOING UP: 7 DeKalb Avenue, left, and City Tower, right, are nearly done, but a 57-story tower is also in the works. Photo by Louise Wateridge

opening piece-by-piece next year.

Discount fashion department store Century 21 is slated to open its four-story shop in April, according to a Commercial Observer report. Indie cinema chain Alamo Drafthouse will begin screening cult classics and mainstream releases across its seven screens around June, followed by a Target outlet and Trader Joe’s in July, per the report.

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Holy consecration

What a Christmas gift! After three long years, the destruction from Hurricane Sandy is finally behind the congregation of the Shrine Church of Our Lady of Solace in Coney Island. The repairs were completed and the altar rededicated in front of a packed house of parishioners and members of the Knights of Columbus Council 14360, as Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio delivered blessings on the historic occasion on Dec. 20.

The church was not spared when the storm of the century ravaged its inner sanctum, creating havoc and damaging the floors, pews, and rectory. Good samaritans helped get the rebuilding process started, including Knights of Columbus Council 14360 and St. Matthew's Parish in Connecticut, whose parishioners traveled the Belt Parkway multiple times to help deliver supplies and gifts.

The Mass included the spreading of the holy chrism — perfumed oil — across five crosses on the altar representing Jesus' five crucifixion wounds, in addition to other prayers officially consecrating the altar and statues. Council members presented the parish with a new chalice and a letter of best wishes from Bishop Frank J. Caggiano of the Diocese of Bridgeport to honor the occasion.

Connecticut district master Charles Sullivan and his chief of staff Joe Duplessie dressed in full Knights regalia for the sacred rites. Grand Knight George Ribellino lauded the congregation's perseverance, first under Rev. Armando Palmieri and now under Rev. Shiju Chittattukara.

"I am so proud of the parish and the faith their parishioners have," he said.

Shrine Church of Our Lady of Solace [2866 W. 17th St. at Surf Avenue in Coney Island, (718) 266-1612].

Terriers are," said Brutny F. Placide.

The proceeds will be used to help send a student on a weekend pilgrimage to Italy, and a portion will be donated to the Robert J. McGuire Scholarship.

Standing O is impressed, and gives the students an "A" in fund-raising!

St. Francis College [180 Remsen St. at Court Street in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 489-5200].

Rockin' around the clock Elvis style

MANHATTAN BEACH

Thank you, thank you very much! King of Rock and Roll, also known as Bob McArthur, swiveled his hips — Elvis style — and wished his adoring fans at the Menorah Center for Rehabilitation and Nursing Care skilled nursing home a Merry Christmas with a seasonal performance that was a big hit.

The heart-throb look-alike brought dance, song, and ho-ho-ho to the residents, thanks to the staff of the therapeutic recreation program that incorporates movement into daily living.

The American Therapeutic Recreation Association describes therapeutic recreation as "a form of treatment that is designed to restore, remediate, and rehabilitate a person's level of functioning and independence in life activities and promote health and wellness." Therapists at the center also use dynamic programs, such as horticulture therapy, the Kaffeeklatsch club, and music therapy to help meet residents' physical, cognitive, emotional, social, and leisure needs.

Menorah Center for Rehabilitation and Nursing Care [1516 Oriental Blvd. in Manhattan Beach, (718) 646-4441].

BROOKLYN HEIGHTS

Welcome, bien venue

Put your hands together for Peter Ebright — the incoming board member of the Brooklyn Bridge Park Conservancy — whose Dec. 15 election was a gift, according to chairwoman Nancy Bowe.

"With 2015 coming to an end, we are grateful to welcome Peter Ebright," she said. "He is an incredible addition to our dedicated board."

Ebright brings a wealth of experience to his new post — he is executive veep of the New York Water Taxi, a former counsel for government and regulatory practice at Manatt Phelps and Phillips LLP, and ex-deputy director of special enforcement at the New York Department of Buildings. He has also held several positions in the public and private sectors analyzing affordable housing development, rezoning proposals, and the effect of construction on transportation patterns.

The Standing O pal is excited to be on board.

"I am thrilled to join the Brooklyn Bridge Park Conservancy's board of directors," Ebright said. "I share this group's dedication to the thoughtful activation of the Brooklyn waterfront for use by all New Yorkers, and to providing unique and meaningful programming."



SANTA'S HELPERS: Assemblywoman Nicole Malliotakis, Guild for Exceptional Children director Paul Cassone, staff, teachers, and Santa himself hand out gifts to the children as part of the assemblywoman's annual Toy Drive.

Lot of toys for girls and boys

BAY RIDGE

Three cheers for Assemblywoman Nicole Malliotakis (R-Bay Ridge). The altruistic official helped out Santa by delivering toys to the children at the Guild For Exceptional Children Early Childhood Center in Bay Ridge. The special delivery was part of our pal's annual holiday toy drive.

Gifts were collected locally in partnership with Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church, the Dimitrios and Georgia Kaloidis Parochial School, and the Salam Arabic Lutheran Church. And the crusading pol didn't forget our

servicemen and women or their families — she delivered to soldiers at Fort Hamilton Garrison to make the season a bit brighter. Malliotakis thanked residents of Bay Ridge for helping her to bring holiday cheer to locals in need of a boost.

"We're all so very proud to organize this toy drive every year and bring smiles to the faces of children in our community," she said.

Standing O — and Santa — thank you, assemblywoman!

District office [7408 Fifth Ave. at 74th Street in Bay Ridge, (718) 987-0197].

Bowe anticipated a bright future.

"Peter's support will help us continue making Brooklyn Bridge Park a vibrant, thriving community for all to enjoy," she said.

Standing O wishes the new member a long and happy tenure.

The Brooklyn Bridge Conservancy [334 Furman St. at Joralemon Street in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 802-0603].

BROOKLYN HEIGHTS

Worthy of an 'A plus'

It was a challenge and an assignment that put Brooklyn's sensational scholars in a class of their own!

St. Francis College students from the Psychology seminar "Persuasion and Propaganda" put their studies to good use and raised \$1,050 in just two days — with a generous matching grant — for their Dollar for a Scholar-Terriers for Terriers fund-raiser. "We put the persuasion techniques we learned in class into application, but most important, we learned how to put these techniques into application to help others," said Anida Sangkala.

The main challenge was getting the

word out and getting people to care about their cause, so students teased the benefit online and in flyers, held bake sales, played and games with prizes for big-hearted donors to raise the loot in record time.

"We tried our best to spread the word," said Ramon Perez.

Team spirit also played an integral role in the stunning results.

"So much of the school community helped us reach our goals, and it feels great to have been able to be a part of that," said Gisbel Acosta.

The fund-raising showcased the school's spiritual teachings and on-point curriculum, added Professor Michele Hirsh.

"We are proud to have been able to use a class project that spoke to our Franciscan heritage while employing the persuasion techniques covered in the course," she said.

The benefit had other boons, too.

"Doing this project has opened my eyes to see how generous my fellow



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'Stunning' S'Park a living text book for students

To the editor,

I applaud Councilman Carlos Menchaca (D-Sunset Park) for thinking outside of the box to find ample classroom space for our students ("A new direction! Sunset Parkers to city: Build schools west of Third Avenue," online Dec. 23).

The Sunset Park community continues to grow, and is considered one of New York's hidden treasures, especially with the stunning views of the skyline of Manhattan and the Statue of Liberty.

As an educator and community education advocate in Coney Island, I would like to see a bigger picture drawn for the students who live and come to school in Sunset Park. Let's talk Brooklyn history and the various transformations of the Sunset Park community. Our students should know the grass roots of the community and how accessibility to the harbor was a key factor in the life of Sunset Park. They should also know how the Native Americans inhabited the area in the 1600s, and sold maize, peaches, venison, and oysters to the Dutch settlers.

Then in 1834 you saw the establishment of Brooklyn as a city and an urban planning project took place. Sunset Park changed swiftly from farmland to an urban community, due to its central location. Urbanization continued into the 1850s with horse car lines and factories being built all across the area.

Scott Krivitsky

The author is a teacher at PS 188 in Coney Island.

'Dead-horse' Tom

To the editor,

I feel compelled to write about problems I see in Tom Allon's "Spin Cycle" columns. In one piece he beats a dead horse, so to speak. He is opposed to horses pulling carriages around Central Park and on the streets of Manhattan. This issue was proposed, discussed, screamed about, and it was rejected as a real issue. It was whispered to be a "real estate" issue, in so far as developers wanting the land the stables are on. It was championed by animal cru-

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SOUND OFF TO THE EDITOR

LETTERS AND COMMENTS FROM OUR READERS

elty advocates, despite proof that the people making their livings from this innocent endeavor actually cared well for their horses, had a low incidence of accident or death of horses, and that the majority of New Yorkers and tourists love this industry. Every film I have seen shows the carriages when they seek to evoke the flavor of New York City. They are iconic.

Political animals, including the mayor and the City Council, have backed off from a losing an unpopular issue. Most of Tom Allon's reasons for bringing up this topic again and banning the horses are invalid. This makes me read his writing with more skepticism.

He is also a self-styled security expert. Contrary to his spin on events before 9-11, the growing desperation caused by Osama bin Laden's threats of harm were well known to our security apparatus. What was missing was specificity. When news of the use of airplanes to hit us became known, to the best of my recollection, the government did issue warnings and airport security was beefed up. I believe that airport security was on heightened alert on 9-11, but the lack of specificity and the lack of cynical viewing of all traveling mid-easterners helped lead to the disaster.

When I taught high school in the Bronx, we had a false bomb threat. We were told to evacuate the building immediately. The police standing out in the rain with us told us that the police have a protocol — they do not act until the threats reach a certain level of specificity. There had been three separate calls to authorities. The third one was much more specific. Then the authorities took over, searched for a bomb, and took us to safety.

Seeking to blame Bush, Cheney, and Giuliani is quite suspect in an election year. It is also in the category of beating a dead horse. I don't require that op-ed writers share my opinions, but I do expect a lack of hysteria, absence of overwhelming bias, and a comprehension of all of the facts.

Dianne Stillman
New York City

'Bravo,' Sue

To the editor,

Inevitably some will call her racist but I say "bravo" to Sue Smith of

Bensonhurst for her letter describing how our borough is being taken over by illegal immigrants, who use our social services and contribute nothing to our society ("Sound-ing off," Sound of the Editor, Dec. 25). Thank you, Sue, for being brave enough to write what you did.

Maureen Abato
Sheepshead Bay

Islamic State

To the editor,

While I agree with President Obama that guns should not be in the hands of people on restricted flying lists, I take exception to his statement that the Islamic State began to evolve several years ago. If this were the case, why did he say last year that he didn't have a plan to deal with them?

Ed Greenspan
Sheepshead Bay

To the editor,

I frequently hear the word "inspire" in reference to persons joining the Islamic State, as having been "inspired" to join this group. It seems to me that "inspire" is a word that should be used as "inspired by a great piece of literature, a great musical composition, or an historical figure," but to use this word in reference to a bunch of thugs like the Islamic State puts it, in my mind, totally out of context. The proper word to use should be "corrupt."

Anything to do with the Islamic State can only be corrupt. The fools that join this terror group have been corrupted. Eliminate the word "inspire" when referring to the Islamic State and substitute it with "corrupt."

S. Loeb
Coney Island

To the editor,

After all the human lives taken by the Islamic State, I decided I needed to see something positive that would cheer me up — like watching "Woodstock" the movie. The 1969 concert was one of the greatest, non-violent gatherings ever and young people spent three days through heavy thunderstorms to listen to music.

The original crowd was 250,000, but swelled to 500,000, making it a totally free concert. Many were against the Vietnam War and tired of learning of the killing of civilians. Sounds familiar, doesn't it? How a large group of people all coming

from different backgrounds united in peace is a lesson worth reminding ourselves again.

Solomon Rafelowsky
Brighton Beach

Frankly, Jerome

To the editor,

Jerome Frank seems to think I favor the upper one percent of Americans that achieved their wealth through hard work and a drive to do better ("Income inequality," Sound off to the Editor, Oct. 16).

Maybe in his case, his attitude and the attitude of so many people who bemoan the fact that they are not rich are self-repressing them to the lower rungs of society.

My family emigrated from Germany, Austria, Czechoslovakia, and other European states prior to 1900. Nothing was handed to them on a silver platter. They knew that to succeed in the new land, they had to learn its language and get together, getting their hands dirty, to scratch a living out of whatever they chose to do.

I pride myself, in some little way, on championing the rights of the workers, as I once was a vice president in a local union. During my tenure I learned a lot of the so-called one percent versus the 99 percenters. I saw how the different attitudes of the workers determined how far they progressed or regressed through the ranks. Those individuals with a sense of drive and determination climbed the ladder of success, ultimately leaving the ranks for management positions. Those with an attitude, a socialist-communist attitude of I-deserve-everything, were always in trouble with the boss, calling upon me and others in the union to help bail them out.

I invite Jerome to learn the true history of his favored socialist parties and understand that even with them, there was an upper one-percent-plus crust of political hacks enjoying a very good living while the people, under their tutelage, were the true working "slaves of the state."

Capitalism ain't perfect, but at least under its reign and our hard-fought-for-and-won American freedoms, one has a chance to stand up, excel, and achieve a higher income and attitude status.

Robert W. Lobenstein
Marine Park

So now, Jews can get into Heaven?

You'd think this would be good news to a Jew like me: The Vatican has declared that my tribe can get into heaven.

In a statement just released in honor of the 50th anniversary of the "Nostra Aetate" — itself a high point in Jewish-Christian relations in that it stated Jews should not be considered "accursed by God" (yay!) — the Vatican has gone one step further. The new document states that, "...it does not in any way follow that the Jews are excluded from God's salvation because they do not believe in Jesus Christ as the Messiah of Israel and the Son of God."

In other words, Jews are now Heaven-eligible — which has me very worried. (How Jewish is that?)

You see, until now, I was already a little obsessed by what qualifies a person for a post-life thumbs up or down. And by "a little obsessed" I mean, I worried that if I ate a piece of bacon, did that make me a bad Jew, which then might



RHYMES WITH CRAZY

Lenore Skenazy

damn me to Hell, even though we don't really have Hell, so maybe even framing the question that way was a sin, meaning I was headed to some sort of miserable afterlife that supposedly doesn't exist, with or without a devil, pitchfork, and lake that burns without giving off any light, etc.?

See? So Jewish.

And then, when I did something actually unkind — and by "unkind" I mean screaming at a cabbie who totally deserved it, because he made a right-hand turn while I was in the crosswalk, but still, those guys have a hard life and are barely surviving, thanks to Uber — I'd worry, "Well, was that one little blow-up the thing that's actually going to tip the scales? I'll be standing before St. Peter and he looks at a list of everything I did and it's, 'Why did you yell at the poor cabbie? They're barely surviving, thanks to Uber.' And he shakes his head like, 'Sorry, you blew it,' and then he pushes the little button that opens a trap door in the floor?"

All this while I'm still in the crosswalk, shaking my fist.

"Don't worry about Hell!" my husband has told me, over and over. (Am I dishonoring him by writing this?) "We don't believe in it!"

But now ... sheesh. All bets are off. I mean on! That whole

Pascal's wager thing is now in our court: Bet that there is a God and if we're right, infinite rewards await us if we can just keep it in our pants (metaphorically speaking). But bet that there is no God (or Heaven), go rip-roaring wild, and we could be in for a world of pain (and jackals gnawing our intestines) later. That was a wager we Jews didn't have to worry about.

Until now!

So how good do we have to be to go upstairs? What is the fine print? Is one, "G----- it!" all it takes to rip up our VIP pass? Or do I have to be Bernie Madoff before I worry?

Or, to put it a bit more proactively: How can I prove my Heaven-worthiness?

Jews were already told to live righteously, give generously, dress warmly. (Well, most of us were.) We already knew we're not supposed to murder, steal, or commit adultery. The real trip wire on that list is, "Thou shalt not covet." But even if we did covet (come on — who doesn't? Have you

even seen my sister's house?), it wasn't like we were immediately disqualified from anything great. Coveting a fantastic house, or less jiggy thighs, or a job that pays more than freelance journalism, did not mean kissing goodbye to eternal life and harps that, because they are in heaven, must not sound as horrible as I imagine 10 billion amateur harpists must sound. We Jews just knew we were supposed to try to not covet so much.

No wonder the goyim drink. (I'm kidding! I'm kidding! St. Peter — it was just one dumb, slightly un-P.C. joke. Come on!)

Now I'm a Jew faced with all the worries of a Christian without even Christmas to ease the pain. Because a Jew celebrating Christmas — I'd hate to think where they'd end up!

But I probably will.

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Stan ain't buyin' what Jeb's sellin'

Many years ago, I was taught how to sell by the best and most successful salesman in the business. I vividly recall him telling me to “boost the merits of the products you are selling but never knock the competition.” He told me, “You’ll never know the future, and someday, you may be forced to sell the competitive product.”

Take that same rule of selling, and apply it to politics. I just saw a television commercial for Jeb Bush. In it — instead of vilifying the dishonesty and deceit of Hillary — the good guvna’ spent his time and money blasting his fellow Republicans. Without realizing it, he used his efforts and energies to write Mrs. Clinton’s campaign speeches.

No matter who gets the Grand Old Party’s nomination, all she has to do is repeat the negativism spewed by Jeb. Then she could follow it up with, “I didn’t say that. It was said by his fellow Republican, Jeb Bush.” Hey fellows. You are handing her the presidency. Shame on you.

Another great line from 2015: No! You do *not* need a parachute to sky dive. You *do* need a parachute to sky dive *twice*.

Also in my notes from 2015, the most bizarre story of the year is about Rachel Dolezal. You may not remember her name, but I am sure you remember the lie. Rachel is the 38-year-old, white woman who passed herself off as black. She was so convincing that she served as president of the Spokane, Wash., chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People for 10 years. Her secret was exposed when a local TV station investigated the racial hate mail she claimed she received. That’s when her parents came forward with photos of their blue-eyed, freckle-faced daughter and revealed that Rachel was, in fact, Caucasian. I am looking at a list of several reasons that folks are giving for her living the tall tale, but none of them make sense. Perhaps one of you can come up with a better *hubba meintse*.

In his speech on Sunday, Dec. 6, President Obama said, “We’re with Turkey to seal its



IT'S ONLY MY OPINION

Stanley P. Gershbein

border...” Stop! Stop! Mr. President, how about working with the United States to seal *our* borders?

And the most ridiculous, time-consuming debate of the year dealt with the color and design of the coffee cups Starbucks used at holiday time. Do you really care what the cups looked like? More than anything, I am concerned with the taste. Besides being overpriced, in my opinion, Starbucks is overcooked, burnt, and a somewhat bitter. Give me a McDonald’s or a Dunkin’ Donuts cuppa Joe anytime. And who really cares what color cup it comes in?

From my notes of 2015 the following is a short list of some of the more famous folks who left us last year and their ages when they passed: Cynthia Robinson, 71; Jackie Collins, 77; Yvonne Craig, 78; Bob Simon, 73; Wes Craven, 76; Ben E. King, 76; Percy Sledge, 74; Melissa Matheson, 65; and Lesley Gore, 68. The thing that frightens me most is that half of them are younger than me.

Right now, I want to shout out a great big “Thank you” to all of my readers. Without you, I’m not here. For many years I have been wishing everyone a happy, healthy, and *safe* whatever. Recently, some of you pointed out to me that, for the very first time, you understand why *safe* has been added to my good wishes. Carol and I wish everyone a happy, healthy, prosperous and *safe* 2016.

Freedom in the USA! A New Year's resolution

The new year brings 2,016 reasons to remember that freedom is neither free nor everlasting, but inked in the blood of valiant men and women — like American soldiers Adrianna Vorderbruggen, 36; Michael Cinco, 28; Peter Taub, 30; Chester McBride, 30; Louis Bonacasa, 31; and Joseph Lemm, 45 — who died in Afghanistan on Christmas week to preserve the ideal responsible for all our comforts and joys.

The battlefield bravehearts were among the 9,800 American troops left in terror’s lair to advise, train, and assist Afghan security forces, before a suicide bomber claimed their lives in yet another chilling confirmation of our sworn enemies’ resolution to kill us — wherever, however. Their supreme sacrifice is echoed by the nearly 7,000 U.S. service members killed in the foggy war on ter-



A BRITISHER'S VIEW

Shavana Abruzzo

ror, likely knowing they mattered less to Uncle Sam than the Islamo-refugees and their cowardly ranks of able-bodied men and women who have left the slog of their national defense to the “infidels.”

Our living veterans return home desolate, limbless shells of their former selves. According to the Wounded Warrior Project:

- 52,386 are wounded
- 320,000 have brain injuries
- 400,000 suffer from post-traumatic stress disorders

Uncle Sam is cutting their benefits while leaving intact taxpayer-funded entitlement programs for illegals and other moochers — both added blows to soldiers’ pain and suffering.

Any American demise in the line of duty is a national catastrophe, and Joseph Lemm’s

death hits the Big Apple at its core, because the husband and father of two school-age children was a New York Police Department de-

tective doing double duty as a technical sergeant in the National Guard. In heartsick irony, he surrendered his life preserving the rights of the civilians who abuse those hard-won freedoms to castigate the entire police force nationwide — our first line of defense when terror strikes the homeland.

Lemm and his fellow heroes join the distinguished legions of ordinary men and women who became extraordinary defenders of American values when duty called, and whose bodies are buried in nearly every graveyard in the nation.

Their memories must be exalted — 2,016 times and more — for giving their final breaths to the enemy so that America can live on.

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Jo's resolution to fatten Oprah's wallet

Y up it's that time of year again — resolutions and reflections.

At the top of my list is “I will lose weight this year.” I’m not only talking about the pounds I packed on during the feeding frenzy that began with Halloween and lasted through New Year’s Day — I’m also talking about the old pounds that found a home on my thighs and never left.

Which brings me to the point of this week’s column: Oprah Winfrey — the purveyor of all weight-loss regimens such as personal chefs; low-fat, low-carb, and no-food; the liquid diet debacle when Ms O. pranced on stage in her size-10 jeans after losing 67 pounds; and now Weight Watchers (or WW to those of us who are intimately familiar with Jean Nidetch’s brain child).

Since Ms O. bought shares in the weight-reducing giant, it makes perfect sense for her to hawk it as her diet *du jour*.

Now, Ms O. has professed every diet that she has ever been on as the best, the greatest, and the last diet you will



NOT FOR NUTHIN'

Joanna DelBuono

ever need until the last French fry falls off your fork or you throw out every bit of fat clothing you own (whichever comes first), but none lasted long. Unfortunately, like the rest of us — me included — the pounds came home to roost when real life stepped in.

I have had success on the liquid diet, the low-fat, the low-carb, the Atkins, the Paleo, and then some. The weirdest one was the cabbage soup

diet. In case you missed that one, you ate cabbage soup until you grew your own cabbage patch. I certainly lost on that one — with all that running back and forth to the bog, there was no way I wouldn’t lose a pound or two.

The down side was when I stopped and returned to my normal eating habits, the weight came back on faster than the Hindenburg went down. Not only did I gain back what I lost, but I added a few extra pounds for good measure. About the only one that really worked — and lasted for a time — was “The Blood Sugar Solution” by Dr. Mark Hyman. But my addiction to Krispy Kremes was greater than my desire to fit into size-10 jeans.

And so another journey begins. Not for Nuthin™, I think I will hop aboard with Ms O. and try Weight Watchers yet again. Yes it will make her richer, but you can never be too rich or too thin. Happy New Year to all, and good luck on your own resolutions.

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Classic Carmine: The Screecher looks back on Christmas Pasts



BIG SCREECHER
Carmine Santa Maria

Editor's note: This week's Screech is a classic from 2012. Enjoy!

I'm madder than old Ebenezer Scrooge when that guy with the crippled son asked for Christmas Eve off over the fact that the kids get all the great presents on Christmas and the Screecher — who's done more than anyone to make this world a better place — ends up with bupkis.

And a bad case of agita. Look, I've told you before that for years I magically transformed into Santa Claus every time the big guy had to make an appearance in Brooklyn, but couldn't get here because of his busy schedule, or the traffic in Manhattan. But in recent years I've had to let guys like my nephew but on the boots, on account of the fact that Santa rides around on a sleigh pulled by flying

reindeer, and not an scooter that's made in China and has to be plugged in for eight hours before you can go anywhere — a device that Old St. Nick personally told me would raise too many eyebrows from kids who haven't read that column written in the New York Sun so many years ago.

No offense to *Tornado*, of course.

Of course, this Christmas Eve, I thoroughly enjoyed the feast of the seven (plus!) fishes here in Bensonhurst with my family, and let me tell you was it ever a feast! There was so much food, we couldn't even get to the shrimp! Dinner started at 5 pm sharp, and didn't stop for hours, unless you count that little respite we had for those youngsters who needed a break because they don't have their 10,000 hours of eating in like yours truly.

But I came through like the

pro that I am (having gotten in my 10,000 more than a few years ago), and afterward decided to take a well-deserved nap at the nearest bed, lounge, or couch.

Now the line for the couch was too long to wait, and there was no lounge to be found, so I ended up in bedroom in the back, where I quickly dozed off.

But my long winter's nap didn't last that long, as soon heard the type of ruckus out front that could only be the arrival of one Kris Kringle.

I rose from my bed to see what was the matter, and lo and behold I heard the familiar "Ho! Ho! Ho!" that for 40 years came from my own mouth. To me, seeing old St. Nick in all his glory brought back visions of Christmas Past.

Now I don't need to tell you that the kids went ballistic, and, I also don't need to tell

you that they got loaded down with gifts — some of which I would have loved to receive myself.

Look, you all know that I believe just as much in dinosaurs as I do in Santa, so when I saw my nephews open up a three-foot-tall, remote-controlled Tyrannosaurus Rex, I almost spit up that pound of *baccala* I devoured.

His name is Dino, and the kids were having a blast with him, I wanted to take him home!

Could you imagine the ol'Screecher riding down 86th Street atop *Tornado*, snickering as he watches the old ladies fleeing my remote-controlled dinosaur, which I would have wreaking havoc like Godzilla did during Monster Week on Channel 7's 4:30 Movie! (Of course, nothing scared me more than the intro to the 4:30 Movie).

But I didn't get to take home my toy, and, as I said in the beginning, all I got for Christmas was some heartburn from being a bit too over-indulgent.

And, of course, another year of great Christmas memories with my family.

Still, in case anyone wants to get this Santa a very much wanted toy, my dinosaur is on sale at Toys 'R' Us for just \$75.

Screech at you next week!

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Attorney (s) for Plaintiff (s): ROSICKI, ROSICKI & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 2 Summit Court, Suite 301, Fishkill, New York, 12524, 845.897.1600
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On January 28, 2016 at 2:30 pm.
Premises known as 3421 SNYDER AVE, BROOKLYN, NY 11203
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SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS
MARIE HOLDINGS, INC., Plaintiff -against- HYACINTH BLUE, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of

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SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS, THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, AS TRUSTEE UNDER THE INDENTURE OF TRUST DATES AS OF OCTOBER 1, 2006, Plaintiff, vs. RUACH CHAIM INSTITUTE, ET AL., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on November 13, 2015, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, Room 224, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on January 28, 2016 at 2:30 p.m., premises known as 1187 & 1189 East 29th Street, Brooklyn, NY. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, Block 7629 and Lot 6 & 10. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of the filed Judgment Index # 13213/14.
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COMING TOGETHER: Brig. Gen. John Kem speaks about the potential for collaboration to more than 200 educators from colleges, universities and military institutions during a symposium at Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

Charting the course at the new Army U

HARBOR WATCH

Army educators are collaborating with scores of colleges and universities to chart the parameters for the new Army University, or ArmyU.

“We have the vision, direction and charter,” for ArmyU, but not all the specifics, said Brig. Gen. John S. Kem, provost for the new institution. He asked faculty and staff from 80 colleges and universities to “help figure out” those specifics during a symposium on Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, on Dec. 2 and 3.

The university will be an “umbrella” organization with several overarching goals, Kem said. First and foremost is its purpose to improve the quality of Army education.

ArmyU will also focus on providing college credit and credentialing to soldiers for their military education and experience. It’s one of the big things the university is working on early, explained one of its staff members. It’s reaching out to academia to help standardize credentialing.

The university may also be a “clearinghouse” for

graduate-level research about the Army, Kem said.

In addition, it may reach out to universities and ask them to help fill Army “educational gaps,” he said, indicating that distance learning could play a major role in bridging those gaps.

“As a nascent university, we have some big holes,” said Col. Steve Delvaux, vice provost for academic affairs at ArmyU. Until August, the institution had no staff. Some departments are still only one person deep.

Delvaux suggested that some civilian professors might want to participate in a university exchange program or take a sabbatical to help ArmyU stand up its registrar or establish initiatives.

Standing up graduate-level programs for specific career fields like cyber would take the Army years to do on its own, Kem said. He suggested that the Army might take advantage of programs already out there in academia.

One school that is already helping the Army fill some academic gaps is East Carolina University, or

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Triumph over tragedy

‘The most-wounded commander’ is back on track

HARBOR WATCH

Naval Postgraduate School student Army Maj. Dennis “DJ” Skelton, of Elk Point, S.D., has been given a rather unfortunate moniker — one he likely would prefer not to have. In 2011, following devastating injuries Skelton had suffered in combat, he was coined the “most wounded commander in U.S. military history.”

But Skelton’s story, along with his fervent drive to rehabilitate and return to his soldiers on the front lines years later, has earned him an additional title: American hero.

Since then, Skelton has nearly completed the required work for his master’s degree in Asia-Pacific Studies in the Naval Postgraduate School Department of National Security Affairs. In an example of life coming full circle, Skelton reflected on how his story began.

“I joined the Army as an enlisted man, which brought me here to Monterey, where I studied Chinese to become an interrogator at the Defense Language Institute [DLI],” Skelton said.

While at DLI, he said a couple of officers took an interest in Skelton’s career and encouraged him to apply for the U.S. Military Academy at West Point in New York. He did, was accepted, and became an infantry officer. After graduation, he was stationed on Fort Lewis, Wash. — since renamed Joint Base Lewis-McChord — where he became the leader of a Stryker platoon.

He wasn’t at Fort Lewis long, however. In September 2004, just a year after graduating from West Point, he deployed to Iraq, where he took part in the Second Battle of Fallujah. There, Skelton and his platoon were tasked with defending an important intersection outside the city.



A HERO: Army Capt. DJ Skelton, left, was severely injured in Iraq, and he used his experience as a wounded warrior to help others.

Two months later, on Nov. 6, 2004, Skelton and his platoon were dug in at the intersection, and unbeknownst to his platoon, the enemy had dug in as well, on the other side of the freeway. Upon observing the insurgent activity, Skelton and his soldiers engaged.

“I was hit in that firefight ... I happened to be standing beside a cement pylon and the next thing I knew, it was pitch dark,” Skelton recalled. “I couldn’t see anything. I couldn’t feel anything. I felt like I was floating through space. One of the last things I remember was hearing one of my soldiers say, ‘I think the lieutenant’s dead.’ At that time, a switch flipped, and I began to feel the most intense pain of my life.”

Skelton’s soldiers jumped into action and dragged him out of the fight. One resourceful soldier used a spent .50-caliber round as an airway and preformed a field tracheotomy. Amazingly, less than 10 minutes later, Skelton was in a nearby combat support hospital, where doctors began to assess the severity of his injuries.

And Skelton’s wounds, by any measure, were horrific.

A small scar on his left cheek remains where he was shot, but it is what happened after the round pierced Skelton’s face that changed his life forever. Once through his cheek, the bullet began to tumble, destroying his mouth and soft palate before exiting out of his right eye socket.

Sadly, the round to Skelton’s face was not the only injury his body would endure. He was further injured when a rocket-propelled grenade, or RPG, struck the pylon beside him.

“My left arm was destroyed. My hand was intact, but everything from the wrist to the elbow was destroyed,” Skelton said. “The head of the RPG broke and went through my right leg. My ammunition belt got hot and began cooking off. Those rounds, along with various enemy AK-47 rounds, went through my right arm and left shoulder.”

Skelton said his survival “is a testament to our body armor and to our teamwork.”

“In that environment, where soldiers were still being shot at, they were calm, collected, and making decisions. And those decisions, though unorthodox, contributed to me being able to live,” he said.

Skelton’s parents received the call that every service member’s loved one dreads. They planned to meet their son at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, although he would be placed in a medically-induced coma. Inside the hospital, Skelton’s doctors argued for the amputation of his right arm, but his parents wouldn’t allow it. The arm was ultimately saved, but over the next three years Skelton would endure more than 70 surgeries, and have to re-learn how to write, eat, and walk.

“I sat for months confined
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Paving the way into integration history

Army's first African-American parachutists celebrated at infantry reunion

HARBOR WATCH

Paying homage to the first African-American Army parachutists, Army Materiel Command's Commander Gen. Dennis Via said they paved the way for integration.

Via was the keynote speaker during the 555th Parachute Infantry Association's 36th annual reunion on Sept. 12. The association celebrates the legacy of the Army's first all-black parachute battalion.

"When I think about the era in which you entered the airborne corps, I am humbled by your strength," Via said. "I am humbled by your tenacity, I am humbled by your persistence and your sheer determination, but I am most humbled by your ability to place so much trust in an organization which, at that time, didn't necessarily place that same trust in you."

Activated in December 1943, the men who volunteered for the first company were airborne-qualified, but were not exempt to society's segregation, including separate bathrooms, drinking fountains, and living conditions.

Via was introduced by retired Col. Porcher "P.T." Taylor, who was a member of the Triple Nickles and



PAVING THE WAY: The 555 Parachute Battalion was the first all-black parachute battalion. The men pictured here are waiting for a routine equipment check during training. National Archive Photo

also served as one of Via's ROTC instructors at Virginia State University.

"Thanks to the trail you blazed 70 years ago, there are thousands of soldiers whose services as paratroopers, and whose military careers, were all made possible by the Triple Nickles," Via said.

The 555th was nicknamed the "Triple Nickles" for its numerical designation and be-

cause it was part of the 92nd Infantry Division of "Buffalo Soldiers."

"When you stepped out of that plane so many decades ago, you stepped into more than thin air, you stepped into history," Via said. "Every paratrooper, who followed you out that door in the subsequent decades, including this Soldier, owes you a deep debt of gratitude."

The battalion didn't serve overseas during World War II, instead the members deployed to the Pacific Northwest for a top secret mission, Operation Firefly, in May 1945. The paratroopers earned the nickname of "smoke jumpers" for their actions combating forest fires ignited by Japanese balloons carrying incendiary bombs.

"We will never forget, and

I'll certainly never forget, that the discipline, the dedication and the commitment to persevere you displayed gave our Army cause to abandon its segregated units and incorporate the Triple Nickles into the 82nd Airborne Division. Thus, paving the way for true integration in the years ahead," Via said. "You helped lay the foundation that I continue to stand upon today."

CHARTING

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ECU, which provides 11 online classes to Army civilians involved in various aspects of education from instructional design and technology, to adult education.

"I think technology is really coming a long way, especially in our online sites," said ECU's Dr. Steven Schmidt, one of the presenters at the symposium.

"In the past we may have had a chat session where people log on and talk to each other via texting," Schmidt said. "Now we can do it with things like Google Hangout and we have programs that allow us to see each other face-to-face on the computer and talk to each other."

Those who take the ECU classes not only learn from the curriculum, Schmidt said, they also learn from ex-

ample about how to teach online.

"They may be very familiar with teaching in a traditional classroom," Schmidt said about the Army civilians, "but teaching online or teaching in blended learning situations may be fairly new to them."

"There are several other initiatives out there," Delvaux said. He cited The Great Plains initiative as an example of good collaboration. The Great Plains initiative is a consortium of colleges that have relatively the same fees and accept each other's courses toward degrees.

"So a person could take a course from the University of Nebraska, one from Kansas State and one from the other schools and colleges that participate ... and in the end get the degree."

"We're kind of thinking along the same lines with Army University on how we

establish our degree programs," Delvaux said. Soldiers who take courses at various Army schools—and even some at collaborating state or private universities—might someday be able to put them all together for a degree, he explained.

"A lot of it is focused on our NCO [noncommissioned officer] and enlisted corps, because that's where we think the biggest bang for the buck is," he said.

Delvaux said approximately 80 percent of the Army is enlisted, and the enlisted force is also the most underserved when it comes to higher education.

"Only 13 percent of the population eligible for tuition assistance is actually taking advantage of the benefit," Delvaux said.

"There's a lot of money out there. We have these programs; we have the GI Bill; we have tuition assistance where

they can reach out and take advantage of those courses you are offering either on base, at your local colleges or through distance learning, that we would like to leverage," he told the professors at the symposium.

"So we'd like to set up these degree programs, again where you recognize Army schools and their experience, and then they take your courses to fill in the gaps of what they're missing. At the end of the day, they get that broad-based liberal-arts education."

"We think that makes a better force," Delvaux said.

The Army's schools are collaborating more, he said. Voluntary education is being "married up" with professional military schools. Next, ArmyU would like to work in partnerships with state and private schools, he said.

"A lot of the engineer, the

logistics, the technical skills, those easily translate and you understand those," Delvaux said. "But you don't necessarily understand what an infantryman does, or what an armor [troop] or tanker does, or field artilleryman does, and it doesn't translate as easily into civilian skills."

By the time infantrymen have 10 to 12 years of service, they've been to the Basic Leader Course, the Advanced Leader Course and the Senior Leader Course. They've probably also spent five or six years in leadership positions such team leader, squad leader and platoon sergeant, Delvaux said.

"Are you recognizing that leadership experience—that management, those skills that they have? Giving them credit for prior learning? So that's what we're looking at when we're developing these degree programs with you all," he said.

TRIUMPH

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to an inpatient bed ... I wasn't able to communicate, but I was able to listen. And I listened to the conversations between my family and the doctors and nurses. I listened to all of the questions they had, that nobody had an answer to," he said.

Skelton recalled the "negative" atmosphere that pervaded the hospital during those days, and said that even the doctors tasked with caring for wounded service members fell victim to its bleakness.

He also said that even when service members left the hospital and began their outpatient care, that there was very little motivation for them to integrate back into their units or continue their careers.

"Over the years, it was pretty easy to be a wounded warrior and remain a wounded warrior for years," Skelton said. "There was no incentive to do anything but hang out, go to appointments, and get your Army pay."

Skelton said he was determined to return to work.

"I was an inpatient for over half a year," he said. "I was an outpatient for 36 hours. When I became an outpatient, I went over to the Fisher House, looked around, and was like, 'Heck no. I don't want to be a part of this,' and hopped on a plane. I went back to my unit and joined the rear detachment."

Once back at his unit, Skelton went to work seeking answers to all of the questions that his parents asked but remained unanswered while he was in the hospital. The exercise was an effort to both provide needed information to the families of other wounded service members, and an opportunity to learn how to write again. The result of that exercise was the creation of the "Our Hero Handbook," published by the Naval War College and offered free of charge to the families of wounded service members.

Unfortunately, on the heels of this success, Skelton would suffer a setback when he was subjected to a medical evaluation board to determine whether or not he was fit for service.

"That's what the bureaucracy of the Army said needed to happen," Skelton said. "We went through the process, and based on my answers to their questions, I could not meet any means by which I could be retained in the Army. That

was really hard for me, being told I could no longer contribute to the mission."

Skelton said that began a dark period in his life. He said he was living alone, drinking too much, and unable to do any of the things he loved. It was at that time that he reconnected with a rock-climbing group that had been a part of his life before he was injured. They tried, initially without success, to get Skelton outdoors again.

"They were relentless and didn't take no for an answer," Skelton said. The group challenged him to change his attitude and participate, assuring him that they would find a safe way for him to climb.

"They told me, 'We don't know how this is going to work,'" he said. "We have no clue how you will climb with one good arm and one good leg, but if you have the will, we will find a way to make it work."

"It was a very empowering part of my life," he continued. "The power of community and the sense of belonging ... had a powerful impact on my recovery and helped me to look at my disability in a different light."

While his outlook improved, his desire to stay in the Army remained as strong as ever. With the medical board process moving forward, Skelton ended up back at Walter Reed for another surgery. When he got out of the hospital, he says, he went door to door at the Pentagon looking for an opportunity to

continue his career.

In D.C., Skelton became part of a small team serving under then-Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz. That team, amongst other things, created the first wounded warrior battalions. Eventually, Skelton was given the opportunity to return to DLI, where he commanded a student company.

It was while working at DLI that Skelton recalled the satisfaction he garnered from his return to outdoor activity, and founded Paradox Sports. The nonprofit program, based in Boulder, Colo., conducts about 40 events throughout the year for veterans and non-veterans. Paradox provides equipment and a supportive atmosphere, where severely-disabled individuals can participate in some of the same athletic endeavors they valued so highly prior to their injuries.

"[The military health care system] was good at getting you to where you could walk, and getting you out the door, but our military population consists of young, physically-fit people; go-getters who enjoy pushing themselves to the limit," Skelton said. "To take high-energy, self-motivated people, and say to them, 'You're good to go, you can walk' ... that bothered me.

"Other [adaptive sports groups] were great, but what about someone with goals like climbing Mount Rainier and skiing down it," he asked. "I asked myself questions like,

'How do we help a guy with no arms to go ice climbing?'"

Skelton's advocacy work caught the attention of then-Navy Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joints Chiefs of Staff, and was invited to serve at the Office of Warrior and Family Support, which aimed to help veterans and their families reintegrate back into their respective communities.

Skelton could have moved on and devoted himself to his nonprofit organization. His disability rating would have qualified him for veteran's benefits in addition to a generous medical retirement. He was also a decorated combat veteran with some friends in rather high places, and would have found little difficulty in finding a job.

But what Skelton wanted was to go back to the infantry. "Through all of [it], I realized I was still 'DJ the Wounded Warrior,'" Skelton said. "I didn't join the military to do that."

He was told to go to speak to the Army chief of staff. Luckily, things had changed a great deal since Skelton was initially wounded and he was offered the chance to come back into the infantry on the condition that he successfully completed the infantry's commander's career course on Fort Benning, Ga.

He did it, and was assigned to an infantry unit in Germany. Coincidentally, that unit was the same unit that he had served with in Iraq and they

had just deployed to Kandahar, Afghanistan. Once again, Skelton was in a combat zone.

Skelton was thrilled to be back with his soldiers doing what he loved. But, there were limitations to what he was able to accomplish, and he knew it.

"There were a couple of events where I couldn't physically perform," he recalled. "My soldiers helped out and we had no casualties, but it really bothered me. When I got home, I called the infantry [leaders] and said 'It was a great experience, but this is not smart.'"

But it was also not time for Skelton to hang up his combat boots. Continuing his desire to serve, he was selected for the Foreign Area Officer program and was given the opportunity to spend a year in China before coming to NPS for his graduate degree.

"It was great to be able to come and apprentice under some of the professors here. It's been a great opportunity," Skelton said. "This is where wounded warriors came after World War II — a lot of people have forgotten that."

A story that started in Monterey has found its way back. Skelton said he's not sure what's next, but there's little doubt that the most wounded commander in U.S. military history has finally found a little peace. Skelton is now married, and he and his wife recently welcomed a baby boy to their family.



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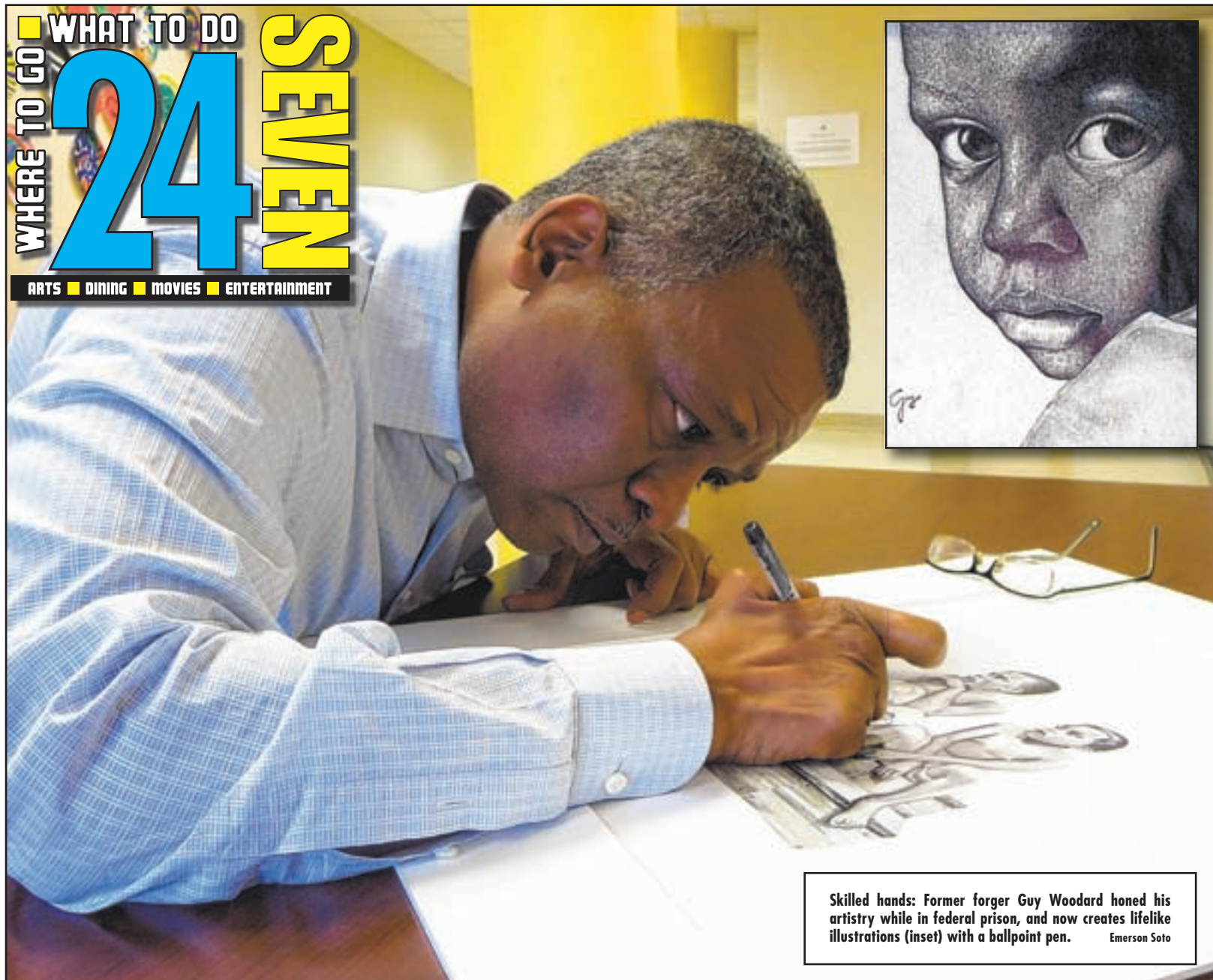
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Skilled hands: Former forger Guy Woodard honed his artistry while in federal prison, and now creates lifelike illustrations (inset) with a ballpoint pen. **Emerson Soto**

Drawn free hand

Ballpoint pen artist honed his skills in prison

By Allegra Hobbs

This ex-con artist has turned sketch artist!

An illustrator who honed his artistic craft while behind bars is showcasing his intricate ballpoint pen drawings in a Greenpoint church. The gifted penman says his criminal history forging documents really paved the way for his artistic career.

"To me, that was a way to be an artist," said Guy Woodard, whose photorealistic ink renderings of faces and figures are on display in a gallery at the Greenpoint Reformed Church through the spring. "I hate to say it, but some of it may be my best work."

Woodard creates his portraits by painstakingly shading the paper with tiny black dots. He took up the ballpoint pen because it was one of the few drawing materials available in prison, where he served time for charges related to forging and selling false documents such as identification cards.

Woodard says that his knack for mimicry with a pen stretches back to when he was a kid, expertly forging parental signatures for fellow students. He always wanted to be an artist, but became a forger in the late '70s when his illustration work could not pay the bills.

His drawing process sometimes begins with looking at a photograph, but the

work develops in original ways as the layers of ink progress. The final product channels his artistic vision and his nearly obsessive-compulsive attention to detail, he says — but the process of creating the work also provided a welcome relief from the bleakness of prison life.

"It was a way to escape where I was," said Woodard.

The Milton Street church showing his work hosts a gallery funded with money from an anonymous donation, received with the stipulation that the gift must benefit the community in ways that are not overtly religious. The church used the fund to start the Hunger Program, which feeds hungry community mem-

bers by serving free dinners and running a food pantry. Now the church is taking the chance to bring attention to an artist whose work might have been overlooked, but is right at home in the house of God, said one of the heads of the parish.

"He's an incredibly beautiful person, and his beautiful personality is really invested in his artwork, and as a result he creates beautiful things," said Rev. Ann Kansfield.

"Look to the Rainbow" at the Greenpoint Reformed Church [136 Milton St. between Franklin Street and Manhattan Avenue in Greenpoint, (718) 383-5941, www.greenpointchurch.org]. Wed, 2-6 pm, Thu, 8-11 pm, and Sun, 12:30-2 pm.

A TWEE SPACE

Playing bingo with Wes Anderson movies

By Dennis Lynch

Oh, Tenenbaum!

Fans of quirky films will burst out with B-I-N-G-O while watching “The Royal Tenenbaums” on Jan. 3 at Videology, when the bar and screening room’s Wes Anderson Bingo night focuses on the director’s film about genius siblings Chaz, Richie, and (adopted) sister Margot. The game is to spot certain unmistakably Andersonian visual and plot devices and fill up bingo cards with them, but that is no walk in the park in a crowd of self-styled Anderson experts, said Videology’s events director.

“Our Wes Anderson Bingo nights tend to have more winners than any others, people really know his movies in and out,” said Austin Kim. “It’s probably not the best way to watch it for the first time, but it’s going to be a ton of fun if you’re an aficionado.”

The event uses a handy Wes Anderson bingo card created by Forrest Wickman, a writer at Slate.com and used with permission. Spot a precocious child? A title card in yellow? A character played by Bill Murray? You are three spots closer to winning — and getting a free drink!

Once there is a winner, everyone clears their card and starts over. Instead of a traditional bingo caller, the event has judges, who roam the screening-room-turned-bingo-hall to check cards and settle disputes, such as which characters count for



The Andersonian aesthetic: Videology events director Austin Kim shows off the Wes Anderson bingo cards, with each space occupied by one of the director’s most common visual and plot devices, like berets, absent fathers, and hand-written letters. Viewers who fill an entire row can win a free drink.

Photo by Jason Speakman

the “childish adult” square.

Videology also runs similar weekly bingo games for cult classic television series like “Twin Peaks” and “Arrested Development.” A series generally offers more opportunities to fill in bingo cards than a film does, said Kim, but Anderson’s films are an exception. Nearly every shot in “The Royal Tenenbaums” features one of the elements that Wickman has singled out on his bingo card, so there will no shortage of opportunities to fill up a winning card, Kim said.

“Anderson is the guy that it really works with, he can really pack them in,” Kim said. “In the first 10 minutes of ‘The Royal Tenenbaums’ you can hit everything.”

Fans tend to pack Videology’s 60-seat screening room quickly, so Kim advises film fans to grab a ticket in advance or show up early.

Wes Anderson Bingo: The Royal Tenenbaums at Videology [308 Bedford Ave. at S. First Street in Williamsburg, (718) 782-3468, www.videologybarandcinema.com]. Jan. 3 at 8 pm. \$10.

Sing in the new!

By Lauren Gill

He is not filling the world with silly love songs.

Williamsburg singer-songwriter Craig Kierce will launch his debut collection of songs, “Ring Road,” at the Knitting Factory on Jan. 4. And although many of the album’s tracks deal with relationships, the songwriter says that he deals with more than just the mushy stuff.

“I try to at least make it a little bit more literate than just sappy love songs or sad break-up songs,” he said. “I try to add a little bit more to it, but they usually tend to be kind of sad lyrics with a much happier, upbeat-sounding melody.”

The songwriter, who cites Elvis Costello, Bright Eyes, and Weezer among his influences, started penning his own tunes in the eighth grade, writing at least one track

every day between 2001 and 2014. The resulting collection of lyrics fills ten notebooks, a huge box of loose-leaf paper, and a handful of hard drives, says Kierce. His more recent songs are typed into a computer, he said.

Kierce’s prolific rate of song creation helped him out in 2014, when he was drawn out of the audience of the “Late Show with Jimmy Fallon,” for a segment titled “Battle of the Instant Songwriters.” He was given one hour to write a song with the title, “I’ve Got A Teeny Halloweeny.” Kierce won that battle, and soon began receiving messages from people asking (in vain) for a fully-recorded version of the self-deprecating track.

The novelty song will also not be on his set list for the Knitting Factory show, but Kierce hopes that people will come out to hear



Off the Road: Singer-songwriter Craig Kierce will celebrate the release of his new album, “Ring Road,” with a show at the Knitting Factory on Jan. 4.

Photo by Louise Wateridge

him and opening acts On The Sun, Crowd The Airwaves, and Dalton Deschain and the Traveling Show (with whom Kierce also plays guitar).

“I think we’ve got a great bill there and I think the collection of bands we put together for this is going to be awesome,” he said.

Craig Kierce at the Knitting Factory [361 Metropolitan Ave. at N. Fourth Street in Williamsburg, (347) 529-6696, www.bk.knittingfactory.com]. Jan. 4 at 8 pm. \$10.



It’s getting hot in here: The enclosed outdoor patio at Battery Harris in Williamsburg has a heater right beside the benches. Photo by Stefano Giovannini

Baby, it’s not cold outside!

Hot spots for outdoor chilling

December spoiled us all with balmy 60 degree weekends, but the temperature is threatening to plummet into a traditional winter range for the beginning of the new year. But your response should not be to sit in your apartment and mope! These four Brooklyn spots will help you fight those humbug feelings with cozy, heated patio spaces. Embrace the great outdoors under a propane space heater, drink in hand, just like nature intended!

A Yard of beer

Bay Ridge beer garden Lock Yard blooms all year ’round. Inside it dons the style of a carnival attraction, and the menu boasts refined Boardwalk fare. In the greenery-lined back yard, heaters and strings of warm lighting overhead cast a glow onto revelers seated at a row of picnic tables. Hanging out back, eating a broccoli rabe covered sausage-dog and drinking a craft beer, is sure to recall memories of late summer evenings.

Lock Yard [9221 5th Ave. between 92nd Street and 94th Street in Bay Ridge, (718) 333-5282, www.lockyard.com].

Let’s get high

Perched atop the Aloft hotel, the Kimoto Rooftop Beer Garden boasts a Zen-like atmosphere, a view of Brooklyn’s bustling downtown neighborhood, and a heated terrace. For winter, much of its usual patio is covered by a tent, but the best views are still open to the sky, and heaters tucked high on the walls keep you warm while looking out on the Statue of Liberty. The menu contains Asian-fusion versions of classic bar bites, along with an impressive number of Japanese beer varieties. And the Ronin tequila cocktail heats

things up with a splash of chili pepper liqueur.

Kimoto Rooftop Beer Garden [216 Duffield St. between Willoughby Street Fulton streets Downtown, (718) 858-8940, www.kimotorooftop.com].

Getting away

The back porch at Battery Harris feels like vacation in the heart of Williamsburg. Not an umbrella-in-your-cocktail vacation, but more like a college road trip spent at the bar within walking distance of your campground. The Caribbean food here is spicy and comforting, and the outdoor benches, though enclosed within a tent, still feel like the great outdoors. And the unique mixed drinks will help to push away the winter blues. And the pineapple, rhubarb, and jalapeno-flavored Ultimate Warrior even comes with a tiny umbrella!

Battery Harris [64 Frost St. at Meeker Avenue in Williamsburg, (718) 384-8900, www.batteryharris.com].

Hipsters in heat

Despite the trendy reputation of Bushwick staple Roberta’s Pizza, it still has a universal appeal. Maybe it’s the beer. Maybe biting into a slice of gooey, cheesy pizza is the great equalizer, no matter how artisanal its toppings. Maybe the stripped-down decor and expansive, tented backyard, complete with heat lamps for chilly evenings, just feels comforting. Whatever the reason, Roberta’s is a solid choice for those looking to fight off seasonal depression with a cold beer and a warm slice.

Roberta’s Pizza [261 Moore St. at Bogart Street in Bushwick, (718) 417-1118, www.robertaspizza.com].

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Hip-hop artist celebrates his father's career

By Colin Mixson

It is a new spin on old material. A hip-hop artist will perform alongside archival film footage and audio recordings of his late father, Off-Broadway thespian and comedian Steve Ben Israel, in the multi-media show “The Spinning Wheel,” opening Jan. 8. The show brings to light decades of recorded jokes and performances across the country and the world, says the show’s star.

“One of the inspirations for doing this piece is that, when my dad passed, we were very tight,” said Baba Israel. “But when he passed, I didn’t realize how much he’d held onto film and audio recordings from decades ago. So the show is in a way about bringing this archival material onto the stage.”

The show will feature the younger Israel reciting poetry, beat-boxing, rapping, and telling stories from his father’s past, including his days performing stand-up in the Village, his 15 years with Living Theatre, and his eventual retirement from touring with the experimental performance group so that his son could have a stable home.

“He was part of Living Theatre when I was very young, but then my mother made the call of not raising me on the road,” he said.

Among the most fantastic tales from his father’s past is his flight from Brazil during the brutal military dictatorship of then-president Emilio Medici. The Living Theatre company was touring the country protesting the regime and its various



Like father, like son: Hip-hop artist Baba Israel will rap and recite poetry while accompanied by archival footage from his late father’s career with the Living Theatre. The show opens on Jan. 8 at the Bric Theater.

Joel Chester Fildes

atrocities, when nearly the entire cast was arrested on trumped-up drug charges. Only Israel’s father managed to escape, after locals dressed him as a woman and smuggled him back to the United States, where he successfully fought for his fellow actors to be released.

“It’s like something straight from a movie,” Israel said.

Throughout his performance, Israel will interact with his late father through the various recordings he discovered from his archives. The pair will also recite poetry together, trading lines as though his old man were still around, according to Israel.

“At some times it’s a response to a piece of mine, so I do a poem or tell a

story, and then curate something from my dad’s archives that enhances that,” he said. “So it’s a conversation.”

Throughout the performance, Israel will relate his father’s political work, which dealt with the problems of capitalism and militarism, to current events, he said.

“We’re looking for what’s coming up in my own experience, the issues strong in his generation, and thinking about where does that conversation fit now,” Israel said.

“*The Spinning Wheel*” at Bric Theater [647 Fulton St. between Rockwell and Ashland places in Fort Greene, (718) 683-5600, www.bricartsmedia.org] Jan. 8, 9, 15, and 16 at 8 pm. \$18 (\$15 in advance).

A new year, and new Bay Ridge Nights!

By Dennis Lynch

Happy New Year, Bay Ridge! The start of a new year is time for new beginnings — including a new host for Bay Ridge Nights! But don’t worry — we are keeping the same great leisure suit!

You don’t want to shock your system too much, so before you start going to the gym and eating celery, keep the New Year’s Eve party energy going with a visit to **Wicked Monk** (9510 Third Ave. between 95th and 96th streets) on Saturday night for a show by local rockers Cherry Bomb. The band is not letting old acquaintance be forgot — this show is dedicated to a band member’s sister (and one of the band’s first guitarists), who passed away in 2015. The band will honor her memory with a kick-ass show starting at 10 pm.

If you resolved to attend more art exhibits in 2016, you are in luck!



You can get a double-dip of high-falutin’ art on Thursday night, starting at the **Bay Ridge Arts Space** (509 Senator Street between Fifth and Sixth avenues), which opens the vault

doors on its “Re-animator” exhibit at 6 pm. Artists will display work that they have refurbished from already existing pieces of art, like lovely Frankenstein’s monsters made of paintings and sculptures. The exhibit is all about breathing new life into a something inert, like a New Year’s Eve reveler slowly coming awake on New Year’s Day. The exhibit runs through Jan. 28.

The “Re-animator” reception deanimates at 9 pm, giving you time to head to the **Owl’s Head** (479 74th Street between Fourth and Fifth avenues) for “Giving up the Ghost,” a one-night exhibit organized in tandem with the “Re-animator” show and running until the witching hour of midnight. Visual and performance artists will “play on the themes of ghosts and revival.” And it all happens in a wine bar, so you can play on the theme of booze!

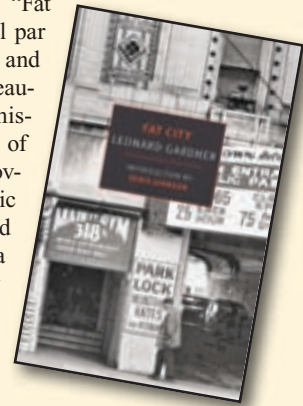


The best reads — handpicked by some of the best Bklyn bookstores

Community Bookstore’s pick: “Fat City” by Leonard Gardner

Leonard Gardner’s “Fat City” is a boxing novel par excellence: light-footed and muscular, brutal and beautiful. But make no mistake — it is also one of the best American novels. Gardner’s rhythmic prose and unmatched ear for dialogue lend a remarkable intensity to the story of retired boxer Billy Tully and up-and-comer Ernie Munger. Praised by Joan Didion and Walker Percy, this classic from 1969 is a vision of a distinctly American tragedy — of her losers, her dispossessed, her bruised, beaten, and forgotten.

— Hal Hlavinka, Community Bookstore [43 Seventh Ave. between Carroll Street and Garfield Place in Park Slope, (718) 783-3075, www.communitybookstore.net].



Greenlight Bookstore’s pick: “Some Worlds for Dr. Vogt” by Matvei Yankelevich

Matvei Yankelevich is one of the topographers of our present moment. He deconstructs the ordinary into its extraordinary components and maps entire worlds housed therein. In “Some Worlds for Dr. Vogt,” he amplifies the cosmologies contained in the small moments of our everyday silences so we can listen more closely to them.

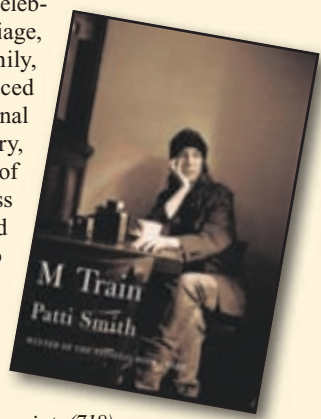
— Jarrod Annis, Greenlight Bookstore [686 Fulton St. between S. Elliott Place and S. Portland Avenue in Fort Greene, (718) 246-0200, www.greenlightbookstore.com].



Word’s pick: “M Train” by Patti Smith

While enjoying celebrity, a happy marriage, and a growing family, Patti Smith was faced with a string of personal losses. This is her story, beautifully told, of moving on after loss and loneliness, and of finding a way to rebuild a life without losing the past.

— Kerry Barringer, Word [126 Franklin St. at Milton Street in Greenpoint, (718) 383-0096, www.wordbrooklyn.com].



FRI, JAN. 1

NEW YEARS DAY EVENT AT YOGASOLE: Start the year with an oasis of quiet, with zen meditation at 9 am, or a free party at noon with fruit, cheese and special "Yoga" mimosas. Free. 9 am and noon. YogaSole [254 Windsor Pl. at 11th Avenue in Windsor Terrace, (718) 541-1382], yogasole.com/eventskarma/newyearsday2016.html.

FILM, LORD OF THE RINGS MARATHON: Start the new year with an epic adventure! All three "Lord of the Rings" movies — the extended editions — will be playing all day. Drop in to Middle Earth any time. Free. Noon-midnight. Videology [308 Bedford Ave. at S. First Street in Williamsburg, (718) 782-3468], www.videology.info.

NATURE EXPLORATION: Join the Prospect Park Alliance for nature education programs at the Prospect Park Audubon Center, the first urban Audubon Center in the nation. Children enjoy Bird nerd games; nature on the go and animal encounter. Free. Noon-4 pm. Prospect Park Audubon Center [Enter park at Lincoln Road and Ocean Avenue in Prospect Park, (718) 287-3400], www.prospectpark.org/audubon.

HISTORIC CRAFTS & GAMES: Join us at the Lefferts Historic for our last week of the season. Make and play Nine-Man Morris, a historic board game, and try your hand at creating a small needlework sampler to take home. \$3. 1 pm to 3 pm. Lefferts Historic Homestead [452 Flatbush Ave. between Empire Boulevard and Eastern Parkway in Park Slope, (718) 789-2822], www.prospect-park.org.

MUSIC, LETTUCE: \$22. 9 pm. Brooklyn Bowl [61 Wythe Ave. between N. 11th and N. 12th streets in Williamsburg, (718) 963-3369], www.brooklynbowl.com.

SAT, JAN. 2

MUSIC, A SUNNY DAY IN GLASGOW: The dream-pop band plays songs from its new album "Life Is Loss." \$18 (\$15 in advance). 9 pm. Rough Trade NYC [64 N. Ninth St. between Kent and Wythe avenues in Williamsburg, (718) 388-4111], www.roughtradenyc.com.

MUSIC, LETTUCE: 9 pm. See Friday, Jan. 1.

NIGHTLIFE, REGGAE RETRO 1ST SATURDAYS PARTY: The underground reggae show features music from DJ Jase, DJ Silence, and Hypeman Guidance from Point Break Sound. \$20 (\$10 in advance). 11 pm. Littlefield [622 Degraw St. between Fourth and Fifth avenues in Gowanus, (718) 855-3388], www.littlefieldnyc.com.

ART, "IMPRESSIONISM AND THE CARIBBEAN": Francisco Oller and His Transatlantic World: An exhibition of celebrated Puerto Rican-Born painter Francisco Oller in transnational

WHERE TO GO WHAT TO DO SEVEN 24 EVENTS



Not that Homer: This weekend is your last chance to see Winslow Homer's 1885 watercolor of a woman in the Bahamas "On the Way to Market," at the Brooklyn Museum's "Impressionism and the Caribbean" show, which closes on Jan. 3. Remember, there is free admission during Target First Saturdays on Jan. 2 after 5 pm! Brooklyn Museum

context closes on Jan. 3. \$16. 11 am-6 pm. Brooklyn Museum [200 Eastern Pkwy. at Washington Avenue in Prospect Heights, (718) 638-5000], www.brooklynmuseum.org.

ART, "AMERICAN HOME": Nadine Boughton's collage pieces combine 1950s pulp adventure images with immaculate images of suburban homes from the same era. Free. 11 am-6 pm. United Photo Industries [16 Main St. at Water Street in Dumbo], www.unitedphotoindustries.com.

"ASCENZI SQUARE — SONS OF WILLIAMSBURGH": City Reliquary illustrates the history of the Ascenzi brothers, who have a small park in Williamsburg named for them. \$5 (Children 12 and younger free). Noon-6 pm. The City Reliquary Museum [370 Metropolitan Ave. between Havemeyer Street and Marcy Avenue in Williamsburg, (718) 782-4842], www.cityreliquary.org.

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SUN, JAN. 3

MUSIC, ICE BENEFIT SUBWAY MOON 2016: A fundraiser for the Brooklyn music program. With performances by the Jazz Passengers (Roy Nathanson, Marc Ribot & Pete Karp) and ICE Junior & Senior Songwriters. \$25. 1-3 pm. Littlefield [622 Degraw St. between Fourth and Fifth avenues in Gowanus, (718) 855-3388], www.littlefieldnyc.com.

MUSIC, "ME, MYSELF AND EYE": The solo concert series presents trombonist Brian Drye. \$5 suggested donation. 4:40 pm. Gallery 440 [440 Sixth Ave at Tenth Street in Park Slope], www.connectionworks.org.

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ART, "IMPRESSIONISM AND THE CARIBBEAN": Francisco Oller and His Transatlantic World": 11 am-6 pm. See Saturday, Jan. 2.

BRIGHT LIGHTS AND ME-TEOR SHOWERS: Our Urban Park Rangers will be your guides to the solar system, discussing the science, history, and folklore of the universe. Astronomy programs feature the use of telescopes and binoculars to observe specific astronomical events. Free. 6 pm to 7:30 pm. Fort Totten Visitor's Center [Ordinance Rd. at Shore Road in Bayside, (718) 352-1769], www.nycgovparks.org.

SPORTS, NEW YORK RIVETERS VS. CONNECTICUT WHALES: The women's ice hockey team plays at home. \$20. 7 pm. Aviator

MON, JAN. 4

SENIOR CHAIR YOGA: Free chair yoga classes for seniors. Free. 11 am. Park Slope Senior Center [463A Seventh St. at Seventh Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 832-3726].

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TUES, JAN. 5

READING, GREG JOBIN-LEEDS AND AGITARTE: Celebrate a range of modern activists who are transforming our world with "When We Fight, We Win!" by Greg Jobin-Leeds and AgitArte. In conversation with José Jorge Diaz. Free. 7 pm. PowerHouse Arena [37 Main St. at Water Street in Dumbo, (718) 666-3049], www.powerhousearena.com.

READING, KATE AXLEROD WITH MARIAN THURM: Young adult author Kate Axlerod discusses her new book, "The Law of Loving Others" with short story writer Marian Thurm, author of "Today is Not Your Day." Free. 7 pm. BookCourt [163 Court St. between Pacific and Dean streets in Cobble Hill, (718) 875-3677], www.bookcourt.org.

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WED, JAN. 6

MUSIC, THE TOMEKA REID QUARTET WITH JASON ROEBKE, TOMAS FUJIWARA AND MARY HALVORSON: \$25 (\$20 in advance). 8 pm. Roulette [509 Atlantic Ave. at Third Avenue in Boerum Hill, (917) 267-0363], www.roulette.org.

THURS, JAN. 7

READING, BROOKLYN WRITERS SPACE READING SERIES: Join Brooklyn Writers Space for their post-holiday reading featuring current members of the space discussing their works in progress. Free. 7 pm. BookCourt [163 Court St. between Pacific and

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Leg lift: The Boston Celtics will again demonstrate their subtle grace and balancing ability when battling the Brooklyn Nets on Jan. 4 at Barclays Center. Associated Press / Elise Amendola

COMING SOON TO BARCLAYS CENTER

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SPORTS, HARLEM GLOBETROTTERS: \$26-\$194. 2 pm and 7 pm.

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MON, JAN 4

SPORTS, BROOKLYN NETS VS. BOSTON CELTICS: \$20-\$3,000. 7:30 pm.

WED, JAN 6

SPORTS, BROOKLYN NETS VS. TORONTO RAPTORS: \$20-\$3,000. 7:30 pm.

THU, JAN 7

SPORTS, NEW YORK ISLANDERS VS. WASHINGTON CAPITALS: \$70-\$1,750. 7 pm.

FRI, JAN 8

SPORTS, BROOKLYN NETS VS. ORLANDO MAGIC: \$25-\$3,000. 7:30 pm.

MON, JAN 11

SPORTS, BROOKLYN NETS VS. SAN ANTONIO SPURS: \$35-\$4,000. 7:30 pm

TUE, JAN 12

SPORTS, NEW YORK ISLANDERS VS. COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS: \$40-\$1,250. 7 pm..

WED, JAN 13

SPORTS, BROOKLYN NETS VS. NEW YORK KNICKS: \$45-\$4,000. 7:30 pm.

FRI, JAN 15

SPORTS, BROOKLYN NETS VS. PORTLAND TRAIL BLAZERS: \$20-\$3,000. 7:30 pm.

THU, JAN 14

SPORTS, NEW YORK ISLANDERS VS. NEW YORK RANGERS: \$79-\$3,000. 7 pm..

SAT, JAN 16

SPORTS, DEONTAY WILDER VS. ARTUR SZPILKA: A heavyweight championship bout. \$29-\$450. Time TBD.

SUN, JAN 17

SPORTS, NEW YORK ISLANDERS VS. VANCOUVER CANUCKS: \$70-\$1,750. 4 pm.

WED, JAN 20

SPORTS, BROOKLYN NETS VS. CLEVELAND CAVALIERS: \$69-\$4,000. 7:30 pm.

THU, JAN 21

MUSIC, KYGO: With Mo and Conrad Swell. \$35-\$85. 8 pm.

FRI, JAN 22

SPORTS, BROOKLYN NETS VS. UTAH JAZZ: \$20-\$3,000. 7:30 pm.

SAT, JAN 23

SPORTS, NEW YORK ISLANDERS VS. PHILADELPHIA FLYERS: \$90-\$2,500. 7:30 pm.

SUN, JAN 24

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NIGHTLIFE, BE CUTE BROOKLYN: "Be Cute" is a dance party for out-there folks that like to shake it on the dance floor. With Matty Beats and Horrochata. \$5. 11 pm. Littlefield [622 Degraw St. between Fourth and Fifth avenues in Gowanus, (718) 855-3388], www.littlefieldnyc.com.

SURVIVAL WORKSHOP: Urban Park Rangers teach outdoor survival skills. Recommended for children 8 and older. Free. 1 pm to 2:30 pm. Park House [43rd St. at Seventh Avenue in Sunset Park, (718) 421-2021], www.nycgov-parks.org.

READING, MICHAEL IAN BLACK: Actor and comedian Michael Ian Black discusses his collection of personal essays "Navel Gazing: True Tales of Bodies, Mostly Mine." Free. 7 pm. BookCourt [163 Court St. between Pacific and Dean streets in Cobble Hill, (718) 875-3677], www.bookcourt.org.

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Dean streets in Cobble Hill, (718) 875-3677], www.bookcourt.org.

MUSIC, THE EDITORS NYC: A band composed of editors, including John Cooke of Gawker, The New York Observer's Ken Kurson, Brownstoner's Jonathan Butler and Ira Robbins of Trouser media. Free. 8:30 pm. Littlefield [622 Degraw St. between Fourth and Fifth avenues in Gowanus, (718) 855-3388], www.littlefieldnyc.com.

FRI, JAN. 8

ART, "ON ANY SUNDAY": An exhibition of the work by artist John Phillip Abbott. Free. 11 am-6 pm. Pierogi Gallery [177 N. Ninth St. between Bedford and Driggs avenues in Williamsburg, (718) 599-2144], www.pierogi2000.com.

ART, MICHAEL BALLOU: An exhibition of the work by artist Michael Ballou. Free. 11 am-6 pm. Pierogi Gallery [177 N. Ninth St. between Bedford and Driggs avenues in Williamsburg, (718) 599-2144], www.pierogi2000.com.

ART, TAT IT UP: An art show where tattoo and street

artists create their interpretation of tattoo art on canvas and on Boundless Brooklyn's water tower kits. Free. 12-6pm. Grumpy Bert [82 Bond St. between Atlantic Avenue and State Street in Boerum Hill, (347) 855-4849], www.grumpybert.com/blogs/art-shows-events/80665028-tat-it-up.

READING, SARAH CENTRELLA: Creator of the powerful 8-step method for success, Centrella launches "Hustle Believe Receive," which features fifty-two inspiring stories of fulfillment. Free. 7 pm. PowerHouse Arena [37 Main St. at Water Street in Dumbo, (718) 666-3049], www.powerhousearena.com.

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● 'We weren't worried about yesterday. We left that in the past.'

— Isaac Kante on Robeson's two-game split

● 'We knew that we were the better team'

— Forward Shaquille Ricks on South Shore's nail-biter victory

2015 All-Brooklyn football honors

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Brooklyn's football landscape continues to improve with talent.

Grand Street sat atop the borough — and the city — when all was said and done. The Wolves weren't always the most popular team, but the squad went undefeated and beat Erasmus Hall at Yankee Stadium for its first Public School Athletic League title.

The No. 6-seed Dutchman made a memorable playoff run to the squad's fourth title game in five years, a run that included beating a resurgent Fort Hamilton team, which reached its first semifinal since 2010.

The Tigers ended Lincoln's two-year reign along the way.

To top it all off, Eagle Academy II continued its run atop the cup conference with a second-straight crown, Franklin



MACK DADDY: Grand Street receiver and All-Brooklyn Player of the Year Taysir Mack is particularly good at hauling in yards after receptions.

Photo by Robert Cole

D. Roosevelt couldn't make consecutive titles happen in the bowl division, and independent Poly Prep produced three high-level Division-I players.

And over in the Catholic High School Football League, Xaverian finally got over the championship hump, winning the league's Class A crown after losing in the title game the last two seasons.

All-Brooklyn Player of the Year

Taysir Mack, Grand Street

The senior was Big Mack in all of the Wolves' most important 2015 games. The star wide receiver had six catches — including a game-sealing, first-down grab and two touchdowns in the city title game. Mack scored in each of Grand Street's signature wins during an un-

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NOVEL APPROACH: Bishop Loughlin's Markquis Nowell scored eight points during a 14-3 Loughlin run that tied the Dec. 26 game against South Shore 79-79 and sent it into overtime.

Photo by Louise Wateridge

South Shore ekes by Loughlin in overtime

BY STEPHEN ZITOLO

South Shore has gotten the short end of the stick in close games against the city's top teams all season long, but it finally pulled the long straw against Bishop Loughlin.

The Vikings pulled out an 87-86 overtime victory against the Lions in a back-and-forth nail-biter at the Brooklyn Bridge Holiday Classic at George Westinghouse on Dec 26.

"We knew that we were the better team," said South Shore senior forward Shaquille Ricks.

South Shore senior forward Yaradyah Evans de-

cidated the game in the final seconds of overtime when he connected on a pull-up three with 25 ticks left. Loughlin got a final chance with 3.9 seconds to play, but it ultimately failed — Jeremy Betjol caught the ball off an inbound, but he took too many steps on his way to the basket, and refs called a traveling violation that sealed the deal.

Beating Loughlin (4-2) could be a turning point in South Shore's (5-4) season — the squad lost to Thomas Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln, and Curtis by a combined 10 points.

"This is a big win for us," said South Shore head coach Mike Beckles. "Our seniors stepped up. We could've done a better job in regulation of closing out. But our guys found a way to hit some big shots and get some stops on defense."

South Shore held a sizable 76-65 lead with 2:30 remaining in regular time. Loughlin's Markquis Nowell, who was held out of the first quarter, scored eight points during a 14-3 Loughlin run that tied the game 79-79 and sent it into an extra period.

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Robeson rebound

Eagles hold off Construction for bounce-back

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Talk about a silver linings playbook!

If you told Paul Robeson boys basketball coach Todd Myles his team was going to split two games at the Brooklyn Bridge Holiday Classic, he'd take it — now matter how tough the loss was. The team lost to Poly Prep on a three-point play at the buzzer on Dec. 26, but the squad answered back day later by closed out an important 62-59 victory against Construction on the second day of the showcase at George Westinghouse.

The win benefits the Eagles in Public School Athletic League playoff seeding, because the Red Hawks are the two-time defending Queens Borough champions and are currently in second place in the division.

"Today means more for February and March," Myles said.

He was pleased to see his team rebound, but it didn't come without some help from Construction. Robeson's Jonathan Murray, who scored all eight of his points in the fourth quarter, made two free throws with 36.4 seconds left to put his team up three, but he missed two after Construction's Wesley Nelson sunk a layup to bring the score to 60-59 with 17.5 seconds remaining.

On the next possession, Nelson's finger-roll layup bounced off the rim and out. Robeson's Issac Kante drew a foul and connected on both of his shots from the charity stripe to seal the win. He and his teammates put the loss to Poly behind them and were happy to head into the New Year on a positive note.

"We weren't worried about yesterday," Kante said. "We left that in the past. We came today and did our thing."

A fast start made the new mind set evident.

"Yesterday we kind of started off slow and at the end we had to fight back," Murray said of the loss to Poly. "We didn't want that to happen today, so we played hard from the jump and played defense."

Robeson fed off the size of Kante and frontcourt mate Isreal Farrington to lead 18-12 after the first quarter and 31-25 at the half. The Eagles (8-3) responded to each of Construc-



CLOSE CALL: (Above) Powerhouse Isaac Kante sealed Robeson's win over Construction after drawing a foul and sinking two free throws in the game's final seconds. (Below) Construction senior Jordan Wright communicates with teammates. But the team couldn't gel against Robeson during the Brooklyn Bridge Holiday Classic on Dec. 27. Photos by Louise Wateridge



tion's run after that.

The Red Hawks shot the ball better and scored in transition after the break. Construction cut Robeson's lead to 43-41 with 1:46 remaining in the third, but a 6-0 Eagles run — capped by a Kante layup off a Murray feed — put Robeson back up 49-41 going into the fourth.

Construction (11-2) started the final frame with a 10-0 spurt — its first lead since the first quarter — to bring the score to 51-49 with 4:46 to play in the game. A Murray three-pointer sparked a quick, 7-0 response before the game got

tight in the final.

Keith Swinton, Rikky De-gale, and Farrington each scored 10 points for Robeson, and Nelson paced Construction with 15 points. Marcus Saint Furcy added 13.

The victory gives Robeson, which has already beaten Abraham Lincoln, even more confidence going into the second half of the season. It believes it can play with the elite teams in its division.

"As a team, we can compete," Murray said. "If we play hard everyday like we do, I think we can compete. I think we are going to be good."

Brooklyn AA division ready for wild second half

The depth of the Public School Athletic League's Brooklyn AA division will make for a wild second-half of the basketball season.

Just to give you a taste of what is possible, take a moment to wrap your mind around this: Boys & Girls, which has just two league wins in seven tries, lost to division leader Thomas Jefferson by just one point (77-76) before the Christmas break. This is the same Orange Wave team that nearly beat the nation's second-ranked team at the City of Palms Classic. South Shore, which is .500, would be undefeated if it managed just 13 more points over three games.

Pundits have recently called the AA division the city's best for good reason, and despite Jefferson's so-far undefeated season, there is more parity than ever before. A new challenger is emerging and an old power is undergoing a revival in a league recently dominated by Abraham Lincoln, Jefferson, and Boys & Girls.

George Westinghouse was a Class A school just five years ago. The Warriors (9-1) currently sit in second place — thanks to Damarri Moore and Akeem Tate's length and athleticism. Moore is averaging a double-double at 10 points and 10 rebounds a contest, and Tate is averaging 16.7 points per game. And classmate Arsheen Jones could be the key to Westinghouse's season.

"The team is confident that we are a good team," Warriors coach Everett Kelly said after beating Lincoln. "We have a lot of new guys. It's still matter of understanding if we play together, we can win. We have good pieces that complement each other. If we play as a team, we'll win. We have enough threats to win."

Westinghouse is cer-



JOE KNOWS

by Joe Staszewski

tainly the new kid on the block. Robeson, on the other hand, is a former city power that has produced Division-I players such as current coach Todd Myles, Allen Griffin, Shamel Jones, and Gary Ervin. The Eagles are back in the division title picture after four losing seasons. It has already beaten Lincoln and faces Westinghouse at home on Jan. 8 with second place on the line. Myles is right to think his club is a potential sleeper in the city's title battle.

"I think we are back," Myles said.

The big reason is Robeson's 6-foot-7 senior center Issac Kante, who is averaging 17.8 points and 10.6 rebounds a game in league play. He has scholarship offers from mid-major colleges like Iona and St. Francis College among others. Kante is the team's star, but it has plenty of other weapons. Three Robeson players reached double figures in a win over Construction last weekend.

"We have a balanced attack," Myles said.

Brooklyn AA is a more balanced division than in recent years — Shamorie Ponds and Jefferson have the lead for now, but no team is safe.

FOOTBALL

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defeated season. He had 66 receptions for 1,210 yards and 16 touchdowns. He averaged 19 yards a grab and was superb at producing yards after the catch.

All-Brooklyn Coach of the Year

Bruce Eugene, Grand Street

Eugene was a controversial figure this season. He was suspended for breaking the league's scrimmage rule and took heat for playing twice-arrested running back Rahmel Ashby in the final. Feel about that as you may, you can't deny his success on the field — Eugene led Grand Street to its first city title and became the first African-American head coach in Public School Athletic League history to do so at the highest level.

First Team

Troy Booker, Fort Hamilton

The Tigers rode the junior running back during the squad's return to prominence. The powerful Booker was a game-changer, averaging more than 10 yards per carry. He rushed for 1,265 yards and 20 touchdowns and added six catches for 100 yards and two scores.

Aaron Grant, Erasmus Hall

Quarterback Grant missed some time with injury, but he transformed the E-Hall offense when he was under center. The senior posted 1,831 yards of total offense and 21 touchdowns. He had 218 total yards and four touchdowns in a semifinal routing of Fort Hamilton.

Sharif-Harris Legree, Grand Street

Harris-Legree proved he is one of the city's elite players and brought out the best in Grand Street's offense. The senior quarterback threw for 2,441 yards and 34 touchdowns and ran more than 300 yards for six more scores to lead the Wolves to the city title.

Matt Jones, Erasmus Hall

Highlight recruit Jones played his best football when it mattered most. The sophomore lineman led the Dutchman's improved offensive line in the post season. He also made 25 tackles on defense and helped stop the opposing team's running game.

Jeavon Lessey, Abraham Lincoln

The junior linebacker flourished in a starting role and proved himself one of the best pass-rushers in the city. Lessey made 40 tackles and recorded six sacks. The Railsplitters found a



BULLDOG: All-Brooklyn Coach of the Year Bruce Eugene fights for his team — even when it may ruffle a ref's feathers. Photo by Robert Cole

star to carry the team into the next season.

Jason Martin, South Shore
Martin was the epitome of a dual-threat quarterback. The bruising senior posted 2,162 yards of total offense, threw 16 touchdowns, and ran for 762 yards and seven more scores. He helped lead the Vikings to an unbeaten regular season.

Justin Philip, Grand Street

The hard-hitting Philip was one of the best overall playmakers in the five boroughs. The senior defensive back made 73 tackles, collected four interceptions, and recovered a fumble. He also scored a defensive touchdown. Philip even saw a little time at running back.

Elias Reynolds, Poly Prep
At linebacker, Reynolds was the heartbeat of an excellent Poly defense. The senior tackled in the double-digits regularly and caused at least one turnover per contest. He had 12 tackles, two sacks, and a forced fumble in a rout of Cheshire Academy.

Bromwell Roach, Grand Street

The senior was a dominant force on the Wolves' defensive line who made running the ball a chore for opponents. Roach made 40 tackles, recorded six sacks, and recovered a fumble during the team's perfect regular season.

Isaiah Wilson, Poly Prep

Wilson, a junior, is the most sought after football prospect in the city for good reason. As both an offensive and defensive lineman, he was a big reason Poly controlled the line of

scrimmage and had an excellent run defense. Those skills have schools like Alabama, Ohio State, and Michigan hungry to lock him up.

Jahsen Wint, Erasmus Hall

The highly-recruited senior linebacker was a defensive playmaker for Erasmus. Wint's ability to cover the ground allowed him to record 69 tackles, recover two fumbles, and collect an interception — all while helping lead the Dutchman to the city final.

Honorable Mention

- Wide receiver Ahmed Bah, Grand Street
- Offensive and defensive line Justin Morgan, Poly Prep
- Tight end and defensive line Ray Marten, Poly Prep
- Wide receiver Kevin Medy, Abraham Lincoln
- Offensive and defensive line Michael Marinelli, Xaverian
- Quarterback Jordan Hannah, Abraham Lincoln
- Defensive back Darren Wesley, Erasmus Hall
- Quarterback Phil DePauli, Xaverian
- Running back Omar Jarret, South Shore
- Linebacker Jayson Mangini, Fort Hamilton
- Running back Carl Colas, Midwood
- Quarterback, Miquin Jenkin Davis
- Quarterback Nadir Hassan, Franklin Roosevelt
- Running back and linebacker Ramell Redd, Eagle Academy II
- Defensive end Devonte Malone, Canarsie

SOUTH SHORE

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The Lions squad, which was coming off a big win over Long Island Lutheran, didn't build off it.

"We just fell short," Loughlin forward Jordan Thomas said. "We let the game against LuHi get to our heads. We just didn't execute all our plays."

Ricks led the way for South Shore with a team-high 25 points, and Senior Ziare Ma-teen had a big game with 19 points. Nowell paced Loughlin with 25 points in only three quarters.

The Lions led 20-18 at the end of the first quarter — Ricks scored 10 of South Shore's points in the frame.

Nowell, who had 27 points against LuHi, got his first taste of action in the second quarter, but the sophomore guard struggled to find his rhythm. Instead, classmate Idan Tretout led a 9-2 Loughlin run to start the frame, scoring seven of his 10 second-quarter points during the spurt. It put South Shore in a 29-20 hole, but the team responded. The Vikings went on a 14-1 run to take a 34-30 lead with 2:55 left in the half.

Nowell finally came alive when he scored seven straight points in the first half's final two minutes to help tie things up at 39-39 going into the locker room.

South Shore came out a 7-0 run to start the third quarter and grabbed control before being drawn into overtime, where it eked out the win.



SHAQ ATTACK: Senior Shaquille Ricks led South Shore with 25 points in the team's overtime victory against Bishop Loughlin on Dec. 26. Photo by Louise Wateridge

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Notice of Formation of FOREST CITY FLATBUSH MERGER CO., LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/13/15. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207-2543. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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Notice of Formation of FOREST CITY NY GROUP MERGER CO., LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/13/15. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207-2543. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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Notice of Formation of HomeUnion NY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State on 11/10/15. Office location: Kings County. Princ. bus. addr.: 2010 Main St., Suite 250, Irvine, CA 92614. Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail

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process to: National Registered Agents, Inc., 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011. Purpose: all lawful purposes.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: 631 E 18TH STREET, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 08/20/2015. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: TK CONSTR LLC 2753 CONEY ISLAND AVENUE BROOKLYN, NY 11235. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: RUNWAY CHEF LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 06/18/2015. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: BODIES BY BROWNIE WELLNESS INSTITUTE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 09/28/2015. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: THE LLC 70 SOUTH MUNN AVE EAST ORANGE, NJ 07018. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: IRENE'S CHILD CARE, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/17/2015. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: 336 EAST 29TH STREET BROOKLYN, NY 11226. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: DELICIAS LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 10/19/2015. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: LARRY KRAMER CPA 575 MADISON AVENUE 10TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10022. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 12/03/2015. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: CARALIE CHRISCO, 279 SOUTH SECOND STREET, APARTMENT 2, BROOKLYN, NY 11211. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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Notice of Qualification of AV Decatur Owner LLC. Authority filed with NY Dept. of State on 12/17/15. Office location: Kings County. Princ. bus. addr.: One Post Office Square, Ste. 3150, Boston, MA 02109. LLC formed in DE on 12/11/15. NY Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: c/o CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, regd. agent upon whom process may be served. DE addr. of LLC: c/o The Corporation Trust Co., 1209 Orange St., Wilmington, DE 19801. Cert. of Form. filed with DE Sec. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: all lawful purposes.

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Notice of Formation of Mind The Gap Hospitality LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State on 11/19/15. Office location: Kings County. Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, regd. agent upon whom process may be served. Purpose: all lawful purposes.

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YAD 26 LLC, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 11/10/15. Office location: Kings County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to The LLC, 1396 E. 21st St., Brooklyn, NY 11210. General purpose.

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Notice of Formation of NAH Group Holdings, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State on 12/15/15. Office location: Kings County. Princ. bus. addr.: 310 S. Grandview Ave., Monsey, NY 10952. Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207-2543. Purpose: all lawful purposes.

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Notice of Formation of RRG CASTLE CENTER MERGER CO., LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/13/15. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207-2543. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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Notice of Formation of S & K New York Consulting LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State on 9/23/15. Office location: Kings County. Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: Alex Shulman, MS, PT, United Healthcare Management, 445 Kings Hwy., 2nd Fl., Brooklyn, NY 11223, principal business address. Purpose: any lawful activity.

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Notice of Qualification of BEACHMONT LLC Appl. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/09/15. Office location: Kings County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 11/30/15. Princ. office of LLC: 71 Midwood St., Brooklyn, NY 11225. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY

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12207-2543. DE addr. of LLC: 2711 Centerville Rd., Ste. 400, Wilmington, DE 19808. Cert. of Form. filed with DE Secy. of State, DE Div. or Corps., John G. Townsend Bldg., 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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Notice of Qualification of I.C. Pharmacy, LLC. Authority filed with NY Dept. of State on 11/27/15. Office location: Kings County. Princ. bus. addr.: 34 35th St., Brooklyn, NY 11232. LLC formed in DE on 11/10/15. NY Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: c/o CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, regd. agent upon whom process may be served. DE addr. of LLC: 160 Greentree Dr., Ste. 101, Dover, DE 19904. Cert.

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of Form. filed with DE Sec. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: all lawful purposes.

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Pakimor Associates LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/19/15. Off. Loc.: Kings Co. SSNY desig. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 1425 73rd St., Brooklyn, NY 11228. General Purposes.

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Poseidon NY LLC. Arts of Org filed with SSNY on 12/15/15. Office Location: Kings County, SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: The LLC, 8680-84 18th Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11214. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act.

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S&B Industries, LLC, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 11/10/15. Office location: Kings County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to George Sales, 188 E. 54th St., Brooklyn, NY 11203. General purpose.

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Sharifa Management Company, LLC, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 8/11/15. Office location: Kings County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Incorp Services, Inc., One Commerce Plaza, 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 805-A, Albany, NY 12210-2822. General purpose.

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Shyne Cleaning Services, LLC, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 11/2/15. Office location Kings County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to The LLC, 16 Fairview Pl., Brooklyn, NY 11226. General purpose.

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T.E.I.L.S., LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/20/15. Off. Loc.: Kings Co. SSNY desig. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 674 47th St #3F, Brooklyn, NY 11220. General Purposes.



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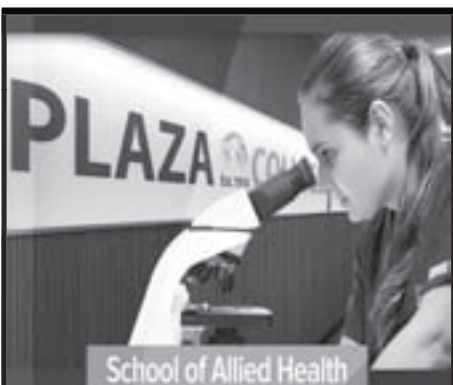
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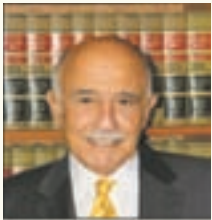
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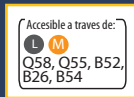
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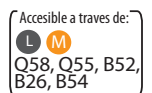


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