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# DEAD IN THE WATER

Calls for big resiliency upgrades – but city, state can't agree on small ones

# **BY JULIANNE CUBA**

Is it money down the drain?

Officials must make good on statefunded coastal resiliency projects promised in the wake of Hurricane Sandy, locals are demanding. Residents griped to city reps for failing to enact major sewer and flood-barrier projects following the historic storm at a Manhattan Beach Community Group meeting on Feb. 24. The mayor's office is more interested in building a streetcar in gentrifying Brooklyn than pushing forward resiliency improvements locals have demanded, such as a tidal barrier on Plumb Beach and sewer backflow-prevention valves for homes, one frustrated Manhattan Beach man said.

"You don't need a trolley line—spend

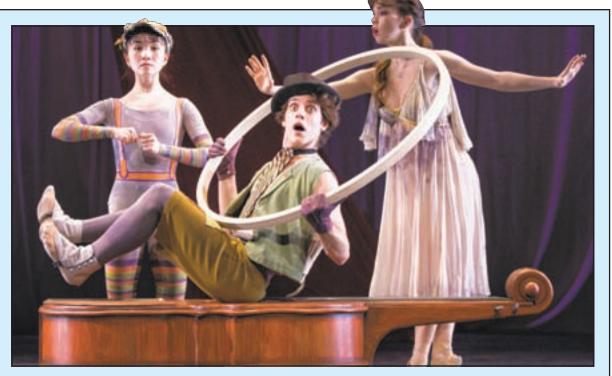
the money here," shouted the resident, who declined to give his name. "What they've done in many places where literally you have to build a [flood] barrier. For starters, we need a very low-tech situation — it's called a check valve."

Residents demanded major infrastructure improvements, but Manhattan and Albany can't even agree on small projects, such as some sidewalk planters locals picked for a state-funded storm redevelopment grant. Community members selected the \$500,000 project—which includes planters and drainage improvements on Emmons Avenue—as part of the state's New York Rising program, which allocated \$13.3 million to Sheepshead Bay and Gerritsen Beach

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**PROTECT THE BAY:** Community Board 15 chairwoman Theresa Scavo is frustrated nothing has been done to protect coastal areas such as Sheepshead Bay. Photo by Jordan Rathkopf



# Stuffing the ballet box

Gelsey Kirkland Ballet, which came to Brooklyn seeking refuge from Manhattan last year, is debuting its first full-story original production at Kelsey Kirkland Arts Center in Dumbo next week. For more, see page 64.

Travis Magee

# A bazaar accusation

#### BY DENNIS LYNCH

She's got this market cornered!

A Brighton Beach property owner exploded at the leader of a neighborhood business group during Community Board 13's Feb. 24 meeting, publicly accusing the commerce honcho of using her influence to try and shutter his tenants' grocery business as a favor to members of her trade group.

"You're a crook!" property owner Aron Bronstein shouted at community board member and Brighton Beach Business Improvement District director Yelena Makhnin before the board's chairman had him removed from the meeting.

Bronstein owns the Brighton Beach Avenue building housing the Master Theater and the Gourmanoff supermarket. A sliver of the structure — about 10 percent — is actually zoned for residential rather than commercial uses, and Bronstein wants the community board to support his

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# Boughed to pressure

# Con Ed removes new utility pole after tree-lover's outcry

# **BY JULIANNE CUBA**

She planted the seed of doubt.

A Marine Parker's passionate plea got Con Edison workers to move a utility pole from a tree bed in front of her house just three days after the electrical company planted it. Workers installed the pole on Feb. 29, damaging the woman's beloved Linden tree in the process, she said.

"I religiously cared for that street tree and it's in front of my house," E. 33rd Street resident Robin Marion said on March 1. "I came home and I found out that Con Edison planted a big pole in the street and cut apart my little tree and I'm just so upset."

Marion took a class with the Parks Department to become a "tree steward" and got the city's Million Trees Project to plant the Linden tree in front of her home near Quentin Road about three years ago, she said.



IT'S SAVED!: Tree steward Robin Marion is all smiles after Con Edison workers removed a pole that damaged a tree right outside of her home. Photo by Steve Schnibbe

about its typical business of replacing worn-down wooden poles in the area to stand up to seasonal heavy rains and strong winds, but workers Con Ed was just going broke one of the young tree's

limbs in the process.

Marion was so visibly distraught by the solid wooden pole cutting through her Linden tree's home that the Con Ed workers agreed to move it,

a supervisor said.

"I understand why she was upset — she's real passionate about her trees," said Jason Gorman of Con Ed. "It will be moved for her."

The arboreal caretaker sat outside nearly all day on March 1, from 6:30 am into the afternoon, just to see if Con Ed would make good on its promise to remove the pole, she

"I've been sitting out here since 6:30 am, went to the bathroom once and ate a banana," Marion said around noon that

All Marion wants now is for her tree to survive its near brush with death, once Con Ed removes the pole, she said.

"It grew up a lot. It was little and I took care of it and I was so upset. I loved that tree. I just hope that if they remove the pole, I can nurse it back to health," she said.

Workers removed the pole on March 2.

# Holy rollers!

# Parishioners: Proposed bus stop a sin

# BY JULIANNE CUBA

This church's doors are always open - just not for a new bus stop.

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority must repent and put the brakes on a plan to put a bus stop outside of a Utica Avenue church, parishioners are demanding. The authority wants to create a B46 Select Bus service stop in front of the Mamre Seventh-day Adventist Church at the corner of Avenue H. But the constant come-and-go of straphangers would make it tough for worshipers to keep focused, the flock's leader

"Every time a bus comes in, people standing at the bus stop, that kinds of distracts your service," said pastor Kenneth Jones. "If you're going to worship God, you need to give him the respect he deserves."

Officials picked the spot because it's close to the existing stop and can accommodate the service's sidewalk ticket kiosks, transit officials said.

Plans are still in the works but transportation honchos believe "the corner in front of



NO STOPPING HERE: The city wants to put a new Select Bus service stop right outside of a church on Utica Avenue. Photo by Jordan Rathkopf

the church is the best location for the SBS bus stop for both the safety and convenience of our customers," according to an authority statement.

But the idea is a sin, because it would hamper church, funeral, and wedding services and even endanger the most vulnerable of the church's 600 congregants, Jones said.

"When we have weddings you can't have the limo. We have funerals. And we have a lot of children. So a bus stop right in front, you never know what could happen," said pastor Kenneth Jones.



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IT'S GETTING DEPRESSING: A sinkhole the length of three cars and half as wide as the street opened on 56th Street on March 1, prompting the city to shut down the block. Sunset Parkers now have to contend with two sinkholes just seven blocks away from each other.

Photo by Steven Schnibbe

# Hole new problem

# Sunset Park's second massive sinkhole in less than a year opens on Fifth Avenue

# BY DENNIS LYNCH

Meet Sunset Park's other giant sinkhole!

A mass of asphalt three car-lengths long fell into 56th Street near Fifth Avenue on the morning of March 1, forming Sunset Park's second great sinkhole in the last nine months. Emergency responders reacted quickly closing off the street to traffic, but the city needs to act pro-actively to prevent future cave-ins, a local leader said.

"It keeps happening, I think they're not taking care of our infrastructure," said Sunset Park Business Improvement District director Renee Giordano. "It's frustrating for us and hopefully they work on this a little faster, the sinkhole on 64th street hasn't been given priority or emergency status."

The chasm opened sometime before noon, neighbors said.

Workers from gas-provider National Grid, electricity-provider Con Edison, and the city's Department of Environmental Protection
— which presides over both

Workers from gas-provider Con Edison, and Dational Grid.

sewers and drinking water supply — descended on the breach and cut the block's gas supply on Tuesday afternoon.

Erosion from leaks in two residential tap water pipes caused the cave-in, Department of Environmental Protection officials said.

The writing was apparently on the wall, said one neighbor who lives directly in front of the hole. Seemingly clean water began flowing into her basement through an electrical conduit to the

street two weeks ago.

Water continued to trickle in on Tuesday, and the woman fears the problem will negatively impact her family and kids in her building before it gets any better, she said.

"I hope they fix it as soon as possible, before it gets worse because we don't know what could happen if that water keeps coming in," 31-year resident Milly Velez said. "I just want them to fix it as soon as possible so we have electricity and water for the babies — I worry about them."



**ALL THE CITY'S MEN:** The sinkhole prompted a response from the fire and police departments, the Department of Environmental Protection, Con Edison, and National Grid.

Photo by Steven Schnibbe

# **Cause for paws**

# Video released of alleged Bay Ridge cat killer



**FOR THE BIRDS:** This guy poured what appears to be anti-freeze over bird feed after he knocked down a feeder from a tree on 93rd Street. Locals said the goon has been terrorizing the neighborhood since August.

Brian Baglioni

# BY DENNIS LYNCH

Bay Ridge animal lovers released a video this week of the man they believe is responsible for poisoning neighborhood cats, dogs, and birds. It appears to be the first footage of the poisonings that locals have reported since August—but it does not ease the fears of neighbors, said the man who captured the cruel act on camera.

"The whole neighborhood is in a stir, they're paranoid that their dogs will get a whiff of something and then you have a dead dog on your hands and you don't even know why," Brian Baglioni said.

Baglioni bought and set up his own surveillance camera on his fire escape in October to catch the killer in action after police told him he'd need to catch the poisoner or poisoners in the act. Video released this week shows a man using a long pole to knock a bird feeder out of a 93rd Street tree, dumping its contents out, and pouring what appears to be antifreeze around the food for birds to mistakenly eat in late January.

Baglioni and his neighbors suspect the man in the video is part of an animal-killing cabal in southern Bay Ridge, because residents have seen a handful of different individuals acting suspiciously around cat food locals leave out for the 'hood's feral felines.

First, the group of neighbors noticed someone was one value poisoning food they put out for the local fauna — then 8477.

they realized one of the fiends was leaving out his own tainted treats. One neighbor even claimed to see someone trespassing onto her property to plant contaminated cat food.

Locals thought that putting bird feeders high in trees would discourage the killer, but the video shows the apparent culprit is determined to foul the fowls' food — though his motivations perplexed Baglioni.

"Maybe they think the animals are a nuisance or they just don't like animals, whether that's for aesthetic purposes or they're just annoyed with them, we don't know," he said.

Baglioni does not recognize the man in the video and would not point fingers, but hoped others might come forward to help law enforcement identify him, he said.

Police have the video and are investigating, a department spokesman said, noting that no one has actually produced any dead animals as evidence of the supposed pattern.

"Allegations of animal abuse are taken very seriously by the department and we encourage anyone that has discovered a dead animal and suspects criminality to report that to the police," he said.

Police are offering a \$2,500 reward for information about the spate of alleged poisonings and are asking anyone with information to call Crime Stoppers at (800) 577–

# Hall-right already!

# Alumni to the city: Don't let the Erasmus Hall landmark fall

#### BY JULIANNE CUBA

Call it a lesson in preserva-

The Department of Education must save the 200-year-old landmarked Academy Building at Erasmus Hall High School that it has let crumble for more than a decade, alumni demanded in a recent letter to Mayor DeBlasio urging the city to take action.

"Our main problem is the Department of Education," said Robin Sherman-Epstein (Class of 1968). "It's terrible, how could they let this happen? This is history."

Property owners may not demolish landmarked buildings without the city's blessing, but some intentionally let landmarks fall into such disrepair that the city condemns the structures. The practice is called "demolition by neglect." The commission can sue negligent landlords to prevent demolition by neglect — it did so recently to force the sale of Sunset Park's landmarked 68th Precinct Sta-



**DEZZY:** Dutch scholar Desiderius "Dezzy" Erasmus, for whom the school was named, guards the decrepit Academy Building at Erasmus Hall High School.

tion House and Stable — but the commission does not sue other city agencies, including the Department of Education, a spokeswoman said.

Alumni's 1,800-signiture petition urges Mayor DeBlasio to take the building from the Department of Education and give it to an agency that can appropriately repair the historic landmark.

Officials refused to provide exact plans for the Acad-

emy Building, but spokespeople for both the education department and landmarks commission said the agencies are working together to figure something out — the same thing a schools spokeswoman told the New York Times in a 2009 article.

The building, erected in 1787, is the state's oldest secondary school and the first the Board of Regents chartered, according to a commission report. Builders named the hall for Dutch scholar Desiderius Erasmus, and it served as an active school until 1895, later housing administrative offices. The city landmarked the structure in 1966. The Department of Education left the building to rot about 15 years ago, and the agency's inaction inspired grads to take up the building's cause, an alumna said.

"The Department of Education has not taken a stand on this building at all," said Amy Krakow ('67). "We have taken it upon ourselves to help move this along."



SAVE THE ACADEMY!: Erasmus Hall High School alumna Robin Sherman-Epstein is trying to save the historic – but decrepit – Academy Building. Photo by Steven Schnibbe

Krakow and other alumni will visit the school this fall for the 1966 and 1967 classes' 50-year reunions. The two classes want to see a Dutch History museum in the Academy Building to maintain its historical Dutch significance, Krakow said

"Our two classes at our re-

union are going to help raise funds to start a museum of Dutch history in New York," she said. "This building needs to be restored. We see that as part of our life, part of our experience in high school, and part of the history of New York and the United States. That's a big deal."

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# Dodgers' historian Tom Knight dies

BY SHAVANA ABRUZZO

Sports columnist and Brooklyn Dodgers' chronicler Tom Knight, who shared his passion for the team with generations of sports lovers and was instrumental in forming its hall of fame, died on Feb. 17 at the age of 89.

The affable Bay Ridgeite authored the popular nostalgia column "Diamond Reflections" for The Brooklyn Eagle, The Record of Staten Island, the Staten Island Advance, and The Spectator, enjoying an illustrious career that spanned more than 30 years. His gift of the gab and deep knowledge of the team, whose players' autographs he collected as a boy, made him a coveted guest speaker at Society of Old Brooklynites' annual luncheons, local podcasts, and community tributes.

The Park Slope native, whom then-Brooklyn Borough President Sam Leone appointed Brooklyn Dodgers'

historian in 1976, knew many baseball greats personally, but his chief interest remained the average Joes and Janes who went to see the team play.

"The Dodger fans were more rabid than the average fan, and more informed," he wrote in "When Baseball Returned to Brooklyn" by Ed Shakespeare.

Knight helped Marty Adler, the late assistant principal of Jackie Robinson Intermediate School 320, create the Brooklyn Dodger Hall of Fame after the team headed west, donating memorabilia to the Brooklyn Historical Society and the baseball gallery at MCU Park in Coney Island, and keeping Dem Bums' flame alive with annual induction ceremonies at Grand Army Plaza. He was the guest speaker when the Brooklyn Cyclones hosted a memorial service for former Brooklyn Dodger Duke Snider

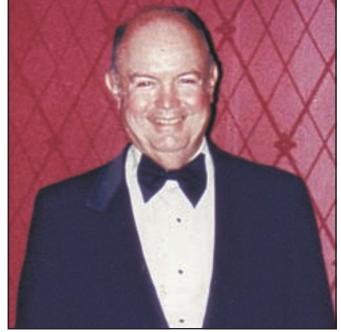
Knight grasped every oppor-

tunity to take a trip down memory lane, sharing with sports fans and historians that he attended his first baseball game at Ebbets Field in 1936 at age 10, paying 55 cents for a bleacher seat to see the Dodgers lose to the New York Giants, 8-3.

He attended up to 50 games a season, before the arrival of radio, television, or commercial breaks between half-innings, he added.

"We used to go to Sunday doubleheaders and leave the house at noon for a one o'clock start, and we'd be home at six for dinner," Knight recalls in "When Baseball Returned to Brooklyn."

The never-married, dyedin-the-wool Brooklynite relished sharing stories about Ebbets Field and its unique characters, said borough historian Ron Schweiger. One side-splitter involved a man he once saw stomp on a woman's foot while wading through the aisles to get some refresh-



WHATTA SPORT: Affable Brooklyn Dodgers historian Tom Knight was a coveted guest speaker at local borough events.

Brooklyn Media Group / Brooklyn Spectator

pain. The man — according to Knight, says Schweiger returned a few minutes later with a beer in one hand and a hot dog in the other, and asked the woman if he had stepped on her foot a short while ago, and when she nodded, said, "Good, this is the right row!"

"Tom loved telling that

ments, making her squeal in story!" Schweiger said with a laugh. "He was a very warm and gentle man with a big sense of humor, and he loved promoting Brooklyn and the Brooklyn Dodgers."

Knight,whoThomaswas cremated, is survived by nephew Harold J. Johnson and nieces Catherine Kubasak and Elizabeth Manocchio.



# Singing praises

# Ridge civic honors 'unsung heroes'

# BY DENNIS LYNCH

They're unsung no more!

Bay Ridgites awarded 15 of the neighborhood's quiet do-gooders at the Bay Ridge Community Council Hidden Treasure Awards at Shore Hill Neighborhood Center on Feb. 23. The honor came as a "beautiful surprise" for one Saint Anselm Catholic Academy teacher honored for influencing kids in the classroom over the last 20

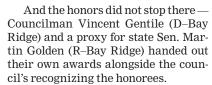
"I feel very blessed and I didn't expect it — I think that I'm the one who's been blessed to be a part of the Bay Ridge community," eighth-grade math teacher Janet Batista said. "I didn't realize I was nominated until I got a call that I was getting the award."

The council also honored Batista's colleagues Christine Deem and Pat Riley. Their fellow honorees were Eileen LaRuffa with the Fort Hamilton Citizens Action Committee, Rabbi Dina Rosenberg at the Bay Ridge Jewish Center, Roseanne Miller with the Knights of Columbus, Elizabeth Connors with the Daughters of the American Revolution, Dorothy Garuccio with Community Board 10, Kathleen Sinagra and Jill Rizzi with Saint Bernadette Church, Dr. Robert Flanzer and Eleanor Rosenblatt with the Bay Ridge Mental Health Council, and Richard Haugland, Jessica Amato and James Johnson with the Narrows Botanical Garden.

Community council member Alex Conti detailed each recipient's work in the community and presented each with a plaque.

HEROES, THE LOT OF THEM!: (Top) Jessica Amato, who runs a poetry open-mic series at Narrows Botanical Garden, was honored alongside (right) Janet Batista of the Saint Anselm Catholic Academy Home-School Association and (below) Kathleen Sinagra of Saint Bernadette Church. Sinagra's kids Vincent and Sofia cheered their mom on.

Photos by Arthur De Gaeta



The secret to building a thriving community like Bay Ridge is being ambitious and wanting good for the people around you, according to one honoree awarded for founding an open-mic poetry series at Narrows Botanical Garden.

"All the people that do this great work, we're really rooted in the community," Jessica Amato said. "It was a great honor to be among those great and talented people who give back to the community — that's what keeps us so strong."









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# **60TH PRECINCT**

CONEY ISLAND-BRIGHTON BEACH-SEAGATE

# **Conned Edison**

Police arrested a callous woman who they say robbed an elderly lady at knife point in her W. 24th Street home on Feb. 28 after posing as a Con Edison employee, a police report said.

The woman answered a knock at her door around 3 pm from the phony electrical worker, but as soon as she unlocked her door, the brute allegedly forced the door open, put two knives to her throat, and said "Cry and I'll kill you," according to police. Then she taped the victim's mouth shut and took a gold watch off her wrist, according to the report.

Then — apparently in no rush — she started eating some of the woman's food, but in the meantime her victim managed to get out of the apartment and run down to the security desk in her building's lobby, where she called police.

The robber fled and took \$18, some electronics, and some jewelry with her. Police later found one of the knives and a piece of partially bitten chocolate she left behind.

# Appliance thief

A freebooter broke into a Neptune Avenue home on Feb. 12 and managed to steal a refrigerator and a stove from the basement.

The thief broke in through a rear basement window at the home between W. 35th and W. 36th streets around midnight, but broke open a cellar door to get his heavy haul out, police said.

# Over and in

Someone broken into an office at a public housing building on W. 23rd Street on Feb. 23, according to police.

An employee locked up the office between Mermaid and Neptune avenues around 4 pm and came back the next morning to find someone had broken open the ceiling tiles outside his office and used a ladder to get up and then into his office.

The cat burglar broke open a desk and stole a Samsung tablet and a clock, according to police.

# Van-ished

A carjacker stole a man's van from a parking lot on Murdock Court on Feb. 24, police said.

The man parked his van in the parking lot between Avenue Z and Ocean Parkway around 7 pm, but when he returned it was gone without a trace. The man kept two sets of keys in the van and there was no broken glass or other signs of forced entry, according to a police report.

— Dennis Lynch



# **68TH PRECINCT**

BAY RIDGE-DYKER HEIGHTS

# Pepper sprayed

A brutish robber pepper sprayed a woman and stole her purse on 92nd Street on Feb. 25, police said.

The victim was walking towards Colonial Road when the thief approached her from up ahead.

He sprayed her and pushed her into a nearby car, then grabbed her purse and fled down 92nd Street towards Third Avenue, she told police.

Emergency responders had to rush the victim to Lutheran Medical Center for treatment following the attack. The thief got away with just \$12 and some credit cards, according to a police report.

# Tires and toys

A thief stole some children's toys and one tire and rim from a car parked on 101st Street on Feb. 25, police said.

The victim parked his car between Fort Hamilton Parkway and Jackson Court around 7 pm and returned in the morning to find his front driver's-side tire and rim missing and the lock removed from the driver's-side door of his car.

Along with the rim and tire, the thief took a "Star Wars" toy and a stuffed teddy bear, police said.

# Left on cinder blocks

Another Bay Ridge driver was the victim of a tire-and-rim theft on 94th Street sometime between Feb. 25 and Feb. 29, according to a police report.

She parked her car near Ridge Boulevard around 4 pm on Feb. 25 and returned four days later to find both the front and rear driver's-side wheels removed.

# Razor raid

A shoplifter managed to make off with \$1,600 worth of shaving razors from a Third Avenue drugstore on Feb. 25, according to police.

The razor-robbing rapscallion walked into the store between 71st and 72nd streets around 8:50 am and stuffed dozens of packages of razors and refill blades into his pockets. An employee spotted him leaving the store with his take on camera, police said.

# **61ST PRECINCT**

SHEEPSHEAD BAY-HOMECREST-MANHATTAN BEACH-GRAVESEND

# **Busy day**

Cops cuffed a teen who they say committed three different burglaries on Feb. 26. Here's the rundown:

•A woman told police she was just about to her house on E. 27th Street and Shore Parkway at 1:30 pm when she saw someone climb out of a side window. She approached the alleged trespasser and asked what he was doing but he fled, according to a police report. He stole the woman's jewelry, which was later recovered by police, according to a police report.

•Another victim told authorities someone broke into her home at Avenue Y and E. 27th Street after she had left for work around 7:30 am. The woman told police the allegedly unsuccessful thief entered her house through a rear window in her basement, rummaged through her belongings, and left out her front door. Nothing was stolen, the woman told police.

• A third victim told police someone entered her home at Avenue Y and E. 28th Street sometime between 9:45 am and 1:30 pm. She told officers the alleged intruder entered through an unlocked rear window in her home and stole several designer watches, a Chanel purse, and white metal earrings. All of the jewelry and the woman's purse was successfully returned to the woman, according to a police report.

Officials say a 17-year-old man was arrested for the three break-ins later that day at 9:55 pm.

# **Luxury looter**

A burglar swiped pricey jewelry and clothes from a woman's E. 21st Street home while she was away Feb. 25–Feb. 28.

The woman told police she returned to her home near Voorhies Avenue after a few days of visiting her daughter to find someone had taken off with her black suede wallet, a bejeweled gold ring, a yellowand white-gold necklace, and an Italian fur coat with a fur collar, according to a police report.

The woman also told police the back window of her bedroom was opened and the screen was broken, but she can't remember if she left the window unlocked. Her front door was still locked when she returned home, she told police.

# **Grocery pointe blank**

A miscreant robbed a man on E. 17th Street on Feb. 23 — and made the man buy him groceries.

The victim was near Avenue Z at around 9:15 pm when the lout approached him, simulated reaching for a gun in his pocket, and demanded the man hand over his wallet. The thief took \$60 and a MetroCard out of the wallet, but decided it wasn't enough — forcing the man go to a nearby grocery store to buy him a few goods and take out another \$20, police reported.

The baddie then fled down Avenue Y towards E. 17th Street, officials said.

# **Got nothing**

A nogoodnik attempted to rob a man on a B44 bus on Nostrand Avenue on Feb. 24, then attacked him when he found out he had no cash.

A man told police a stranger approached him on a B44 bus at Nostrand Avenue and Avenue U on Feb. 24 at 3 pm and demanded he run his pockets for money.

The victim was on the bus near Avenue U at 3 pm when the scoundrel demanded he empty his pockets. When the man told the crook he didn't have any cash, the lout knocked the victim's glasses right off of his face, punched him in the stomach, and hit him on the head with an unknown object, according to a police report. The brute then fled toward Flatbush Junction at 3:30 pm, according to a report.

# Masked mugger

A group of eight guys held a teen at gunpoint for his cellphone on Nostrand Avenue on Feb. 25.

The adolescent told authorities he was at a bus stop near Avenue X at 5:05 pm when the brutes, one wearing a mask, demanded his cellphone. But when the teen refused, the masked marauder took out a black gun with silver paint showing underneath, according to a police report.

The teen still refused to fork over his phone, even as the brute pushed the firearm into his left cheek.

When the bus arrived about five minutes later, all of the guys hopped on and the teen was not hurt, according to a police report.

# Tool thief

A bandit broke into a car parked on Emmons Avenue some time between Feb. 19 and Feb. 22.

The vandal broke into the 2009 GMC commercial vehicle near Plumb Third Street by drilling through the passenger-side door and snatched a selection of tools, according to a police report.

— Julianne Cuba



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# By the people, for the people

# She films community board meeting for seniors

BY JULIANNE CUBA

Finally — a community board meeting you can watch over and over again!

The excitement never has to end now that Gravesender Clare Kopelakis is filming Community Board 15 meetings and putting them online for locals who cannot make it to the monthly gatherings. The citizen journalist felt pressed into service because the board's Manhattan Beach meetings are so far from her Gravesend home — now she hopes to inject some fresh blood into the group by availing a wider audience to its very existence, she said.

"Idon'tthink half of the people in my immediate neighborhood even know it exists," said Kopelakis, a self-avowed avid reader of this paper. "I want to see more people involved in Community Board 15. It's very narrow opinions there. It's not a wide cast of characters. My neighbors don't even know about it."

The board holds meetings



CITIZEN JOURNALIST: Gravesend resident Clare Kopelakis films Community Board 15 meetigns to get people interested in local goings-on.

at Kingsborough Community College, but that's too far for many Gravesenders, Kopelakis said. Getting to that bastion of democracy, nestled on the eastern tip of Manhattan Beach, is a roughly 20-minute drive for residents living in more central parts of the

district — and by the time the meetings end, many older folks already need to be in their pajamas, Kopelakis said.

"My issue is with getting there at 7 pm — you usually catch me in my feety pajamas watching TV. I'm not a night person, and a lot of elderly people are not," the 60-yearold Kopelakis said.

For the people, Kopelakis recently captured videos of board members' reports and of Councilman Chaim Deutsch (D-Sheepshead Bay) talking about pressing issues such as area roads' disrepair and an unpopular mayoral plan to re-zone portions of the neighborhood. She posted the video on Facebook for her friends to watch, and it has gotten more than 200 views so far, she said.

One viewer has lived in Sheepshead Bay for 10 years but had no idea she was even allowed at the meetings.

"I didn't really know that it was possible," said Lori Birnbaum, who connected with a Gravesend resident. "If we on YouTube," she said.



**ALWAYS ROLLING:** Kopelakis travels from her Gravesend home to Kingsborough Community College on the tip of Manhattan Beach to film Community Board 15 meetings for people who can't make the trek.

Kopelakis on Facebook. "I assumed that it was for politicos."

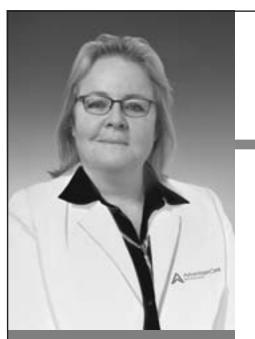
But the civic shindigs are open to all, and holding the meetings at Kingsborough is just a cost-saving measure, Scavo said.

"Kingsborough Community College, out of the goodness of their heart, gives us that room," said Scavo, also

had to go to different locations, where would we go? If you had to rent out a public school, you would have to pay for that.'

Kopelakis plans to keep filming the meetings when she can make it, but she hopes the board will begin rolling its own cameras and posting footage online.

"I would love to see it put



"All children are different, and they need to be treated as individuals with compassionate care."



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# **RESILIENCY**

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for storm resiliency in March 2014. But locals have seen bupkis in the two years since, an area leader said.

"All of this money, we have not seen anything proceed," said Community Board 15 chairwoman Theresa Scavo, who also sat on the state-impaneled committee that dreamed up the street-scaping. "We specifically allocated funding for plantings. It should be a no-brainer — go out on Emmons Avenue and do the planting — but we have not seen anything done."

Citizens created the plan — which includes planters called "bioswales" that feature water-hungry plants and additional sewer drains — and the state signed off on it, but the city's Department of Environmental protection put the kibosh on the project because it is too small — and now the story is on indefinite hold, a state representative said.

"As it stands now, the funds allotted to it in the planning process, it would fund 12 bioswales, and it wouldn't have an effective impact," the regional head of the Governor's office's New York Rising program Chelsea Muller told this paper.



BUILD THE PLANTERS ALREADY!: Community Board 15 Chairwoman Theresa Scavo points to where the community would like to see a bioswale - a combination planter and storm water drain - on Emmons Avenue.

The news really riled Scavo, who found out the project was on hold after a reporter from this paper called seeking additional comment.

"Unbelievable, absolutely unbelievable," she said. "The amount of time that we put into this committee — and this is what we get out if it? There were professionals at the meetings that stated it would be a great idea. Pathetic."



MASTER BLASTER: The owners of 1029 Brighton Beach Ave., home of the Master Theater, and members of Community Board 13 traded jabs at a board meeting on Feb. 24 over the theater's plans to legalize a food market on its first floor. Photo by Jordan Rathkopf

# BAZAAR

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request for a city variance letting the grocery store operate despite the zoning quirk.

Makhnin suggested the board table the ask until tenants finish upgrading a fire-sprinkler system covering the upstairs theater and a ground-floor lobby the venue shares with Gourmanoff.

Bronstein contends that Makhnin is obstructing the process because the business improvement district's president owns an adjacent building that houses a competing supermarket. But Makhnin denied political motivation and said she is only interested in making the building safe.

"I don't have any objections to any business or any landlord — the only objection I have is I believe crucial violations and issues such as fire safety should be cleared before any application with the city is cleared," Makhnin said.

Bronstein is upgrading the building's fire system "above and beyond" what law requires, he said. But Fire Department inspectors would not approve the new system during a December inspection — and that's cause enough to wait. Makhnin said.

The board ultimately voted on the proposal, but members didn't render enough affirmative votes, so the motion died, according to officials from Borough President Adams's office that the board had to call in to officiate the contentious tally.

Bronstein's attorney can still ask the city for the variance — but without a letter of approval from the board, the lawyer said.





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# Coney fetes black history

#### BY DENNIS LYNCH

Coney Island's white sands are full of black history.

Locals celebrated Africanand Caribbean-Americans' contributions to the neighborhood with song, poetry, and awards during a Black History Month party at Liberation Diploma Plus High School on Feb. 23. One of the sea-side do-gooders honored said he could not have been more proud to receive a proclamation from organizer Councilman Mark Treyger (D-Coney Island) recognizing his work in the neighborhood.

"It's a great feeling to be

honored," said Keith Suber of the Suber Foundation, which provides free "pre-apprenticeship" construction industry training to troubled youth and recently released convicts. "Overall, the whole night was really entertaining too, there was a lot of spirit going

The councilman also presented local activist and Community Board 13 member Queenie Huling with an award for campaigning to open a local medical center quickly after Hurricane Sandy shuttered it in 2012.

Students from area schools including PS 188 and IS 303 read poems by Maya Angelou, Tupac Shakur, and Langston Hughes. Other student groups sang black history-themed songs. Young members of local community groups including Coney Island Generation Gap and Coney Island Youth Alive also performed skits and musical numbers, and a Coney rap duo also performed.

Students from PS 90 sang the classic civil rights protest song "We Shall Overcome" along with "A Song of Peace," and "America the Beautiful."



HE'S FOR THE KIDS: (Above) Councilman Mark Treyger honored Keith Suber for his work providing Coney Island's youth job-training. (Left) Local rappers Reaper The Genius and Lendos Beatz performed.

Photos by Georgine Benvenuto

It was the chorus' first public performance — and one to remember, the group's music teacher said.

"They were very excited, and I think that was very impressionable event in their minds," Phyllis Hoffman said.

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# **Experts: Seniors in** need of healthy food

#### BY ALLEGRA HOBBS

A whopping 77 percent of old folks in Brooklyn cannot afford the healthy food they need — and the famine is creating a crisis of chronic health conditions in the borough's wizened resi-

That was the headline figure from a forum about the growing disaster at a Bedford-Stuyvesant community center on Feb. 23, where health gurus, local leaders, and seniors gathered to discuss solutions to the catastrophe — a problem that is particularly dire in the host neighborhood, according to

"Bed-Stuy has some of the highest rates of chronic conditions in the state and in the country," said Maria Alvarez of the Brooklyn-wide Interagency Council of the Aging, who sat on the symposium hosted by Bedford-Stuyvesant Restoration Corporation and advocacy group Ageing in New York Fund. "We know people who do not eat properly have higher incidences of chronic disease."

Deaths from diabetes in the area are more than twice the citywide rates, while the 'hood ranks eighth-highest in stroke hospitalizations, according to a study from the city's Department



**HELPING HAND:** Activist Maria Alvarez of the Brooklyn-wide Interagency Council of the Aging wants to make sure seniors in Bedford-Stuyvesant and across the borough have access to healthy food.

Photo by Louise Wateridge

of Health — both conditions linked to poor nutrition.

Fortunately, the problem is at least partially preventable, the experts said — many low-income seniors are going without the food that could keep them healthy despite there being government programs in place to help them

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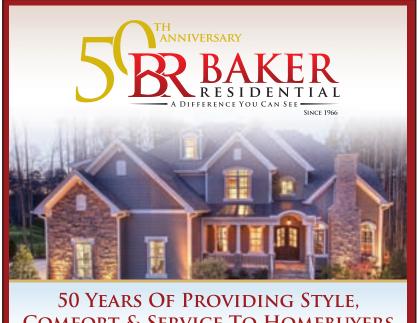
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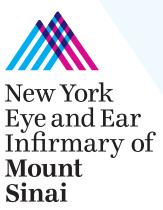
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# **STANDING**



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# Irish eyes are smiling brightly

**GREENPOINT** 

Raise a glass and toast slàinte to Virginia "Gina" Marie Bernadette Sheehan, 86, who has been named as the aide to the grand marshall of this year's St. Patrick's Day Parade.

The octogenarian will be marching right alongside Grand Marshall George Mitchell on grand Fifth Avenue on March 17.

The Greenpoint daughter is a graduate of St. Anthony of Padua School and St. Joseph's High School. She worked at Western Electric for 33 years and later retired from Lucent Technologies. She is well known throughout her neighborhood for her



volunteer and charity work at many organizations, including the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernian and St. Vincent de Paul Society.

"Gina's love of Ireland has been a constant through-

out her life, and a gift she's shared with her many family members," said Neil Sheehan, also of Greenpoint, one of her 36 nieces, nephews, greatnieces and great-nephews, and greatgrand-nieces and great-grand-neph-

Neil said Gina has helped put together Irish history displays at local banks and libraries, and loves to take part in Irish lectures and walking tours. She's made several trips to Ireland and served as a volunteer for many years at the Great Irish Fair in Brooklyn. She is one of the original volunteers at the New York Irish Immigration Center, and also belongs to the Knights of Columbus, Don Bosco Counsel, and the American Legion's St. Stan's Post in Greenpoint. In addition, Gina maintains her membership with the Telephone Pioneers, a group of telephone retirees who do charity work.

Standing O says, "May the road rise up to meet you, and may the sun shine warm upon your face, Gina."

**BOROUGH WIDE** 

# Answering the call

Hats off and welcome to Lauren Profeta for being named director of development at the New York Police and Fire Widows' and Children's Benefit Fund. Lauren has served as associate director of development for the past three years and will be



THE GREEN TEAM: From left, Ralph D'Onofrio, VP of advertising at Community News Group; Jack P. Calareso, president of St. Joseph's College; Christopher Carroll, Esq. Board Secretary: board members Sister Helen Kearney and Sister Kathleen McKinney: Shantey Hill, athletics; board member Sister Angela Gannon; and Jay Pelc, account executive at Community News Group, celebrate the green certification.

Photo by Louise Wateridge

# Green building gets the gold

**CLINTON HILL** 

Green thumbs up for the Hill Center at St. Joseph's College.

President Jack P. Calareso let Standing O know the eco-friendly athletic facility was awarded a prestigious LEED Gold Certification. The Green Building Certification is the gold standard for the U.S. Green Building Council rating for buildings, homes, and communities designed, constructed, maintained, and operated for improved environmental and human health performance.

The dedication ceremony was held at the campus on Feb. 25, with members of the board, Community News Group's advertising veep Ralph D'Onofrio and account executive Jay Pelc in attendance.

We are delighted that the Hill

Center is LEED-certified to the gold level," said Dr. Calareso. "From the drafting of the initial plans, we sought to ensure that the Hill Center would have as minimal of an environmental impact as possible; the recognition confirms our success in accomplishing that goal, and serves as an example of our commitment to sustainability as an institution."

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a great team plater in her new post, said Answer the Call President Philip Moyles, Jr.

'We couldn't be more excited for Lauren's new role here at our organization," he said. "Since joining us three years ago, she has been a great asset to our board, staff, and most

> importantly, the families we serve."

The Brooklyn daughter is the sister of three New York City first responders and will help lead efswer the Call, 731-9630].

which provides assistance to the families of fallen police officers and fire-

"I am proud to be part of this wonderful organization and remain committed to helping the families of our fallen heroes," said Lauren, who will be responsible for coordinating fund-raising efforts, and managing day-to-day functions relating to staff, the board of directors, and the beneficiary families. She will continue to serve as the main liaison with the FDNY, NYPD, and Port Authority

Standing O says, "Serve long and prosper."

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**SUNSET PARK** 

# 99 rainbow balloons

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Vida was born on Feb. 28, 1917 in Brooklyn, where she still lives today. At 99 she lives alone, and has the help of only two aides.

The spark-plug senior has been coming to the center for the past five years, said center social worker Bonnie Spence

"Vida is very strong, and has great spirit," said Bonnie. "We wanted to celebrate this birthday with her.'

Vida has many hobbies, including sewing her own clothes and making jewelry. Bonnie told Standing O that Vida made the dress that she is wearing in our photograph.

The staff made sure that Vida had the biggest cake ever with loads of candles to blow out. When our photographer snapped Vida with her cake and asked her secret to longevity, she replied modestly, "It's good to be alive!" Amen to that. Standing O wishes Vida many more happy birth-

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out, both because they don't know about them and the stigma attached to the programs.

"They might think it's embarrassing," said Alvarez. "Sometimes it can be a denigrating experience for the person."

The pro-aged activists are now working to break down the shameful associations — one group has gussied up its Bedford-Stuyvesant food pantry to resemble a regular grocery store so folks feel proud to browse their aisles.

"Sometimes there is a stigma attached to going to a food pantry, so we converted ours to a supermarket-style client-choice model," said Lisa Boyd of the Northeast Brooklyn Housing Development Corporation, which oper-

ates the fancy pantry out of its Throop Avenue center. "It's a dignified way for them to shop."

The center also hosts cooking classes for seniors to further promote healthy eating.

And the Bedford-Stuyvesant Restoration Corporation — both a long-standing community group and a local neighborhood hub — is also providing resources for low-income seniors unsure of how to take advantage of food programs. The center helps old-timers sign up for food stamps and screens them for other government benefits, said the panel's host, who was thrilled to see a flood of local seniors show up at the rainy day of the panel to learn more.

"It was amazing on a cold and dreary afternoon the number of people who came out," said Tracey Capers. "So many people came out in full force"

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# Reader relives Bernie's Brooklyn memories

Democratic presidential candidate Bernie Sanders returned to his Brooklyn home on the CBS nightly news. He took Scott Pelley on a brief tour of E. 26th Street in Midwood. Bernie could have been someone I knew way back when. His apartment house was in walking distance of mine. Bernie's description of his childhood was so much like my own. Once we left our front door the world was ours to explore. He spoke of stickball and Spaldings, and decision making and rules during games that were defined by kids, not parents.

I, too, grew up in that atmosphere where I rushed down the steps of my apartment house and met my friends to run, play and do whatever felt right. His description of a Saturday afternoon back in the late 1950s took me back in time to candy stores and comic books, squash courts and tricycles. I became heartfelt for the simplistic time, when life was whatever you made of it that day. When did childhood become so hectic? When did parents decide their kids' every move?

Midwood was instrumental in creating a generation of creative. intellectual, self-assertive truth seekers. Ruth Bader-Ginsberg, Bernie Sanders, Woody Allen, Barry Manilow, Marisa Tomei, Arthur Miller, and me!

Did they all play in my remarkable park on Avenue L? Did they place a penny on the ground and try to hit it with the magic pink ball, wait for the Good Humor truck, and ride their bikes up and down the avenue? Did they decide to come home at the right time, choose the right friends, and determine their destiny? Did the streets of Midwood make them independent? It seems that the art of street smarts is of real value.

A new study reveals that when kids are left on their own to make choices they become more creative. They are more apt to make big changes in the world, whereas those who are told what to do become successful, but never come close to reaching that one-in-a million level of greatness. My parents gave me

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# SOUND OFF TO THE EDITOR

**LETTERS AND COMMENTS FROM OUR READERS** 

guidelines to follow, but they gave me the confidence to open my front door and take matters into my own hands. I had their trust.

So Bernie, you truly made me homesick for a world I used to know more than 50 years ago. That world is long gone. I wish there was some way to bring it back.

> Phyllis Weinberger North Woodmere N.Y

# Stop-n-go

To the editor,

I see that yet another traffic light is about to spring up in Marine Park ("New stop a go! Traffic signal coming to Marine Park intersection" by Julianne Cuba, online Feb. 23).

I guess that our police department has finally given up on scofflaws zooming past stop signs to the peril of anyone driving or crossing the streets. Riding around the neighborhood today is a maze of zigzag turns one must take to get home, avoiding as many of these lights as possible. A red light nowadays is no guarantee the drivers will stop either!

I remember a time, pre 1965, when there only were lights on main thoroughfares, such as Flatbush and Nostrand avenues. Drivers respected traffic signs, and police were quick to pull over and issue tickets to anyone passing a stop sign. But that was a time when police actively patrolled our neighborhoods and drivers respected police officers, drivers spoke English, knew what "stop" meant, and really cared about safety.

The very first traffic light in the neighborhood appeared in the fall of 1965 after a convertible loaded with teenagers blew a northbound stop sign on E. 36th Street. A cement truck was traveling westward legally on Avenue S. The carnage at the intersection made the newspapers, ushering in the new light.

The way things have deteriorated in the city, I believe that by 2020, just about every corner will have a traffic light, the mayor's "Vision Zero" will be complete, and traffic will be at a virtual stand still.

Robert W. Lobenstein **Marine Park** 

# **J-Smart**

To the editor,

Bravo to Dennis Lynch for his ar-

replace Bensonhurst Waldbaum's," online Feb 1). We still live in a capitalist country. If a store does not carry what the customers want, the store goes out of business. If the store carries what the customers want, it becomes a success. From your article it seems Jmart will be a success

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# **'Lyin' Hillary**

To the editor,

Hi, Shavana Abruzzo! I loved your Hillary Clinton column ("Lyin' Hillary for prez? Not on yer nelly," A Britisher's View, Feb. 19). It was right on target for me! Ira Wolfe Brooklyn

# Speed hogs

To the editor,

I have one question about building a footbridge over Flatbush Avenue near the Kings Plaza shopping mall ("Panel says footbridge top priority," By Julianne Cuba, Feb. 26): What happens to the senior citizen shoppers who cannot climb stairs to get on and off the bridge?

Hundreds of seniors go to Kings Plaza every day, as do other shoppers using crutches, wheelchairs, and canes. Young mothers push baby carriages and strollers throughout the mall. What are all these people supposed to do, if they have to cross Flatbush Avenue on foot and are unable to access the bridge? I do not think a footbridge is the solution to the traffic problem near Kings Plaza. What we need is a reduction in the speed limit near the plaza, and traffic control agents, guards or other policing of the traffic on Flatbush Avenue. It would probably be profitable to the merchants in Kings Plaza, as well as to those on the other side of Flatbush Avenue, to pay at least part of the cost for crossing guards to help potential customers cross the avenue and, thereby, be able to walk from one store to another on either side of the street.

It could be financially profitable for the city to station school crossing guards at shopping malls, senior centers and hospitals where there are dangerous crossings. These guards could prevent innumerable accidents and save the city a fortune in the costs of caring for injured accident victims. Patients going to and from Coney Island Hospital, for exticle about Jmart ("Asian market to ample, have to cross Ocean Park-

way. This street is one of the most dangerous in Brooklyn. Hospital patients cannot be expected to climb onto a footbridge. They need guards to help them cross the street.

The only place where footbridges would be really useful is near schools and playgrounds where healthy children and students can easily cross them. The rest of us need crossing guards and slower speed limits.

**Elaine Kirsch** Gravesend

# MTA boondoggle

To the editor,

Another gasoline tax to help pay for infrastructure repairs will never solve the problem, if left up to the Metropolitan Transportation Authority to correct the transportation situation ("Time for pols to fix this city up," Political Spin Cycle by

The Verrazano Bridge tolls paid for its construction 50 times or more over, but the tolls are still rising. In Sheepshead Bay the new express bus to Barclays Center has been a real boondoggle, totally wasting taxpayers' money, not to mention the aggravation caused to riders of the B44 bus having to wait double or triple time only to see totally empty new buses passing them by — sometimes two at a time!

Had they kept the old system and didn't change it until Flatbush Avenue, it would have adequately served its purpose of pleasing the politicians who needed to fill up Barclays Center with patrons.

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# Shav's readers

To the editor.

I am appalled and shaken up, by what M. M. Abdullah wrote in Sound off to the Editor (Feb. 12) about Shavana Abruzzo's "A Britisher's View" columns on Muslims.

He says she verbally attacks Muslims and "encourages violence." Is Abdullah's head in the sand? Duh?

Tell this person to read the Holy Quran, damn it! Tell this person to watch public videos of Islamic State dogs slicing off the heads of non-Muslims, and committing other cruel and horrific acts. I, too, "encourage everyone to read about Islam with an open mind..." Then the world will know why we have these religious fanatics.

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# Looks like NY values will descend

Yorker, I was outraged a few months ago when the sniveling senator from Texas, Ted Cruz, used the loaded term "New York values" in his attempt to smear liberal New Yorkers like me. He was attempting to bloody his main Republican presidential opponent, Donald Trump, by linking his native roots to liberal political beliefs.

Well, how did that turn out, Sen. Cruz?

So, what have we learned and what can we expect over the next nine months?

We have learned to expect the unexpected. Anybody who tells vou with confidence that he can predict this topsy-turvy year is either a frustrated pundit or someone who's been taking too many controlled substances.

That said, and with a clean mind and body, I venture the following observations:

It goes without saying that a growing slice of America is pissed about the economy and the huge economic inequality gap. In the same way that the Civil Rights movement animated the 1960s, feminism surged in the 1970s and '80s,



# **SPIN CYCLE**

Tom Allon

and gay rights broke through in the aughts, I believe economic justice has become the singular theme of the teens.

Minimum wage, paid sick leave, maternity and paternity leave. Worker rights, more progressive taxation, and limiting executive pay. Corporate social responsibility, sustainability, pay equity, and real company diversity. Free public college tuition, student loan amnesty, and university accountability for return on investment.

highly charged issues that the next president and the next Congress will have to contend with. Like the fictional anchor Howard Beal in the famous 1970s movie "Network" the public has said: "We're mad as hell, and we're not going to take it anymore."

That's why a supreme long shot like Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders has touched a nerve with young America and has made Hillary Clinton work hard for the Democratic nomination. Sanders is absolutely right: money has ruined our Democratic process. Billionaires have made this country into an oligarchy that must be tamed. College debt is ruining the hopes of millennials. And on and on.

His loud voice - and the passionate crowds who have attended his rallies — has dragged the party and Clinton to the left. The presumptive nominee must address these economic issues if she wants to keep Bernie's base fired up for the November elections. It is probably way too early to discuss Hillary's potential running mate, but Bernie or Elizabeth Warren or Ohio Sen.

be good selections to keep the growing ultraliberal wing of the Democratic Party happy.

On the Republican side, well, at least we no longer have the dozen or so clowns who were in the race in late 2015 polluting our airwaves any-

But, we still have the 800-pound Gorilla from Fifth Avenue, Donald Trump, on an even bigger stage than before. Despite some bruising playground scrapes with Ted Cruz and the not-readyfor-primetime senator from Florida, Marco Rubio, Trump will emerge as the last man standing in the GOP primary campaign. Like the skunk at the garden party, he will continue (bless his soul) to make the Republican establishment mighty uncomfortable. Could he be the Trojan Horse that finally blows up the regressive venom and obstructionism of the radical right?

Like almost everyone with manners, I find Trump's style and rhetoric to be unacceptable and he has debased our culture. His xenophobia may have gotten him the Republican nomination, but that won't fly in a need intelligent independent voters who want a leader they can trust with his or her finger on the nuclear button.

But there are two things he has espoused that I believe are more progressive than Hillary's stances: staying out of Middle Eastern civil wars and repealing the unfair carried interest tax on hedge fund millionaires. Trump has spoken out about both of these issues and Hillary has, unfortunately, been strangely silent.

If nothing else, perhaps Sanders and then Trump can make Hillary a better candidate, a better leader and a more progressive president. She has almost all the right experience and beliefs — but her two blind spots are intervention in the Middle East and coziness with Wall Street.

No matter what, it seems that America is about to get at least four years of New York values. And that sounds just fine to me.

Tom Allon, president of City & State NY, was a mayoral candidate in 2013 before he left to return to the private sector. Reach him at tallon@ cityandstateny.com.

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# Stan wants revenge on Montezuma

mericans of all political suasions coming to the sad realization that our First Lady a woman of undoubted talents who was a role model for many in her generation — is a congenital liar." -William Safire, New York Times, 1996

According to the front page of the New York Daily News, Donald Trump and those Americans who exercised their rights in New Hampshire by voting for Donald Trump are "brain dead." Really? What does the newspaper have to say about the Americans who used their time and energy, attempted to stay warm in the cold snowfall, and drove in traffic to vote for a woman who was called a "congenital liar" in a column written by William Safire, the Pulitzer Prizewinning writer for the New York Times?

I asked my readers to Google the column to truly understand who we were dealing with and prove that very little has changed about her in 20 years. She continues to lie and lie and Volumes have been written by many writers about this fabricator. Obviously, Mr. Zuckerman prefers a liar in the oval office? If he and others really want to learn about the Lying Queen, hop on over to the library and take out the book "Unlikeable" by Edward Klein. It is very fast reading and, as it says on the cover, you will learn about "The problem with Hillary."

Hey there Gov. Christie, congratulations on your pyrrhic victory. You did a great job delivering a knockout punch to Sen. Marco Rubio but you didn't seem to do anything to help yourself. Instead of wasting time and effort beating up on Marco, you would have done a lot better if you worked over Hillary. You would have been given credit for Sanders's big win over her. There is a whole lot left to say about the Lying Queen, but you said nothing. For a smart guy,



# IT'S ONLY **OPINION**

Stanley P. Gershbein

you lacked common sense. Maybe next time.

This was all over the news a week ago, but just in case you were away, here's a bit of information you might have missed:

Sen. Chuck Schumer is calling Republicans "obstructionists" for threatening to block President Obama's lame-duck Supreme Court nominee. This is the same Chuck Schumer who, a few years ago, called for Democrats to block any new Supreme Court nominations by President Bush a full 19 months before he left office. Hey there Mr. Senator, it was a great idea then, and it is just as good now. Oh, I understand the shoe is on the other foot, and that gives you the right to change your mind. Yea! Right!

Nobody really likes wars, but if I had to find something good to say about them, it would be that we learn a bit about geography. Be honest. Up until now, how many of you knew where Falluja, Mosul, and Benghazi are? Sad to say, even though they've been in the news quite a bit, so many of us still don't know. But I did learn, after singing about it all of my life, where "the shores of Tripoli" are. I am StanGershbein@Bellsouth.net looking forward to learning where "the halls of Montezuma" are.

# Feminists silent over vagina butchery



Shavana Abruzzo

Jacobs to stop dehumanizing women and railroading Westerners into swallowing barbarous, foreign customs — hook, line, and sinker.

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Woman's Day

March, 8 is a great

grotesque gynecol-

Arora and Allan

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The U.S.-based doctors' potty proposal in the British Medical Journal calls for a "compromise solution" to female genital mutilation, a life-threatening, nonmedical procedure that butchers the clitoris and lobotomizes a woman's sexuality to appease the whims of sadistic men. The rite is outlawed in America, but Muslims, Coptic Christians, and Ethiopian Jews continue to mangle vaginas with impunity - just because.

Physicians such as Shah Arora and Jacobs should be healing the harmed and enlightening the ignorant, not pushing amendments they claim will stop Westerners from being "culturally insensitive and supremacist and discriminatory towards women" and prevent "vacation cutting," a trend where girls are taken to their homelands during summer months to have their most intimate part sliced and diced like a turkey. The torturous practice — often done in unsanitary conditions without anaesthetic, using rusty blades, knives, broken glass, and thorns — leaves victims with lifelong pain, suffering, and unhappiness.

Somali-born activist Ayaan Hirsi Ali, who was genitally mutilated at age 5, says manglers are usually family, adding to the defenseless victim's helplessness.

'The people who are doing this are fathers, mothers, grandmothers, aunts," she says.

Feminist banshees oddly silent over the rotten rite practiced in dozens of African

countries, and in Malaysia, Indonesia, Egypt, Yemen, Iraqi Kurdistan, Oman, Jordan, and the Palestinian territories, plus in the diaspora commu-

nities in America, Europe, and Australia.

Female genital mutilation bastardizes a woman at her core, and should be reviled and criminalized everywhere, but obtuse obstetricians Shah Arora and Jacobs are too busy exploiting it for personal gain to care much about civil liberties or Western ideals.

By their diabolical reasoning we should let immigrants from Madagascar dance with corpses on national feast days, allow Indian-Americans to toss newborns off roofs to hail a 500-year-old tradition, and permit Shiite Americans and their kids to publicly cut themselves with razors until they bleed to celebrate the death of Mohammed's grandson.

What bull.

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# Jo saw one Oscar-nominated movie but she knows they're all terrible

kay, Leo won. Can we finally quit the boo-hoo crying act now and get on

I'm so glad he finally got the nod and won the little gold man, although "The Revenant" was the only movie I saw, it was, sad to say, far too violent for me, and I didn't like it all.

As for the other movies nominated, how does "Mad Max" even rate a vote? But, hey, if the members of the academy liked it, who am I to say different?

All I can say is that this year's show was a dud. I'm really so confused. Is the Oscars about awarding people in the industry for putting on a good film? Or is it a space for every Tom, Dick, and Lady Gaga to address their own personal agendas and spout away? One would think that the show is only there for the oh-so important celebrities to share their

The foggy old members even took away the joy of finding out what designer designed which outfit for which actress. The



# **NOT FOR NUTHIN'**

Joanna DelBuono

talking heads were not allowed to ask, "Who are you wearing?" Why? Is it not politically correct any longer? My goodness, how I miss Joan and Melissa.

Chris Rock did an okay hosting job — for about 10 minutes. He needed to address the race matter, which he did with some humor, but then, like a 4-yearold with a poop joke, he dragged the rant for far too long. We get it - no African-American actors were chosen, no African-American directors' films were chosen. But you can't say the show was totally devoid of diversity. I didn't find it racist — I found the nominations to be classless.

Can we get back to the days when Oscar was just Oscar? When an award show was just a night of dress-up and entertainment? I am tired of all the political, ecological, sexist, racist, and gender issues that abound at every award extravaganza.

List the movie, the star, the script, the sound track, who the winners are, and be done with

I have better things to do than to wade through the muck and mire of what Oscars night has become.

Not for Nuthin'TM, but I just might boycott next year's Oscars — unless they bring Billy Crystal back. Until then I'm flipping the channel to the Shopping Network.

Follow me on Twitter @ JDelBuono.

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# Lenore loves this King Tut tomb!

n Nov. 26, 1922, Howard Carter took out the little chisel his grandmother had given him on his 17th birthday when he, an English lad, was already obsessed by ancient Egypt. Now pushing 50, a middle-aged archeologist who had seemed promising, then washed up, then possibly promising again, Carter was standing in a hole in Egypt's Valley of the Kings, sweating.

Hoping against hope, he tapped his childhood chisel on the underground doorway of what looked like it could be a tomb, or at least some kind of repository. Once he finally made a hole, he poked a candle through.

"Can you see anything?" asked his companion and benefactor, George Herbert.

Carter replied. "Yes," "Wonderful things."

And I just saw them, too: The gold and glories — and tchotchkes — of King Tut's tomb.

At the Discovery of King Tut, a midtown exhibit that faithfully recreates exactly what Carter saw when he became the first human in 3,000



# **RHYMES WITH CRAZY**

Lenore Skenazy

years to lay eyes on Tut's tomb. you wander through room after room of amazing artifacts, with the special excitement of seeing them just the way they were when first discovered.

The room full of "amazing things" that Carter saw looks exactly like the attic of an eccentric aunt. There are beds shaped like animals, wheels leaning against each other like a bunch of ancient bike tires, trunks, stools, vases, and — oh yes — a baby throne made out

abandoned as any highchair you'd put in your attic once your child-king outgrew it.

Weirdest of all are the dozens of egg-shaped containers slightly larger than footballs. These held food for the afterlife — the sacred lunch boxes of their day.

As you wind your way through the exhibit, chocka-block with dazzling golden coffins and surprising hieroglyphics (including a whole wall done in a baboon motif), your audio guide informs you of the fact that Carter had been searching for King Tut's tomb ever since he learned that the statue of a later pharaoh once actually had another name on it: "Tutankhamun." The later pharaoh had chiseled off Tut's name off the front and replaced it with his own — missing Tut's name on the back.

An ancient cup also inscribed with Tut's name made Carter increasingly certain that history had not accounted for King Tut, and neither had archeologists. But who was Tut? There was no other trace of him. If he had ruled, where

of gold. It is sitting in the back, was he buried? Why had no one found him yet?

> Carter convinced Herbert, the fifth Earl of Carnarvon, to fund his search, and spent years digging fruitlessly, searching for Tut's tomb. Carnarvon was about to call it quits when Carter begged him for one more season of funding. Reportedly worried that Carter would finally find the tomb just when he pulled out, the earl signed another check.

> But back to Egypt: At around the time of this final, funded season, one of Carter's minions – a boy who brought jars of water to the workers — dug into the sand to make a little hole to hold one of the jars. He always did this, to make them stand upright. But this time, his hand hit a smooth, flat surface.

It was the top of a long-buried staircase.

The rest is ancient history. But the exhibit is so vibrant, this history doesn't feel that far removed. In an era when ISIS is blowing up monuments because it wants to erase the past, Tut's successor chiseling his name off of statues seems familiar. And once you learn the soap opera of Tut's family - his grandfather was a great and beloved ruler, his dad reversed everything the grandpa had done, even changing the country's religion and capital, then Tut changed all it back the young king doesn't seem so unreachable. You see the tiny coffin that contained his stillborn daughter. You learn there were flowers still on his casket when Carter uncovered it.

Then you exit back to the modern kingdom of New York City, dazzling, magnificent, invincible. And you wonder: Who will wander the exhibit about us?

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# LEGAL NOTICE

Perry AKA Reni Seyifunmi. My present address is 2069 Nostrand Ave, Brooklyn, birth is Brooklyn, NY. My date of birth is November 18, 1980.

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SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS Index No.: 1044/2013 NY 11210. My place of DLJ Mortgage Capital, Inc Plaintiff(s), Against

LEGAL NOTICE

Carrie Narain, et al., Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered in the Kings County Clerk's Office on 7/23/2015, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction in 224 Kings Room 0f County Supreme Court. 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on 3/31/2016 at 2:30 PM. premises known as 1459 Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn, NY 11230, and described as follows:

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, State of New York and designated on the tax maps of the Kings County Treasurer Block 6558 and Lot 79.

The approximate amount of the current Judgment lien is \$751,960.84 plus interest and costs. The premises will be sold subject to provisions of the aforesaid Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale: Index # 1044/2013.

JOHN DALLI, Esq., Referee. ጲ SHFI DON MAY

ASSOCIATES Attorneys at Law, 255 Merrick Road, Rockville Centre, 11570 File

Dated: 2/2/16 Number: 24933 **GMH** 

# LEGAL NOTICE

# **NOTICE OF SALE**

SUPREME COURT: KINGS COUNTY One West Bank, FSB;

Plaintiff(s) THOMAS JOHNSON IV, if living, or if either or dead; et al; be

Defendant(s) for Plaintiff Attorney (s) (s): ROSICKI, ROSICKI & P.C., ASSOCIATES, Summit Court, Suite 301, Fishkill New York. 12524, 845.897.1600 Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale granted herein on or about June 25, 2015, I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder at in 224 of Kings Room

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# LEGAL NOTICE

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# LEGAL NOTICE

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# LEGAL NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTAL

2014-1152/A

CITATION PEOPLE OF THE THF STATE OF NEW YORK BY THE GRACE OF GOD, **FRFF** AND INDEPENDENT. To Valerie Ann Bruce, if living and if dead, to her heirs at law, next of kin and distributes whose names and places of residence are unknown and if she died subsequent to the decedent herein, to her executors, administrators. legatees, devisees, assignees and successors in interest whose names and places residence are unknown and to all other heirs at law, next of kin and distributes of George Bruce. the decedent herein. whose names and places of residence are unknown and cannot after diligent inquiry be

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A petition having been duly filed by Lauren Bruce, who is domiciled at 1483 Lincoln Place Brooklyn, NY 11213. YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, Kings County, at Johnson Street Brooklyn, 11201, on March 29th, 2016, at 9:30 a.m., Rm 319

WHY the account of the proceedings of LAUREN BRUCE. as Administrators the GEORGE estate οf BRUCE, deceased, а of CODV which is

attached, should not be judicially settled and, WHY the administrators should not be empowered to settle compromise and certain claims for wrongful deal against defendants. FI IZABETH Y. OBI and EMANUEL K OBI, for the sum of \$100,000.00 and to discontinue any claim for conscious pain and suffering, and WHY the provisions in the

limited Letters of Administration issued to petitioners the on

permit said compromise Drogaris, 483 80th St., purposes.

# LEGAL NOTICE

and

WHY the filing of a bond should not be dispensed with WHY the defendants or defendant's the insurance company should not pav 10 Buttafouco & Associates, PLLC. out of the proceeds of the settlement for the claim for wrongful death, the sum of \$32,940.00 as and for attorneys fees, together with disbursements the sum of \$1180.00. WHY the entire recovery of \$100,000.00 should not be allocated to the

cause Ωf action for decedent's wrongful death, and WHY the balance of the settlement, to wit, the sum of \$65,880.00, should not be distributed solely to LAUREN BRUCE, spouse of decedent, GEORGE BRUCE

WHY upon payments are

hereingbefore mentioned LAUREN **BRUCE** that should not be permitted to execute and deliver general releases and all other necessary papers to the insurance companies, releasing them from all claims against them arising out of the aforesaid action for wrongful death, together with any other papers necessary to effectuate the said compromise. Dated, Attested February 16th, Sealed.

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Brooklyn, NY 11209 Purpose: Any lawful Principal purpose business location: 101 Marine Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11209.

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# LEGAL NOTICE

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# New York arbor Watch



ATTENTION: Capt. Patrick Murphy speaks to Iraqis during his deployment to Baghdad in 2004. Under Secretary of the Army Patrick Murphy

# Murphy is the new Under Sec. of Army

# HARBOR WATCH

Patrick J. Murphy, a thirdgeneration veteran and the first soldier from the Iraq War elected to Congress, was officially sworn in as the 32nd under secretary of the Army in a Pentagon ceremony on

Murphy had been confirmed by the Senate as under secretary on Dec. 18, and legally sworn into the post on Jan. 4. Three days later, on Jan. 7, he was appointed as acting secretary of the Army, effectively giving him dualhat responsibility.

This week before the 42-year-old Murphy took the oath administered by Army General Counsel Alissa M. Starzak, hosts Army Chief of Staff Gen. Mark A. Milley and Eric K. Fanning addressed the packed auditorium.

Fanning, who has been nominated by President Obama to be the next Secretary of the Army but not yet confirmed by the Senate, opened his remarks by explaining how he first met Murphy.

Fanning was a newly minted under secretary of the Navy when he met Murphy for the first time. Murphy was in Congress leading

the charge for the repeal of "don't ask, don't tell."

"It wasn't at all clear that the repeal would pass," Fanning said. "It took the incredible leadership of Patrick and a small group of others willing to lead this charge to ensure repeal. Patrick, there are more people than you know grateful for your courage, thank you."

Fanning also addressed Murphy's father, a former sailor who served 22 years with the Philadelphia Police Department.

"Jack, Patrick tells us that you taught him that you have to stand for something or you'll fall for anything, so you damn well better stand for something," Fanning continued. "It's clear Patrick has taken these words to heart. I don't think anyone doubts his positions or his convic-

Murphy is a 1996 graduate of Kings College in Pennsylvania, where he was captain of the hockey team and student government president as well as a graduate of the Army Reserve Officer Training Corps at the University of Scranton.

Following graduation, he was commissioned a second Continued on page 30

# **Desert Storm Day**

# Veterans remember the 25th anniversary

#### HARBOR WATCH

Exactly 25 years ago from Feb. 24 to 28, 1991, U.S. and coalition ground forces rolled across the desert from Saudi Arabia with the goal of routing Iraqi occupiers out of Kuwait. That mission took just 100 hours.

A Desert Storm veteran recounted his experiences in the Gulf War.

Lt. Col. Mark Cassel was a second lieutenant when he received orders to Saudi Arabia during Desert Shield, the buildup phase to Desert Storm.

In August, the tank platoon leader, assigned to the 2nd Armored Brigade, 24th Infantry Division, arrived with four M-1 Abrams tanks, each manned by four soldiers for a total of 16.

Normally, a second lieutenant would need to rely on his senior non-commissioned officer for a lot of advice on how things are done, he said. However, Cassel was a former enlisted soldier with the Nebraska Army National Guard, so he already had a lot of experience "shooting and driving tanks."

In the months that followed. he would get to know his men very well, and they him.

Their first priority when they arrived, he said, was setting up a defensive line in Saudi Arabia, because, as the thinking went at the time, the Iragis would not stop with the capture of Kuwait. They would try to take Saudi Arabia and push the U.S. forces out to sea or neutralize them.

That, of course, didn't happen, so soldiers spent months practicing drills and going out on maneuvers, "but, you can only do so much of that," Cassel said, adding that "everyone was eager for action."

Then a rumor went around that "we'd be out before Christmas," he said. "Soon, people were saying 'Let's just go get this over with.' That was the prevailing attitude."



**DESERT STORM REMEMBERED:** Soldiers from the 11th Air Defense Artillery with a stringer launcher during Operation Desert Shield.

SSGT F. Lee Corkran; USAF

Christmas, but did welcome Christmas presents: brandnew M1A1 Abrams tanks out of Fort Stewart, Ga., to replace their weary M-1 tanks. The nice thing about the M1A1s, he said, is that they sported 120mm guns that could shoot farther and more powerfully than the 105mm guns that were on the M-1s.

So they took a two-day training class on how to take the new 120s apart, clean the breach, and so on, he said. They were soon ready to go again. When the air and naval bombardment phase of the war began on Jan. 17, heavy equipment transporters arrived and the men loaded their tanks on them.

"You're basically sitting in your tank on a low-boy trailer, going down the road," toward the border with Kuwait, he said, adding that it was pretty neat.

For the next five weeks, they just sat at the border waiting for the word to cross the line of departure (LD).

Then on Feb. 24, they were ordered to cross the LD into Iraq. The brigade's 56 tanks, which included his four, swept far to the left across the desert in an effort to outflank and cut They didn't go home for off the Republican Guard, Cas-

sel said. Infantrymen in Bradley Fighting Vehicles were also in the formation.

From the time they crossed the LD to the end of the first day was a surreal experience, he said. They were literally driving blind through a ferocious sandstorm where no one could see anyone else, were it not for their thermal sights.

"You don't really appreciate those sights until you need them," Cassel said.

For the first two days they drove deep into Iraq, driving about five or six hours. Then they stopped for the fuel tankers to catch up. The tanks with plow and mine roller attachments gobbled up more fuel than the other tanks, he said, so when they were down to a quarter of a tank, "we'd stop until they'd fueled us up and then we'd keep going.'

At the time, GPS wasn't in use so "when I talked to a buddy who was doing the fuel mission, he said they just followed our tracks [through the sand] until they caught up to us. We drove a long ways and used lots of fuel."

From time to time, they small splattering sounds outside their tanks.

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# Career opportunities after service

# Capitol Hill subcommittees meet to discuss military and veteran affairs

#### HARBOR WATCH

As the Army draws down to 490,000 soldiers, many will be looking for civilian careers, and Sgt. Maj. of the Army Daniel A. Dailey said the service has "invested heavily" in ensuring they are successful.

On Capitol Hill on Feb. 26, Dailey met with lawmakers of the House Appropriations Committee, subcommittee on military construction, veterans affairs, and related agencies to discuss quality-of-life issues. One reoccurring topic of discussion was credentialing for soldiers.

When a soldier drives a truck in the Army, or has been trained as an electrician, for instance, that soldier may want to eventually take those skills out of uniform and into the private-sector workforce. Often that requires some form of credentialing in the state he or she hopes to live in.

Lawmakers were interested in what could be done to make that credentialing process easier for soldiers - as credentialing requirements vary from state to state, and also cost money.

"This is something the Army has invested heavily in over the past several years," Dailey told lawmakers. "We have made great strides. The Army has become 88 percent



AFTER ARMY: Sgt. Maj. of the Army Daniel Dailey, left, talks with Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy Mike Stevens, Sgt. Maj. of the Marine Corps Ronald Green, and Chief Master Sqt. of the Air Force James Cody.

compliant with the VOW Act in the last three years, and we have had great help through Congress."

The Army has made great strides with regards to credentialing, Dailey said, adding that it is helping communities recognize the value of military experience.

The Army has already credentialed more than 30,000 soldiers with the help of Congress, Dailey said. But more could be done. Tuition assistance, he said, might be used to help soldiers get access to credentials, for instance. That would make the skills they learned in the Army more valuable in the private sector.

Dailey said so far he's seen "great improvement" in the efforts to prepare soldiers for civilian employment. Between 2012 and 2015, "the Army alone has reduced its non-employment compensation from over \$512 million to \$250 million," he said.

"We have to open our aperture on things like tuition assistance, and allow our young men and women who deserve those credentials — the great skills that they hone while they are soldiers, sailors, and airmen and Marines can be added upon with these credentials, and they will be more valued ... when they become soldiers for life in the future."

Dailey said such an investment would be small. Credentials, he said, cost anywhere from \$150 to \$500.

"There is no reason we can't invest in them," he said. 'We have proven that investing in them now is a great investment for us in the future."

Regular Army soldiers typically live on or near a military installation — a Nexis of services for uniformed personnel. But Army National Guard and Army Reserve soldiers don't always live near a military installation, Dailey said. For them, accessing the resources provided to regular Army soldiers — things like mental health services, for instance is more difficult.

The Army's been trying to stem suicides among soldiers

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people were test firing their

50-cals," he said. "We found

out we were taking enemy ar-

tillery and mortar fire. It just

wasn't impressive" and there

was not much in the way of

Jalibah Airfield in Iraq, Cas-

sel said, some 80 miles west

of Basra. They reached it the

a defensive line and through-

out the night the U.S. artillery

and Multiple Launch Rocket

Systems "just pounded the

The brigade's tanks formed

Their objective was the

damage and no injuries.

night of the third day.

"At the time, we thought

for years now - and has made great strides in that effort. But this year, Dailey said, the Army has seen an increase in suicides.

"This year was a tough year for the U.S. Army," he said. "We actually saw an increase in suicides and some of that was in our Guard and Re-

The Army has expanded the availability of Behavioral Health Teams to levels "greater than we have ever seen," Dailey said. Already there are 58 such teams embedded down to the unit level. But for Reserve soldiers, that's not enough.

"We can do more," Daily said. "And where you can help us is getting that help out to the National Guard and Reserves. They are dispersed throughout the U.S."

Dailey also outlined top Army priorities for lawmakers. The first of those is readiness, he said - as it is for Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. Mark A. Milley.

"As we draw our Army to historic lows ... readiness will always be our No. 1 concern," he said. "That's where we need to focus our attention. We do need predictable resources to make sure our soldiers are prepared to do the mission we ask them to do."

# **SECRETARY**

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lieutenant in the Army Reserve, but remained on inactive duty while attending law school from Widener University, earning his juris doctor in 1999.

In 2000, Murphy went on active duty serving with the Judge Advocate General Corps and teaching constitutional law at West Point. Following the 9-11 attacks, Murphy volunteered for overseas deployment, serving in Bosnia in 2002 and in Baghdad as a JAG lawyer with the 82nd Airborne Division from 2003 to 2004. Murphy worked to reconstruct the justice system from some 1.5 million Iragis and also prosecuted two high-level terrorists in Iraq's highest court.

The Army's chief of staff expressed his support for Murphy, saying the secretary has

the traits of Army leadership taught from the beginning of any Army career: competence. commitment, and character.

He said Murphy has an "exceptional level" of confidence, "from what I have seen day in and day out many hours a

"Commitment — it comes through in spades, every day, in every meeting on every issue — he has an incredible amount of commitment," said Milley.

"He's also got a huge amount of character, which is a lot of different things, but one part of character that I look to the most is integrity — that portion of your character, which means you're going to stand tall in the breach, that you've got a spine of steel and you're willing to tell truth to power no matter the personal consequences — that level of courage

I see in Secretary Murphy."

possessed "enormous compassion" that was selfless and focused on soldiers, their families, and the Army civilian corps.

"This is a secretary who has tremendous amount of talent and energy, and this is a secretary that I personally am very proud to serve alongside — so thank you Secretary Murphy for doing what you're going to do for the country and for what you've already done," he said.

the swearing-in, After Murphy was presented a presidential commission signed by Obama, then he took a few minutes to address the audience, thanking family, friends, and Army leadership, past and

"This is such an awesome, awesome honor to be back with the Army family. I joined it at age 19 when I was a student at Kings College," he said, explaining the Army would be doubling Milley said Murphy also down on Soldier for Life.

The next morning, they engaged the Iraqi tanks, which were the old Soviet ones, dating back to World

airfield," he said.

War II.

"Ours was a fairly easy op-

eration," he said. The Iraqis had their tanks dug in facing south in a defensive line. "We came around from the west and tore them up. They didn't have the range to get us and weren't oriented to shoot us," he said.

One of the most interesting parts of the war, he said, was that some tanks in his unit shot at Iraqi fighter jets on the airfield, in an attempt to take them out before they became airborne and posed a

"People were calling in SITREPS [situation reports]: 'This is White Platoon. Destroyed three enemy tanks and one jet fighter." Higher headquarters was incredulous, he said.

The battle lasted maybe half an hour, he said. "That was it for us." His unit was ordered not to cross the Euphrates River and continue northward.

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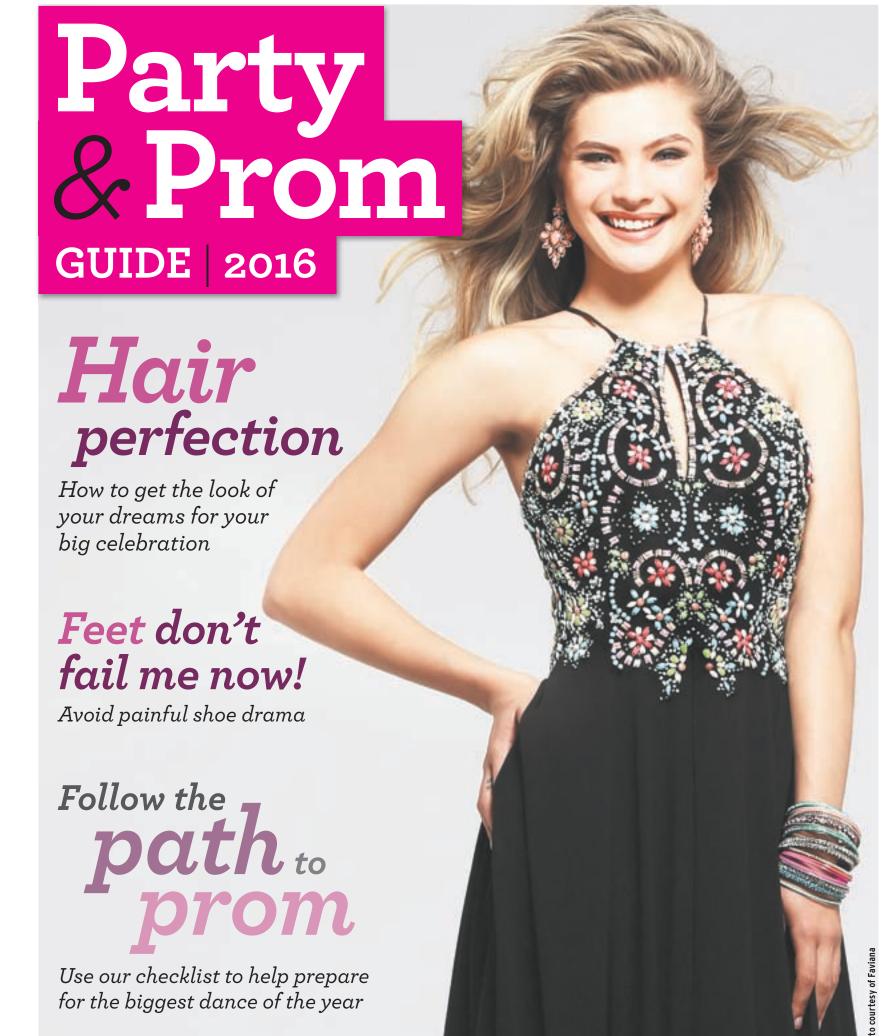






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# 3 months before the prom

- ☐ Scour fashion magazines for dress inspiration! Tear out pages that excite you and gather them in a folder. Whether it's the style or color you love in the photograph, at least you're narrowing down options.
- ☐ Ask friends who might be interested in sharing a ride. Keep a running list of confirmations. ☐
- ☐ Start calling limousine companies

- to inquire about rates and availability. Keep a list of "possibilities."
- best rate for a limousine, deng which after-prom to attend saving money to do it all, you'll Pay attention to your favorite celebrities for hair styles you love. Clip pictures from magazines.
  - ☐ If you have an after-school job, consider picking up more hours if you can. Jobless? Get out there and submit some applications. It'll be helpful when saving money for the big night.
  - ☐ Create a budget. Try to stick with

# 2 months before the prom

- ☐ Hit the stores with your dress inspiration folder. Try on as many dresses as you can. Start to narrow down to your top-five choices. Bring friends and family for opinions if necessary.
- ☐ Gather up after-prom party options. Call companies and see what incentives they offer for bringing

a group. Share information with friends and pick your favorite so you can budget accordingly!

- Collect a down payment from friends who will be sharing a ride with you. At this point you should be seriously considering at least one company you felt offered a good deal. Place a down payment on your ride of choice.
- ☐ Price out some hair stylist options if you are getting your hair done professionally. If not, start trialing hair styles yourself and keep notes of which product(s) worked best.
- □ Update your budget if necessary.

  Don't forget to add in the ticket to your prom. Ask around at school to find out what the cost per person will be.
- Work, work and work some more to save money! Ask family and friends if they have any opportunities for you to make some extra

money — babysitting, dog walking, anything!

# 1 month before the prom

- ☐ If you haven't purchased your dream dress do it now! Arrange for alterations if needed.
- ☐ Start shopping for accessories: bag, shoes, and jewelry. Consider borrowing items from family and friends to save some money!
- ☐ Schedule all beauty appointments
   hair, nails, and teeth whitening. Remember to schedule early appointments as to not get behind schedule on the big day.
- Hopefully you started paying for after-prom tickets already and are knee-deep in payments from friends. Keep the momentum going and place a deadline to encourage commitments.
- ☐ Continue paying for your transpor-Continued on page 38

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tation, finish up the payments if possible.

☐ Purchase prom dinner ticket at school.

# 3 weeks before the prom

- ☐ Do a trial run of the dress, shoes, purse, hair and make-up to see if the look is everything you'd hoped
- ☐ Check in with your date. Discuss any seating arrangements or transportation dilemmas that you need help working out.
- ☐ Finish up after-prom ticket purchases!

# 2 weeks before the prom

- ☐ Start wearing your shoes around the house to break them in.
- Exfoliate in the shower with a good body scrub and loofah. Your skin will glow just a bit more in photographs!
- ☐ Give up snacks for the next two weeks. You'll be surprised what a difference it will make. Drink lots of water instead!

# 1 week before the prom

- ☐ Try on the dress and accessories again — this is your last chance for changes!
- ☐ Call to confirm all beauty appointments.
- Do a little "at home" facial with some friends. Use products you've used before but relax a bit with a 

  Pick up your date's boutonniere



mask to cleanse your pores.

- work? Consider borrowing one if yours is not up to par.
- ☐ Place the order for your date's boutonniere. Select a color that complements your dress.

# 1 day before the prom

- ☐ Charge camera and cellphone
- ☐ Pack your purse with necessities (gum, lipstick, ID, extra cash, cellphone and tickets to the prom and after-prom)

and keep refrigerated.

- ☐ Get your camera in order does it ☐ Have an "in-house" spa evening. Pamper yourself a bit with a mask, relaxing music and lotion. Be sure to only use products you've used before to decrease the risk of any breakouts or allergic reactions.
  - Go to sleep EARLY! You want to be □ well rested and look your best for tomorrow!

# Prom day

☐ Get up early and do some light ☐ stretching exercises to get your blood numping.

- ☐ Wear a button down shirt to get your hair done so you won't have any issues while changing into your dress.
- ☐ Call your limousine company to confirm the arrival time and pick up location.
- Drink lots of water. All the running around will dehydrate and tire you
- Check in with friends to ensure they are on schedule as well.
- Relax! You've got everything covered. Now go dance, take pictures, laugh with friends and enjoy!



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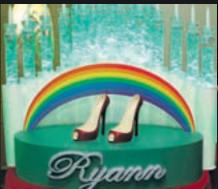
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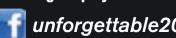
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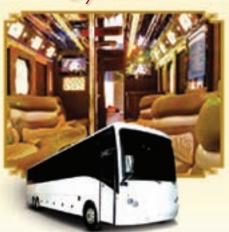
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# How comfortable are your

# SHOES?

# Don't let footwear ruin a big night

ing forward to prom or their Sweet 16 party are most excited about the chance to dress up and have their hair and makeup done. However, it can be difficult to be the life of the party or have fun at special events when uncomfortable footwear spoils the day.

For centuries, women have been renowned for the fashions they wear on their feet. But such fashion often comes with a steep price: pain. In fact, in ancient Chinese tradition, it was customary for girls' feet to be bound to inhibit the growth of feet and show off impossibly small shoe creations. The ideal length for a bound foot was roughly three inches. These small feet were seen as desirable and generally guaranteed a successful, wealthy husband.

Most women do not sub-

ost young women look- ject themselves to this sort of foot manipulations today, but there are plenty who squeeze into uncomfortable shoes in an effort to look taller, more elongated, or beautiful. Though uncomfortable footwear might be bearable for short periods of time, when hours are spent standing or dancing, uncomfortable shoes can prove torturous.

To avoid pain during your special day, choose shoes that will marry comfort with beauty. Here are some considerations:

Grab a platform. Instead of stiletto heels, consider shoes that add height by way of a platform heel. The flat sole will mimic walking in flat shoes, but the platform will offer the desired height.

Go shorter. Choose a shorter dress that works well with flats or low heels. Many women gravitate toward high heels when wearing floorlength gowns to avoid hemming the dress or to make it easier to maneuver around without the bottom of the gown puddling on the floor. When that obstacle is removed by way of a shorter dress, it opens up the possibilities for lower-profile shoes.

Think about wearing flashy flip-flops or sandals. There are many sandal styles that have been made more glamorous by way of rhinestones and other embellishments. These can look just as beautiful as other styles and be more comfortable for dancing. Plus, they'll enable the feet to breathe.

Strive for comfort. If you must we<mark>ar heels</mark>, spend a little more and select a brand known for emphasizing comfort in its designs. Many manufacturers are well-known for creating comfortable designs that feature flexible, lightweight soles and for adding padding to the shoes to cradle the feet. Other shoes can be enhanced with gel inserts and other custom orthotics.

Bring a spare pair of shoes. Different brands now offer foldable flat ballet shoes that can be stowed in a purse or bag and thrown on in a pinch — especially when the pinch comes by way of uncomfortable heels.

Pack a first-aid kit for your feet. To alleviate aches and pains, create an emergency kit with bandages, moleskin, a topical anesthetic, and even soothing foot powder to revive feet plagued by pain or blisters.



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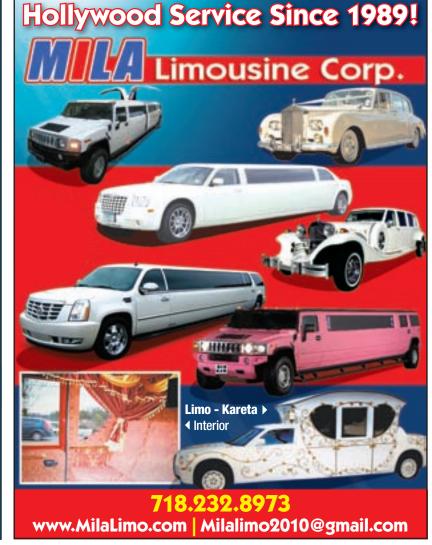


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"Sadly," says Dr. Lichter, "dental problems can have a real impact on quality of life. Many people hold back from laughing or smiling because they are uncomfortable about their appearance."

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"Unfortunately in today's world some of the care part has been lost. Skill and compassion go hand-in-hand when providing exceptional patient care."

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Dr. Lichter said he is proud to bring state-of-the art dentistry to Midwood.

"I am always trying to be on the cutting edge of my profession," he said. He appreciates the positive feedback he has been getting. The new office space that has been tripled in size allows the team to accommodate more patients more quickly.

This is a full service traditional dental practice that has been in Midwood for more than 65 years. Dr. Lichter is the third dentist to run the office. Of course Dr. Lichter performs traditional dental procedures such as teeth cleaning, fillings, root canal therapy and the removal of teeth. But in addition the practice offers the latest in restorative and cosmetic dentistry including implants, porcelain veneers and crowns and fixed bridges. These and similar procedures can make a broken smile look like new.

The office offers Invisalign, an alternative to metal braces that uses virtually invisible plastic aligners that gently shift teeth into place over a period of time. This alternative, the doctor said, has become increasingly popular with teens and adults. This procedure can have a long-term impact on quality of life.

The good news, Dr. Lichter said, is that people are learning to take better care

of their teeth. And as people in today's world expect to live longer they are more open to what cosmetic dentistry has to offer.

He acknowledges that modern dentistry can be expensive, especially for treatments that are not covered by insurance. "Dentists," he explains, "can have extremely high overhead, especially for work done outside the office." However Dr. Lichter said he attempts to keep dentistry affordable so everyone can benefit.

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# DATE with destiny

# Finding the right partner for prom

romnightisamomentous occasion for high school students. It is marked by tradition and serves as an opportunity for students to get together with friends for a final school-sponsored party before everyone embarks on life after high school. Prom may be the social event of the season, and students often take preparation quite seriously, with careful thought given to wardrobe and transportation.

But finding the right partner on prom night is also part of the prep work.

Kids will look back on prom night for years to come, and ensuring the night is memorable for all the right reasons often involves finding the right person to partner up with on prom night.

Students in established re-

lationships won't have much trouble picking their prom date. But many high school students are not in such relationships, making their choice of a prom night partner a little more complicated.

The following are a few pointers prom-goers can consider when finding a date:

Proms make poor first dates. Prom night is probably not the best time to go on a first date. Not that a new romance is impossible on prom night, but prom carries with it added pressure and the night may prove more enjoyable if you go with someone who knows you and your friends. Proms also are expensive, and you would put a relative stranger into an awkward spot to spend a great deal of money for a relationship that may never flour-



ish. Dates may also be uncomfortable when asked to mingle with people they don't know, so avoid turning prom night into a first date.

Prom doesn't have to be a

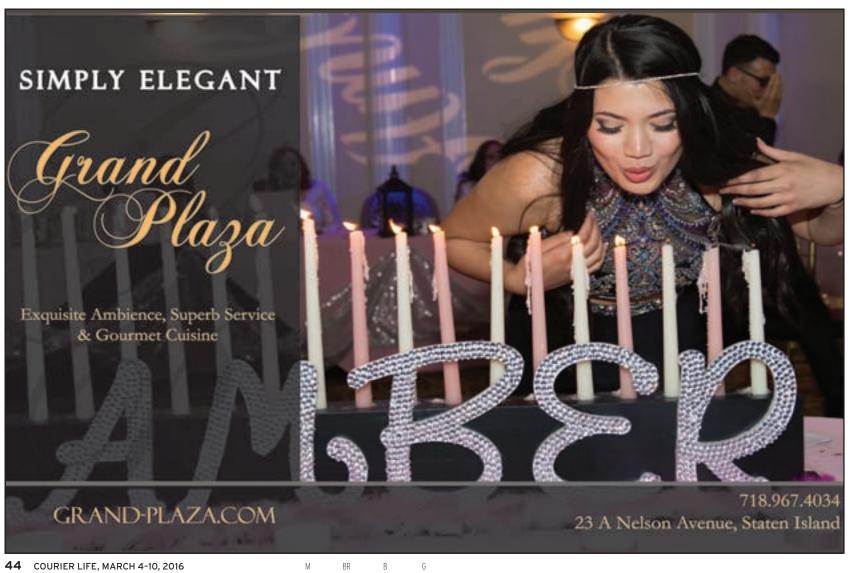
feel pressured to take a potential romantic interest to the prom. But sometimes it can be much more enjoyable to take a friend. This way you can let

loose and enjoy the festivities without feeling the pressure of making the night romantic.

Know your school's rules on couples. Some schools employ a laissez-faire attitude with regard to prom couples, allowing students to bring anyone along as their dates, while others restrict dates to current students. Confirm any restrictions regarding dates before asking anyone to prom or spending any money on tickets and other prom-related necessities.

Begin the search early. Don't wait until the last minute to ask someone. Prom can be a competitive time of year, and you may rest easier knowing your date is already secured. Start testing the waters early to see who might be interested in going as your date.

Be open-minded. Circumstance may find you and a fellow student without a date for the prom. Rather than attending alone, you may consider teaming up. The results may be better than you had expected when both of you have a nothing-to-lose attitude. Keep in mind that going with a date does not mean you have to remain glued to this person's side the entire time. If it's not working out, mingle with other friends.





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nce you have chosen your beaded gown, party-worthy hair is next on the priority lists. A fresh haircut or an intricate updo can perfectly complement a well-planned wardrobe. Some party-goers will dabble in styling techniques and products at home, but many will be visiting salons to perfect their luxurious locks.

For girls, the big night presents an opportunity to indulge in a complete grooming package that will include hair, makeup, nails, and faux tanning.

During prom season, salons are bound to fill appointments quickly, so teens should start planning their looks early on. The following tips can help you look your best come party night:

Select your dress and jewelry first. Choosing your dress and jewelry first allows you to customize your hairstyle to complement the rest of your look. Many girls want to follow a theme, such as romantic or sleek, come the big night, and hairstyle is an important element of such themes.

Book a trial appointment at the salon. When booking your hairstyle appointment, which should be done at least a month in advance of party night, book a trial appointment as well. Bring photos of your gown to your trial appointment and ask the stylist to make suggestions on which looks will complement the

Keep your hair texture and cut in mind when choosing a hairstyle. Although great stylists often can work magic with your hair, they can't do the impossible. If you have short hair and want a long, cascading style, you will need to invest in extensions. Ladies with naturally curly hair may have to spend more time in the chair having their hair straightened if they want a sleek bob. Sometimes it's in your best

interest to work with your

hair's natural texture.

Get a grasp of your role in crafting your hairstyle. Speak with your stylist about how long before the party you should undergo any chemical processes, including perms, coloring, straightening, or relaxing treatments. Do not make drastic changes right before the the big night. Any modifications should be made a few months before the big night so you can get acclimated to your new hair and make any necessary adjustments.

Take care of your hair so that it is healthy. Stick to a regular hair maintenance schedule, including trims every four to six weeks, so your locks look healthy on party night. Depending on your hair texture, a stylist may recommend deep-conditioning treatments. Always be gentle with your hair, avoiding tugging or harsh brushing while it is wet, as such treatment can lead to breakage. Practice, practice if you are go-

ing it alone. Make several trial runs if you plan to do your own hair, asking a friend or family member for help if you have difficulty working on your own hair.

Don't go crazy cleaning your hair. Oftentimes, complicated styles are more easily achieved with slightly "dirty" hair. Do not wash your hair the day of the party; do so the day before so your hair has more grip and will be less likely to slip out of pins or other hair accessories on the big day. Adding a little texturizer or pomade to hair can thicken it up and

> Have a backup plan at the ready. A backup plan covers you if your hair simply isn't cooperating or if the weather is not conducive to the style you selected. A sleek chignon or a messy French twist can reign in problem hair.

> Call the salon before you leave the house to ensure the stylist is running on time. Call ahead so you aren't left twiddling your thumbs as you wait for a tardy stylist at the salon. In addition,

> > wear a shirt that can be removed easily without disrupting your newly styled hair as you change into your dress.

Don't forget hair accessories. Ask your stylist to recommend any accessories you may need to keep your hair looking great through the night and don't forget them at home.

Keep your makeup artist in the loop. If a makeup artist will be doing your makeup, be sure he or she is brought up to speed on your party night hairstyle and the type of dress you will be wearing. Prom night and

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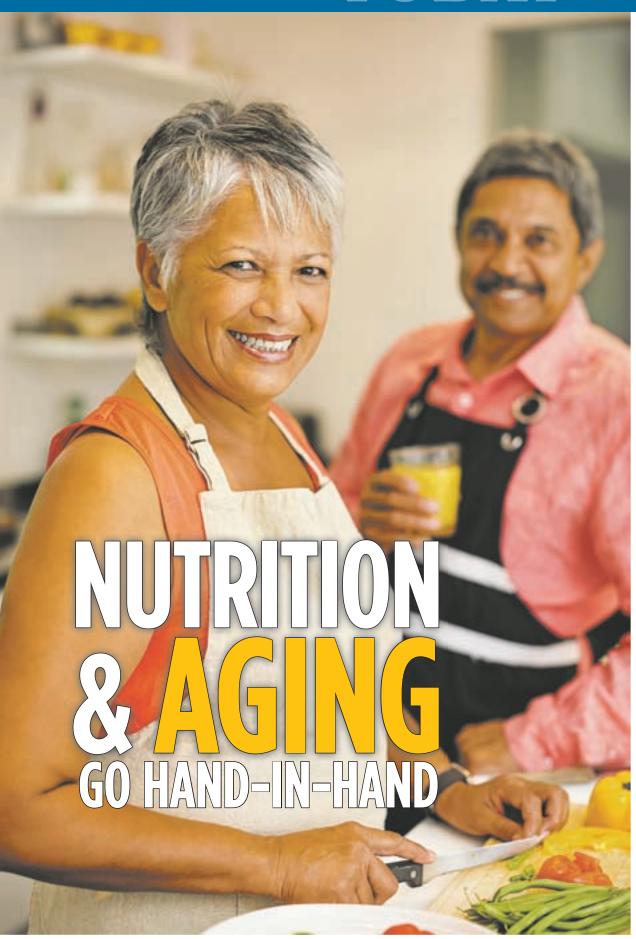
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# Eldercare





utrition is important for people of all ages, but it's especially important for men and women over the age of 50, who can dramatically improve their quality of life by eating a well-balanced diet filled with vitamins and nutrients. Though that may seem like common sense, research has shown that men and women in this age group, who are often referred to as baby boomers, are not necessarily as healthy as they may seem.

While the baby boomer generation, which is generally regarded as those people born between 1946 and 1964, boasts longer life expectancies than any generation that came before them, some of that can likely be chalked up to advancements in medical care, including a booming pharmaceutical industry that seemingly has an antidote to every ailment. But a 2013 study from researchers at the West Virginia University School of Medicine found that baby boomers are less healthy than the generation that immediately preceded them, tending to be more likely to have higher levels of hypertension, diabetes and high cholesterol. While that news might be sobering, it's never too late for men and women over 50 to start eating healthier diets, which can reduce their risk of a wide range of ailments, including heart disease, stroke and osteoporosis.

The following are a few ways men and women over 50 can alter their diets so their bodies are getting what they need to live long and healthy lives well into their golden years. As is always the case, men and women should discuss any potential changes to their diets with their physicians to ensure the changes will be both effective and healthy.

Balance your diet. Kids hear of the benefits of a balanced diet seemingly from the moment they enter a classroom for the first time. but many adults fail to heed that basic advice as they get further and further away from kindergarten. When changing your diet, be sure to include plenty of protein and carbohydrates. Protein maintains and rebuilds muscles, which is especially important for aging men and women who might find themselves unable to keep up with the physical demands of everyday life as well as they used to. Including ample low-fat protein, which can be found in fish, eggs and low-fat dairy among other foods, will aid in muscle recovery, benefitting aging athletes as well as those men and women over 50 who recently started exercising as a means to regaining their physical fitness. A diet lacking in sufficient protein can contribute to muscle deterioration, arthritis and even organ failure, so it's important for men and women to prioritize including protein in their diets.

Carbohydrates are also an important part of a balanced diet, as they are a great source of energy that can help men and women stay active well past the age of 50. Carbohydrates found in fruits, grains and vegetables are the

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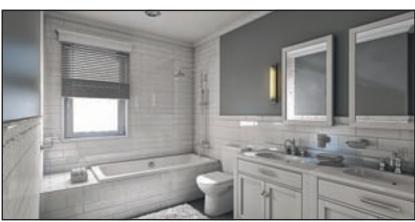






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# Home renovations to ensure senior safety

s adults approach their golden arthritis can make grasping or turnyears, the homes they once thought of as sanctuaries can become unsafe. Families wrestle with the decision to keep parents and grandparents in their homes or move them into assisted living facilities or other senior residences.

Modifying seniors' homes to make them safer is another option. The National Institute on Aging says that families may be able to have a senior stay at home by helping older relatives remain independent but safe. The following are a few ways to do just that:

# Remove fall hazards

The Institute reports that six out of 10 falls happen at home, where people spend the most time and fail to think about their safety. Seniors who want to be independent may overestimate their physical abilities. Because falls can be so dangerous, leading to cuts, abrasions, broken bones, and more, seniors and their families must take steps to prevent falls in homes.

Improve lighting, especially at night when sight may become diminished. Install hand rails and grab bars where possible. Pick up clutter and remove tripping hazards, such as slippery rugs or electric cords. Install an electric stair climbing seat to make traversing stairs less risky.

# Improve visibility and ability to communicate

Vision loss may accompany aging, but technology can help mitigate such losses. Use big-button phones, remote controls, and even keyboards so seniors can keep in touch. Voice-activated thermostats or smart home technology also can make it easier for seniors to voice their needs.

# Modify fixtures and other features

Dexterity may wane with age, and in their homes for many years.

ing doorknobs and faucets more challenging. Take inventory of areas of the home that present the biggest obstacles to seniors.

Replace knobs in the shower or on faucets with lever handles, which are easier to maneuver. Install new cabinets and doors that freely glide open and self-close. Replace toggle light switches with easier paddle-type switches that can be pushed with a hand or even arm. Motion-sensor lights also can be handy. Push-button oven controls may make cooking easier.

# Prepare for medical eméraencies

Invest in medical alert systems. such as necklaces or bracelets, that can be used to contact police or emergency medical personnel directly. Make phones available in commonly used rooms in the home, such as bedrooms, the living room, bathrooms, and the kitchen.

# Install ramps and nonslip flooring

Ramps can make it easier to reach the front door or cross over elevated doorway thresholds. Nonslip flooring also can prevent falls around the house, offering more traction for feet, walkers, or canes.

# Repair cracks in walkways and driveways

Safety should also extend to the outdoors. Be sure to repair cracks or uneven pavement. Replace loose patio blocks or bricks with a more stable design or with concrete or asphalt. While outdoors, trim back bushes and make sure there are no tripping hazards outside as well.

A few modifications can make it possible for seniors to live comfortably

# Learning to live on a fixed income

Difficult financial times have forced many people young and old to alter their lifestyles in order to stay afloat financially. Though unemployment has garnered most of the headlines as the economy has struggled the last several years, it's not just men and women of working age who have felt the pinch.

In a 2010 study from the University of Michigan Law School, researchers found that people age 65 and older are the fastest-growing segment of the U.S. population seeking bankruptcy protection. While there's no single culprit for the rise in bankruptcy filings among seniors, the state of Florida could offer valuable insight as to why the nation's older citizens are increasingly filing for bankruptcy.

Many retirees call Florida home, and in the past such retirees could tap into their home equity whenever they began to struggle financially. However, like most of the country, Florida's housing market is depressed, making it less viable for seniors to tap into their home equity to solve their financial problems. In fact, according to a study by the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts, bankruptcy filings in



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creased by 118 percent in states where the home price index decreased.

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come can be a helpful way of ensuring their future does not involve filing for bankruptcy. Though living on a fixed income is a definite challenge and certainly offers no guarantee that bankruptcy can be avoided, it does provide a framework seniors can rely on to keep their heads above water during difficult economic times.

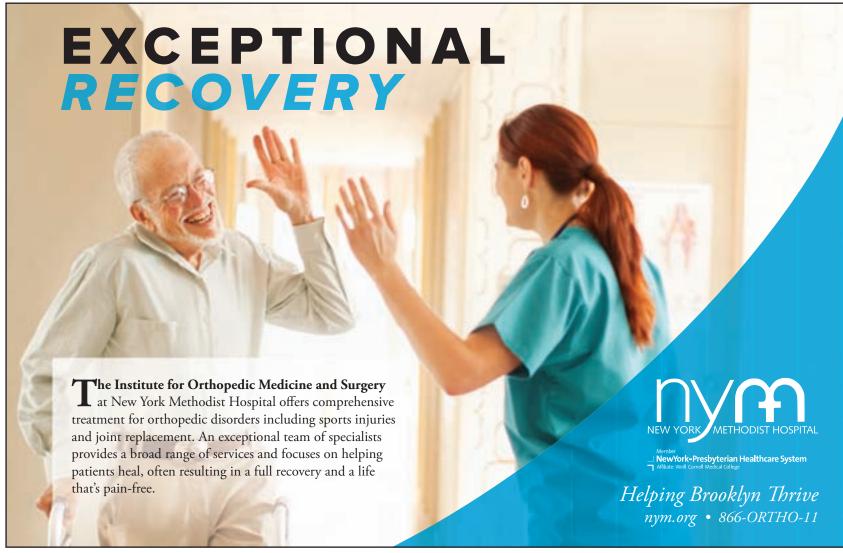
# Make an honest assessment

Living on a fixed income involves being honest with yourself and admitting what your resources truly are. Write down any sources of income, including Social Security payments, pension payouts, investments, etc. Then write down how much money you have in savings or print out a statement of all savings accounts.

Once you have an accurate figure of both income and savings, write down all your monthly expenses, including all expenses, no matter how minute they may seem. From here you can determine just how much you can spend each month.

# Prioritize spending habits

Some expenses, including medications and monthly utility bills, will always remain a top priority. However, those who must begin living on a *Continued on page 56* 





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# Types of home care

BY JOANNA R. LEEFER

our mom can no longer live independently and needs help with many activities of daily living. You know she requires some home care, but are not sure if you should hire an aide through an agency or find someone independently. The choice is personal, but there are factors that should be carefully weighed. Below is a list of essential factors that should be considered.

# Home health care agencies

The advantages of a certified agency are in the details. Private home care agencies typically offer a broad range of services including skilled nursing care, home attendant service, and companionship. A certified agency, i.e. an agency that has been licensed by the state, must conform to a strict set of regulations. All aides must go through formal training in dressing, bathing, nutrition, and helping with basic activities of daily living. An agency will replace an aide if you are not happy with her performance or will find a substitute if your aide is ill or needs time off. The agency's job is to insure you have an aide that fits your personal, as well as health care, needs. Even more importantly, an agency will cover any liabilities if there is an injury on the job.

Some "boutique" agencies offer services such as bill paying, correspondence writing, geriatric care management, transportation services, and other conveniences. These services come with a higher price tag but can be worth the expense.

Any aide hired through an agency goes through an extensive screening process. Her name is run through an FBI database to insure she is in the United States legally and has no criminal record. She must also come with personal references. Once an aide is hired, a certified agency is responsible for continuing her training through regular workshops on such topics as Alzheimer's disease, mental illness, and new developments in care.

## Independent home health aides

Many certified home care aides prefer to work independently rather than through an agency. By doing so they can negotiate their own terms and rates.

There are some appealing advantages to going this route. These aides are usually considerably less expensive to hire because they are cutting out the middleman. A portion of agency costs covers payroll expenses, insurance, and overhead costs.

An independent aide is also not restricted to certification regulations. The biggest difference regards administering medicine and medical responsibilities. Agency aides are not permitted to give medication, change bandages, or treat wounds. This is often frustrating for the client. This is not an issue for an independent aide. An aide can perform any of these tasks. But be cautious if you decided to permit this route. Many medications look alike and you don't want someone who might make a mistake.

An equally important issue regards accountability. If you hire someone independently you must forgo all the security checks that you get through an agency. In addition you will not be confirmed of training, screening, or liability insurance. There are no set procedures if the aide or family member is injured at home or if something in the home is broken or stolen.

Finally, there is the legal issue. Many people and aides prefer to work "off the books." Both family and the aide may see this as a win-win situation. However, this can cause complications, particularly if a family hopes to make their loved one Medicaid eligible. Medicaid is the federal government's health program for people with limited income and assets. If a person wants to become income eligible, he must "spend down" his savings to a set level. However, all this money that is being spent must accounted for. An aide who is paid off the books cannot be declared, which could cause complications and hold up the application process.

Whether you hire an aide independently or through an agency, you must weigh the pros of making your own rules with the cons of no accountability. Every family must weigh these facts against their own personal situation and make a choice that best fits their needs.

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Recognizing the early warning signs of Alzheimer's can encourage people to begin treatments that can stave off some of the more debilitating symptoms of this disease.

# The early warning signs of Alzheimer's disease

lzheimer's disease is the most common form of dementia. It is a progressive, degenerative disorder that attacks neurons and essentially robs people of their memory and language skills. Although there is no cure for Alzheimer's, there are therapies that can slow its neurological impact. Recognizing the early warning signs of Alzheimer's can encourage people to begin treatments that can stave off some of the more debilitating symptoms of this disease.

Millions of people in North America are estimated to have Alzheimer's disease and many others will be diagnosed. The following are the most common early signs and symptoms of the disease:

Memory loss: According to the Alzheimer's Organization, early memory loss can include forgetting important dates or repeatedly asking for the same in- thing that isn't happening in the formation. Forgetting recently learned information and having to rely increasingly on memory aids is another potential indicator of Alzheimer's.

Declining cognition: Impaired reasoning or judgment, trouble finding the right words, and visual and spatial issues also may be early indicators of Alzheimer's.

Difficulty completing familiar tasks: Those with Alzheimer's sometimes have trouble driving to a familiar location or remembering the rules to a favorite game. People who were once good with numbers may now have difficulty balancing their checkbooks, while those who love to cook may have trouble following recipes.

Time confusion: Another indicator of Alzheimer's disease is losing track of time. One may have trouble understanding somepresent. Alzheimer's sufferers often forget where they are and how they got there.

Misplacing items: Everyone loses something at a point in time, but those with Alzheimer's may put items in unusual places. They may sometimes accuse others of stealing when they cannot retrace their steps and find items.

Decreased judgment: Decision-making abilities may be compromised. A person with Alzheimer's may take unnecessary risks or give away sums of money.

Mood changes: People with Alzheimer's may suffer from confusion, suspicious feelings, depression and anxiety. A person may upset easily or become anxious outside of his or her comfort

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# **Understanding aortic stenosis**

ne day, my dad picked up the phone and I heard him breathing really hard on the other end," said Mary. "I asked him what was wrong and my dad said he was just out of breath these days. I knew something wasn't right."

When her father, 80-yearold Conrad, a typically vibrant and active person, began to experience a marked decrease in energy, he didn't think anything of it until Mary pointed out his shortness of breath. Conrad thought his symptoms were the normal signs of aging, but he soon discovered they were actually caused by a problem with one of the valves in his heart.

In your golden years, you've probably come to expect that your hair will turn gray and that you may lose a step or two in your tango. But did you know that feeling extremely tired or short of breath may signal a deeper, underlying problem? Aortic stenosis may be the culprit.



Up to 1.5 million people in the United States suffer from this progressive disease where the aortic valve in the heart narrows. This can be caused by a variety of reasons, including the buildup of calcium in the heart valve, a birth defect, rheumatic fever, or radiation therapy. Approximately 250,000 people suffer from the most severe form of aortic stenosis.

Aortic stenosis symptoms are often mistaken for signs of "normal" aging and may cause you to experience the following:

- Chest pain or tightness.
- · Fatigue.

- ·Shortness of breath.
- •Lightheadedness, dizziness, and/or fainting.
  - · Heart palpitations.
  - •Swollen ankles and feet.
- •Difficulty walking short distances or exercising.
- Sensations of a rapid fluttering heartbeat.
- •The need to sleep sitting upright instead of lying flat in bed.
- •Unable or unfit to engage in physical activities that you used to enjoy.

If you experience any of these symptoms, talk to your doctor right away as they may be signs of a serious health issue.

The American College of Cardiology and the American Heart Association guidelines recommend treatment quickly once a person is diagnosed with severe aortic stenosis. Once people begin experiencing symptoms, studies indicate that up to 50 percent of those with severe symptomatic aortic stenosis will not survive more than an average of two years.



# **INCOME**

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fixed income need to prioritize how they spend their discretionary funds. For instance, a membership at the local country club can cost several thousands of dollars per year, whereas the local public golf course only charges players each time they play. While the country club might have a better course, it could be more prudent to choose the public course and save the cost of a private membership instead.

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# Identifying and Treating Sleep Issues in the Elderly

he average adult over the age of 65 needs seven to eight hours of sleep a night to function during the day. That's fewer hours of sleep than are recommended for younger adults (seven to nine hours), and fewer still than are recommended for children (nine to ten), and infants (twelve to sixteen hours a day).

Unfortunately, the continually diminishing requirements for nightly sleep do not make it easier to get the sleep that is needed. In fact, physiological changes that occur over a lifetime, and health conditions that may develop with age, make it difficult for many older patients to get the restful sleep they need.

"Insomnia disproportionately impacts seniors," says Jeremy Weingarten, M.D., chief of pulmonary, critical care and sleep medicine at New York Methodist Hospital (NYM) and medical direc-

tor of NYM's Center for Sleep Disorders (CSD). "Pain due to arthritis, the frequent need to urinate, changes in circadian rhythms that contribute to reduced production of melatonin (the sleep hormone), and even medications used to treat chronic conditions such as hypertension and high cholesterol can all contribute to insomnia. Furthermore, seniors still contend with the same issues that can cause insomnia in younger patients. These can include depression, stress, physical conditions like obstructive sleep apnea and behavioral factors like a lack of exercise, consumption of caffeine, cigarette smoking and a poorly managed sleep schedule. In short: the obstacles to a good night's sleep keep piling up! But the good news is that insomnia is almost always treatable, no matter what its cause, and individualizing treatment improves the chances of success."

Dr. Weingarten notes that patients who benefit from evaluations at the Center for Sleep Disorders include those who regularly have difficulty getting to sleep or staying asleep, who gasp for breath during sleep, whose legs are "active" at night, who are tired when they wake up in the morning and cannot function normally during the day, or whose sleepiness and fatigue persists for more than two or three weeks.

"The Center specializes in sleep studies, also known as polysomnograms," says John Cunningham, technical director of the CSD. "A typical polysomnogram takes place over a 12 hour period, and utilizes computer software and specialized devices that monitor a patient's eye movement, breathing, leg movements, lung function, cardiac function and other vital physiological processes during sleep. If a physical sleep disorder such as obstructive sleep apnea is found to be the cause of insomnia, there are numerous surgical and non-surgical options to address it. Other disorders that a sleep study can help to pinpoint include restless legs syndrome/periodiclimb movement disorder, REM (rapid eye movement) behavior disorder, narcolepsy and seizure during sleep."

Those whose insomnia is behavioral may benefit from cognitive behavioral therapy, which can help patient to identify the "triggers" that are causing the behavior causing insomnia. Relaxation training, stimulus control, and working to craft a healthy routine are common components of cognitive behavioral sessions. Seniors whose sleep may be impacted by a circadian rhythm disorder can often successfully be treated with bright light therapy, in which a high-intensity "light box" is used at precise times during the day to "reset" a patient's circadian clock. Medications and supplements containing melatonin may also be used to treat sleep disorders in adults.

"No matter what one's age, getting enough restful sleep each night is vital," said Dr. Weingarten. "The pitfalls of insufficient sleep include decreased ability to concentrate, delayed reaction time, impaired decision-making, forgetfulness, mood disorders and other conditions. Longterm sleep deprivation may also be associated with an increased risk for heart disease, stroke and Alzheimer's disease. By taking the steps to confront insomnia, a patient can minimize the risk that sleeplessness will become a big problem."

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# Dr. Alan P. Goldman: **Treating And Relieving Arthritis Pain**

ple suffering with joint pain and arthritis, says Dr. Alan P. Goldman, a specialist in rheumatology (130 Brighton Beach Avenue, 718-946-7557), and they often believe that there is little that can be done to alleviate their pain.

They are wrong. There are many options available, Dr. Goldman says; the key is finding a physician who is knowledgeable in those treat- method has been used ment modalities.

As a rheumatologist, Dr. Goldman specializes in the treatment of arthritis; one of only a handful practicing in Brooklyn.

Rheumatoid arthritis is an inflammatory illness that causes joints to swell. Symptoms include morning stiffness and swelling, often in the hands, elbows, or wrists, he says. Perhaps because there are so few rheumatologists in the borough, when people experience these symptoms, they often "see a surgeon first," says Dr. Goldman. But this often doesn't make much sense, he explains.

"When you have stomach pains, you don't go to a surgeon before seeing a gastroenterologist," he explains. "When you have chest pains, you don't see a surgeon before seeing a cardioloaist."

A surgeon is the expert to see when surgery is needed, he notes, and of course Dr. Goldman refers patients to surgeons when necessary. Still, Dr. Goldman believes that the majority of people who suffer with arthritis can be treated without surgery. Even those who suffer Academy of Sciences.

There are a lot of peo- enormously may find relief with Remicade IV infusion treatments, he says. "It has worked wonders."

> Patients receive these treatments once every few months, and people who previously couldn't move well find that the "benefits are tremendous," he says. Those whose symptoms are less severe may find relief with pills or injections. This successfully for many years, says Dr. Goldman. And, "It still works."

> When patients see Dr. Goldman they are assured of receiving expert evaluations. Dr. Goldman's office offers x-rays, and a number of in-office treatment procedures. Should patients need physical therapy, arrangements can be made for this, as well.

> Dr. Goldman also recommends that people age 60 or older come in to be checked for osteoporosis. People who are thin or who smoke are especially at risk, he notes.

> Dr. Goldman is a Harvard graduate who has studied at Bellevue Hospital-New York University Medical Center and Gouverneur Hospital in Manhattan. He is on staff at the New York Methodist Hospital, and he is a Fellow of the American College of Rheumatology, as well as a member of the American College of Physicians, Nassau County Medical Society, the New York State Medical Society, American Medical Association, and the New York

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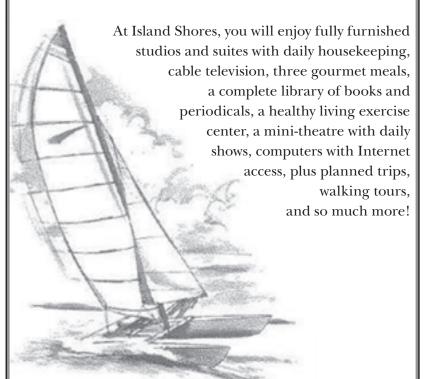
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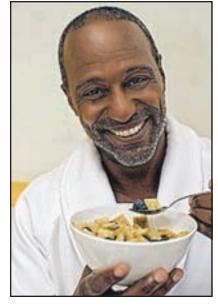
# **NUTRITION**

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most beneficial, as these contain valuable vitamins, minerals and nutrients.

Don't denounce dairy. Dairy is a great source of calcium, which promotes strong bones and teeth. Men and women over the age of 50 want their bones to be as strong as possible because aging is one of the strongest risk factors for osteoporosis, a potentially debilitating medical condition in which loss of tissue causes bones to become brittle and fragile. Vitamin D is necessary to effectively absorb calcium, and vitamin D can be found in certain dairy products, including pasture-raised eggs and grass-fed cow's milk, and can be generated when men and women get enough sunlight. Other healthy sources of vitamin D include salmon, light tuna packed in oil, sardines, and sun-grown mushrooms.

Cut back on sodium intake. Cutting back on sodium intake can be very beneficial, especially for men and women over the age of 50, who are at greater risk of diabetes, hypertension and chronic kidney disease. But cutting back on sodium intake takes more than just throwing the salt shaker away. Processed foods, soups, canned goods, salad dressings, condiments such as mustard and ketchup,



and breakfast cereals are just a few of the many products that may contain alarming amounts of sodium. That's important to note, as excess sodium increases blood pressure by holding excess fluid in the body. That excess fluid puts an added burden on the heart, potentially increasing a person's risk of stroke, heart failure, osteoporosis, cancer, and kidney disease. The problem with cutting back on sodium is that salt is so often relied on to make foods taste better, and many people find salt-free foods bland.



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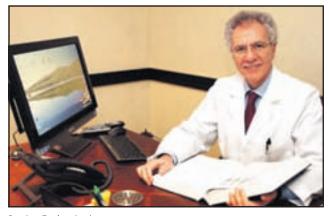
# Brooklyn doctor pioneers breakthrough in treatment of aneurysms

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

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

There was a time not long ago when patients seeking



treatment for an aneurysm could expect to leave the hospital with an ugly scar running from the collar bone to the groin.

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

"This procedure is minimally invasive. The blockage can be removed with just a small incision in the groin," he said. "The beauty of it is that we have simplified this approach. Instead of spending four or five days in the ICU, patients can expect to be home for dinner."

This new procedure reduces costs and, more importantly, it reduces the risk of complications. In the not-distant future he expects to be able to perform the surgery, which is done with the pain his Brooklyn facility. To date more than 1,000 patients have taken advantage of the life-saving aneurysm surgery offed by the institute.

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

Dr. Ascher is currently the chief of vascular surgery at NYU Lutheran Medical Center. He is the founder of the Pan American Congress on Vascular and Endovascular Surgery, which provides a forum for surgeons from South America, Central America and North America.

The doctor has written more than 250 articles published in medical journals. Put simply, it would be diffi-

tient under local anesthesia, cult, if not impossible, to find a more respected leader in the field of vascular medicine.

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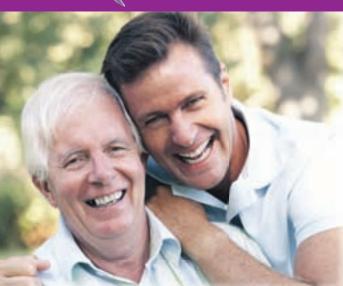
> Asked why he chose Brooklyn to set up his practice, Dr. Ascher said simply, "I am very happy the very best in vascular medicine is right here in Brooklyn."

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# The mystery tour

# This 'Pericles' becomes a fairy-tale travelogue

By Crowther Bosley

The little-produced Shakespeare play "Pericles" is pretty much bonkers, and this new production leans right into it.

"Pericles" feels more like an forerunner of an action movie than the poetic drama we expect from the Bard of Avon. The production currently running at the Polonsky Shakespeare Center, from celebrated British director Trevor Nunn, working with an American cast for the first time, fills every inch of the stage with vivid colors and original

The plot is packed: During the show's two hours and 45 minutes, we get three

shipwrecks, two foiled assassinations, a joust for the hand of a princess, a pirate kidnapping, the 17th-century equivalent of trafficked sex workers, a burial at sea, a famine, an incestuous king struck by lightning, and a hero constantly on the run from would-be killers. The poet Gower (Raphael Nash Thompson) sonorously narrates the action as if it were a Grimm's fairy tale. Nunn has reassigned some dialogue and added a few lines which stuck out a bit, to my ear — to make the poet a master of ceremonies, guiding the action with a cluster of musicians at his beck and call. The narration and the music give the evening an archetypal, folk-tale feel.

The actors, led by Thompson and Christian Camargo's Pericles, have a fine sense of when to keep it simple and when to indulge in a little scenery-chewing for comic or melodramatic effect. Two of the villains, the incestuous Antiochus (Earl Baker) and a wicked foster mother (Nina Hellman) are deliciously bombastic.

The boldly colored costumes, live music, and clever design give the piece a bright freshness. But there is so much journeying hither and yon, and so much parallel action in different locations, that any deeper themes get obscured. Still, there are plenty of incidental pleasures: the parade of knights vying in the jousting tourney; the genuinely touching reunion between Pericles and his daughter after 16 years of separation; and the racy brothel scenes - especially a terrifically entertaining sequence in which a madam (Patrice Johnson Chevannes) and her enforcer (John Keating) attempt to turn the virtuous Marina (Lilly Englert) into a prostitute, but are defeated by her implacable goodness.

It hardly feels like Shakespeare, but it is thoroughly enjoyable.

"Pericles" at the Polonsky Shakespeare Center [262 Ashland Pl. between Lafavette Avenue and Fulton Street in Fort Greene, (212) 229-2819, www.tfana.org]. Through March 27, Tue-Fri at 7:30 pm, Sat at 2 pm and 7:30 pm, Sun at 2 pm. \$75-\$100.

# **24 SEVEN**

# NO HOLDS BARD

# Lost play 'a greatest hits of Shakespeare'

By Dennis Lynch

t's a new show from a 452-yearold writer.

The little-known play "Double Falsehood" — possibly written by Shakespeare — will make its Brooklyn debut at the Irondale Center on March 5. The pastoral play, about the schemes of a villainous Spanish noble, has everything a lover of the Bard wants in a play, its director said.

"There's four young lovers and involved fathers, there's a sword fight, they go to the mountains, girls dress up as boys, people go crazy, there's talk of marriage — it almost feels like a greatest hits of Shakespeare," said Andrew Borthwick-Leslie.

If the Bard of Avon did in fact write "Double Falsehood" - which recent linguistic analysis suggests is true — the play is an all-star collaboration. Editor Lewis Theobold produced the play in 1727, claiming it was a collaboration between William Shakespeare and John Fletcher, based on a story in Miguel de Cervantes's "Don Quixote."

The story is driven by a rich, spoiled young man named Henriquez, who uses his position to take advantage of women - including the girl his friend Julio is in love with along with assorted other crimes.

Borthwick-Leslie called it the work of an older and wiser Shakespeare. It revisits many themes of his earlier plays, but is darker and more sophisticated. And though the source material is more than 400 years old, its



Creeper: The potentially-written-by-Shakespeare play "Double Falsehood" features several men who prey on young women, including the "Master of the Flock" (Nolan Kennedy) seen here targeting Violante (Poppy Liu).

treatment of rape culture, identity, and redemption are deeply relevant to today's audiences, says the director.

"The play is unapologetic about how men treat women and about men who don't think of themselves as villains," he said. "The speeches by the women feel very proto-feminist and the play as a whole speaks to how class and gender relate to each other."

The Letter of Marque Theater Company will perform the script exactly as written - whoever did write it - but it is not a straightand-narrow period piece. Older characters, like Henriquez's father the Duke, are dressed in period garb, but the younger characters wear modern sneakers and hoodies. The music is a similar mash-up of period and modern pieces, all of it performed live by the actors.

The company will also host a series of "Full Frontal Panel Discussions" before three of the Saturday performances, speaking with experts on Shakespeare themes, and using the play's themes to address equality for women, and men's roles in creating a more safe culture for women.

"Double Falsehood" at the Irondale Center [85 S. Oxford St. between Lafayette Avenue and Fulton Street in Fort Greene, www.lomtheater.org, (718) 246-2211]. March 5-April 9 at 7:30 pm, April 14 at noon. \$20 (free with online reservation, \$50 VIP).

# The beat goes on

By Lauren Gill

his band wants you moving but they are staying in place! Brooklyn afrobeat band Antibalas has returned to its Williamsburg roots with a monthly residency at Brooklyn Bowl. The 12-piece outfit aims to spend the final three months of its performance series freeing crowds from their everyday worries and getting their feet moving, says the crew's leader.

"We're committed to the idea of making music you can lose yourself in and you can find yourself in," said Martin Perna, who founded the band in Williamsburg in 1998 — though he notes that no one in the band can afford to live in the neighborhood anymore.

Since November, Antibalas which is Spanish for "bulletproof" — has used its residency to perform with special guests, such as Grammywinning singer-songwriter Angelique

Kidjo. A typical gig includes original material from the band and its guest, improvised music, and covers, but each performance is unique, says Perna.

"Every artist has a different relationship with collaboration," he said. "Anybody that goes to the Brooklyn Bowl will get to see the beginning of this new musical friendship formed right before their eyes."

The band is also using the shows to test out material from its new record, due out this summer. Antibalas's music blends jazz, funk, and Nigerian rhythms, and usually carries themes of change and social justice, just like the band's influences — African icon Fela Kuti and the legendary James Brown.

"There's so much uncertainty and fear going on in the world so we want to replenish people's spirits and give them the energy to go out and fight another day," said Perna.

For this month's show, on March 9, the band will welcome jazz and soul 9 at 8 pm. \$15.



Leading the charge: Antibalas lead singer Amayo belts out one of the band's sonas about freedom and activism at its monthly show at Brooklyn Bowl.

musician Brian Jackson, best known for his collaborations with Gil Scott-Heron in the 1970s. Perna said they have an extra-special show planned for their April edition, which falls on international stoner day (April 20), and he vows it will be the freakiest

Antibalas with Brian Jackson at Brooklyn Bowl [61 Wythe Ave. at N. 12th St. in Williamsburg, www.brooklynbowl.com, (718) 963-3369] March



Carried away: Dawn Milatin gets a lift in the Gelsey Kirkland ballet "Stealing Time," opening on March 15. Travis Magee

# Pas de new

# Gelsey Kirkland Ballet debuts original dance

**By Julianne Cuba** 

t has a new home and a new show!

An acclaimed ballet company that made the grand jeté from Manhattan to Dumbo last year will debut an original production this month. Creating the piece "Stealing Time," which opens like this in Manhattan, it's on March 17, is a bold new step for the Gelsey Kirkland Ballet, said its founder.

"It's the first time we've had a full story ballet, original story," said Gelsey Kirkland, who is also the show's coartistic director. "It's of course our mission to grow and create new works."

Kirkland, once the principal dancer for the American Ballet Theatre, has danced the lead in ballets including "The Nutcracker" and "Romeo and Juliet" for audiences across the globe. She now teaches at her own studio in Dumbo, along with her husband, dancer Michael Chernov, who created the scenario of "Stealing Time." The new ballet uses the music of German composer Kurt Weill in a surreal comedy about love, time, and conflict, said Chernov.

"It's about people who have trouble with time," he said. "It's time itself, like when you're born and when you die. And love has no time, so it's this conflict in human beings, between love and structure."

Kirkland and Chernov moved the Gelsey Kirkland Academy of Classical Ballet and its associated ballet company to Dumbo last June, into the space previously occupied by St. Ann's Warehouse. The dancing duo love the space they now have to accommodate all of their programs, they said.

"Dumbo is probably one of the most exciting areas in New York and we love St. Ann's Warehouse," said Chernov. "You can't get space not possible. This is the most perfect space."

Chernov, a dancer and choreogrpher for more than 45 years, is excited for his show's debut, though he hopes everything comes together smoothly, he said.

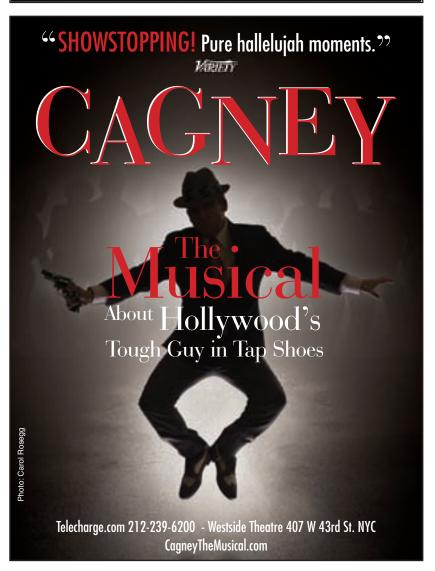
"I'm nervous as hell. It's a lot of work, trying to make everything happen at the same time is very complex," he said. "It's very rare there is a new full-length ballet that gets put on, and there is a return to story ballet with narrative, so this is an important event.'

Working on the show has been a great learning experience for 22-year-old Dawn Milatin, who plays Venus, the wife of the main character in "Stealing Time."

"Since it's a new work, we're working together with the directors and choreographers figuring out everything for the first time. There's a lot of trial and error, and so you grow with each process," said Milatin.

"Stealing Time" at Gelsey Kirkland Arts Center [29 Jay St. between Plymouth and John streets in Dumbo, (212) 600-0047, www.gelseykirklandacademyofclassicalballet.org]. March 17-20. \$20-\$59.







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# ART APPRECIATION

# Sunset Park exhibit is keeping it real estate

By Allegra Hobbs

entrification isn't all bad! A Sunset Park art exhibit will use the visual techniques and language of real estate to tackle the effects of rapid development on urban communities. The goal is to explore the ups and downs of development — without getting too preachy, said the show's curator.

"It's not really meant to take a very overt political tone," said Katherine Gressel, who will unveil the "Artistic Developments" exhibition at the New York Art Residency and Studios Foundation on March 11. "But I think most artists in their work are critical of the newest developments going on and the way they are marketed. Studio and living spaces for artists are becoming more and more unaffordable."

Eight artists have contributed paintings, sketches, and other visual pieces that reflect the surge of real estate development that seems likely to put a tower the size of the Chrysler building in Downtown.

One contributing artist has documented the changes to her native Greenpoint over the last decade, taking photos of the shifting skyline to keep tabs on the transformation.

"Tearing down the old and making the new became a theme throughout everything that I do," said Cheryl Molnar.

For the show, Molnar created a brochure that explains the changes,



Building up: Cheryl Molnar's glossy brochure documents the rapid-fire real estate devleopment in Williamsburg and Greenpoint, offering commentary on the pros and cons of the Photo by Jason Speakman

overlays Greenpoint's current lowrise streetscape with the projected, far taller developments soon to take

While she laments the rising skyline blocking out sunlight and destroying the nabe's low-rise charm, there are plus sides to the changes, says Molnar. Development often brings new places to hang out, including green space like Williamsburg's East River State Park.

"I remember on N. Seventh street there was a hole in the chain link as well as a digital piece for that fence you could crawl through and runs through April 8. Free.

get out to the docks by the river," she said. "That was nice, but having a formal park is nice too."

Molnar says that her work traces the changes without making a value judgement.

"I'm just documenting what I see going on in front of me," she said.

"Artistic Developments: Artists and the language of real estate" at the NARS gallery [201 46th St. at Second Avenue in Sunset Park, (718) 768–2765, www.narsfoundation.org]. Opening reception on March 11 at 6 pm. Exhibit

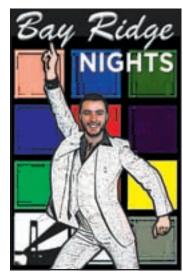
# Bay Ridge is ready to sing out

By Dennis Lynch

ongs are in the air this weekend! And in Bay Ridge, there is something for everyone classic crooning, opera, and of course plenty of rock 'n' roll.

On Friday, Zitelli's Italian Kitchen (8530 Third Ave. between 85th and 86th streets) will host the second of its "Jazzy Fridays" starting at 7 pm with Danny and Kristy Dalelio on keyboards and vocals, respectively. The pair will play some older tunes from Frank Sinatra and Dean Martin, alongside newer songs from artists including Alicia Keys and Adele.

The Regina Opera Company opens its 2016 season on Saturday afternoon at Our Lady of Perpetual Help School (5902 Sixth Ave. between 59th and 60th streets) with "Lucia Di Lammermoor," a dramatic tale of love and familial feud in 17th century Scotland. Yes, you will have to step a few blocks outside of the Ridge



proper, but as we noted last week, it is the perfect introduction to opera, for yourself or a friend. The show starts at 3 pm and tickets are \$25.

Meanwhile, Full Disclosure will transition back into your week.

be rockin' at Red, White, and Brew (8910 Fifth Ave. between 89th and 90th streets). The trio goes on at 4 pm and their repertoire spans the last 60 years of rock and pop, encompassing Frankie Valli and Maroon 5.

There are a couple of options for late on Saturday night. At 10 pm, house yourself at the Greenhouse Cafe (7717 Third Ave. between 77th and 78th streets) for a trip back to the 1980s with James Quigley and Radio Daze. Or get your tonsured head over to the Wicked Monk (9510 Third Ave. between 95th and 96th streets) for a more varied set of tunes from Breaking Crazy. The sevenpiece cover outfit goes on at 11 pm and stays on until 3 am.

The Greenhouse Cafe keeps it coming on Sunday night at 6 pm, when you can enjoy veteran local crooner Sal Casta's ballads, doo-wops, and soul numbers for a super-smooth



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

# Word's pick: "A Brief History of Seven Killings" by Marlon James

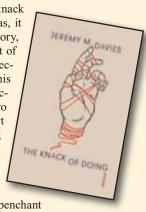
This acclaimed novel, winner of the 2015 Man Booker prize, follows the collision of many different lives after the 1976 attempted assassination of Bob Marley, with a story that spans decades and stretches across Kingston, Miami, and New York. A frenzied read, it blends the plot with an examination of geopolitics, gender, and the War on Drugs.



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

# Community Bookstore's pick: "The Knack of Doing" by Jeremy M. Davies

If there is a certain knack that Jeremy M. Davies has, it is for breaking apart a story, guts and all, right in front of the reader. In his first collection, Davies shows off his brilliant, bizarre short fiction, including a tale of two young lovers torn apart (literally, by falling glass); a lynch mob in pursuit of a magical tax man, told from the perspective of the mob; and the story

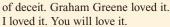


of an executioner with a penchant for breeding mice. These 13 heady, hilarious stories reaffirm the author's place as one of the best and brightest of modernist writers.

- 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:** "The Minotaur" by Benjamin Tammuz

Europa Editions brought this lost classic back into print as part of its "World Noir" series. Despite its spy-story trappings (Israeli spy in London in the 1960s develops obsession with a young English woman, tradecraft ensues), it is really a love story that unfolds over the course of decades, evoking all the great literary questions of love, fate, and the consequences



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

#### FRI, MARCH 4

ART, CONEY ISLAND: Images of the People's Playground from seven photographers and two painters. Free. Noon-6 pm. Valentine Museum of Art [1655 Flatbush Ave. between Avenue I and E. 23rd Street in Midwood, (718) 696-8355], www.valentinemuseumofart.com.

ART, WOMEN'S HISTORY FREE FRIDAY: After browsing the Brooklyn Historical Society exhibits, the library will offer a look at some of the women's stories contained in the archive, and fill out some women's history coloring book pages. Free. 5–9 pm. Brooklyn Historical Society [128 Pierrepont St. at Clinton Street in Brooklyn

ART, SNAKES, DRAGONS, AND OTHER SCALY CREATURES OPENING RECEPTION .: An exhibit of prints from Jung's Red Book. Free. 6-8 pm. Salena Gallery [1 University Plaza; Library Learning Center, first floor in Fort Greene, (718) 488-1198].

Heights, (718) 222-4111],

www.brooklynhistory.org.

**FUNDRAISER, BEER FEST** AND BUFFET: The Guild for Exceptional Children holds its fifth-annual Beer Fest fundraiser. Sample international, domestic, and microbrew beer and enjoy a buffet. \$50. 7–10 pm. Marine Park Golf Course [2880 Flatbush Ave in Marine Park, (718) 833-6633].

SWINGADELIC: Dance to jump-blues, with a onehour dance lesson at 7 pm. \$20 (kids free). 7 pm. Brooklyn Society for Ethical Culture [53 Prospect Park West, between First and Second streets in Park Slope, Brooklyn, (917) 292-1404].

#### DANCE, "TOROBAKA":

Renowned dance artists Akram Khan and Israel Galván square off in a work that is part dialogue and part duel. \$25. 7:30 pm. BAM Howard Gilman Opera House (30 Lafayette Ave. between Ashland Place and St. Felix Street in Fort Greene), www.bam. org.

COMEDY, COMEDY AT POSTMARK CAFE: Every Friday night is comedy night at Postmark! Get a glass of really good wine from Good Wine for a \$2 donation. Beer also available. 7:30 pm. Postmark Cafe [326 Sixth St between Fourth and Fifth avenues in Park Slope, (718) 768-2613].

MUSIC, "A LITTLE NIGHT MUSIC": Experience Stephen Sondheim's magnificent score and lyrics up-close-and-personal in an intimate gothic setting. \$18. 8 pm. McKinney Chapel, First Unitarian Society (116 Pierrepont St., between Clinton Street and Monroe Place in Brooklyn Heights), www. theater2020.com

MUSIC, JOSQUIN DES PREZ — MASTER OF THE **NOTES:** The Cerddorion Vocal Ensemble celebrates early music master Josquin. \$25 (\$20 in advance). 8 pm. St. Paul's Church



# **EVENTS**



**Stepping forward: The Dayton Contemporary Dance Company** comes to Brooklyn for the Classically Black festival, performing "The Geography of the Cotton Field" at the Kumble Theater on March 5. **Andy Snow** 

(199 Carroll St. at Clinton Street in Carroll Gardens). www.cerddorion.org.

#### SAT, MARCH 5

MUSIC, CHARGAUX: The BAMkids Music Series presents the Brooklynbased art collective and string duo that breathe new life into the violin and viola. \$10. 10:30 am and 2 pm. BAM Cafe (30 Lafayette Ave. between Ashland Place and St. Felix Street in Fort Greene), www.bam. org.

THEATER, "ALICE IN WON-**DERLAND":** Puppetworks presents a marionette adaptation of Lewis Carroll's classic, featuring an original song score and scenery based on the original illustrations. \$10 (\$9 children). 12:30 and 2:30 pm. Puppetworks [338 Sixth Ave. at Fourth Street in Park Slope, (718) 965-3391], www.puppetworks.org.

MUSIC, "LUCIA DI LAM-MERMOOR": The Regina Opera gives a fully-staged performances of this tuneful tragedy. In Italian with English supertitles and full orchestra. \$25 (\$20 seniors, kids free). 3 pm. Our Lady of Perpetual Help School Auditorium [5902 Sixth Ave. at 60th Street in Sunset Park, (718) 259-2772], www.reginaop-

era.org. DANCE, "TOROBAKA": 7:30 pm. See Friday, March 4.

DANCE, DAYTON CONTEM-PORARY DANCE COM-PANY: The Ohio dance company brings a selection of its most dynamic work to Brooklyn. \$25. 7:30 pm. Kumble Theater at Long Island University [DeKalb and Flatbush av enues in Downtown, (718) 488-1624], www.brooklyn. liu.edu/kumbletheater.

DANCE, "ROMEO AND JU-LIET / CARMEN SUITE": A double-bill of one-act ballets. \$36. 8 pm. Brooklyn Center for the Performing Arts at Brooklyn College [2900 Campus Rd. between Amersfort and Kenilworth places in Midwood, (718) 951-4500], www. brooklyncenteronline.org.

SPORTS, IRON MAIDENS WEIGHTLIFTING COM-PETITION: Sixty bad-ass women compete to see who can haul the heaviest amount of metal into the air. The event benefits Grace Outreach, a tuitionassistance group for lowincome women. Free. 9 am-7 pm. Crossfit South Brooklyn (597 Degraw St., between Third and Fourth avenues in Gowanus). www.crowdrise.com/ironmaidensstaystron.

"SHAUN THE SHEEP": Sunset Park Cinema Club presents the stop-motion film. With family activities at 10:30 am, film at 11:45 am. Free with RSVP. 10 am. Industry City Factory Floor [241 37th St. between Second and Third avenues in Sunset Park, (718) 417-7362], rooftopfilms.com.

#### 2016 CHARTER SCHOOL

FAIR: Learn about and apply to charter schools. More than 50 schools from throughout Brooklyn and Queens will be on site to answer parent questions. Free, 10 am-3 pm, Williamsburg Charter High School (198 Varet St. between Bushwick Avenue and White Street in Williamsburg), www.nyccharterschools.org.

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH AT TARGET FIRST SATURDAY: Celebrate Women's History Month with a dance performance by The Erica Essner Performance Co-Op; storytelling by Queer Memoir; beatboxing by Ashley "Saywut?" Moyer; and musical performances. Free. 5 pm. Brooklyn Museum [200 Eastern Pkwy.

at Washington Avenue in

638-5000], www.brooklyn-

Prospect Heights, (718)

museum.org.

# SUN, MARCH 6

MUSIC, "ME, MYSELF AND EYE": The solo concert series presents percussionist Andrew Drury. \$5 suggested donation. 4:40 pm. Gallery 440 (440 Sixth Ave at Tenth Street in Park Slope), www.connectionworks.org.

MORBID ANATOMY FLEA MARKET: Flea Market with multiple vendors selling taxidermy galore, artful bones, unusual antiques. obscure books, and assorted curiosities. \$1. Noon. Bell House [149 Seventh St. at Third Avenue in Gowanus, (718) 643-6510], www.thebellhouseny.com.

PURIM ACTIVITIES AT THE JEWISH CHILDREN'S MUSEUM: Join the hunt for King Achashverosh's missing signet ring, dress up and take a photo on the king's royal throne, and make delicious hamentashen to take home. Free with \$13 Museum admission. 1 pm. Jewish Children's Museum [792 Eastern Pkwy. at Kingston Avenue in Crown Heights, (718) 907-8833], www.jcm. museum.

THE BEAUTY OF BALLET:

The School of American Ballet gives a 45-minute, family-friendly lecture and demonstration that illustrates how students develop into accomplished classical ballet dancers. Free. 2 pm. Brooklyn Center for the Performing Arts at Brooklyn College [2900 Campus Rd. between Amersfort and Kenilworth places in Midwood, (718) 951–4500], www.brooklyncenteronline.org.

#### MON, MARCH 7

TALK, GRANT BROOKER: Internationally renowned architect Grant Brooker speaks about his career highlights and insights into the field of architecture. Free. 6 pm. Higgins Hall Auditorium at Pratt Institute [61 St. James Pl. between Lafavette Avenue and Clifton Place in Down-

town, (718) 399-4486]. READING, DAVID SCOTT

KASTAN: The author discusses his book "A Will to Believe," a surprising and often-moving examination of how religion animates Shakespeare's plays. Free. 7 pm. Theatre for a New Audience, Polonsky Shake-speare Center [262 Ashland Pl. between Fulton Street and Lafayette Avenue in Fort Greene, (212) 229-2819], www.tfana.org.

COMEDY, "NIGHT TRAIN WITH WYATT CENAC": Hosted by Brooklyn-based comedian Wyatt Cenac, "Night Train" is a weekly show that features comedy from the best local and international stand up comedians. \$5. 8 pm. Littlefield [622 Degraw St. between Fourth and Fifth avenues in Gowanus, (718) 855-3388], www.littlefieldnyc.com

TALK. THE MOTH STO-RYSLAM: A storytelling competition where the stage is open to any and all with a story to tell on the evening's theme. \$10. 8 pm. Bell House [149 Sev-Continued on page 68



An ice shot: The New York Islanders will get another chance to get one past the Penguins when the teams face off at Barclays Center on March 8. Associated Press / Keith Srakocic

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# **SUN, MAR 13**

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#### **SUN, MAR 13**

SPORTS, BROOKLYN **NETS VS MILWAUKEE** BUCKS: \$20-\$3,500. 8 pm.

#### MON, MAR 14

SPORTS, NEW YORK IS-LANDERS VS FLORIDA PANTHERS: \$15-\$935. 7 pm.

#### TUE, MAR 15

SPORTS, BROOKLYN **NETS VS PHILADEL-**PHIA 76ERS: \$20-\$3,000. 7:30 pm.

#### FRI, MAR 18

SPORTS, NCAA BASKET-BALL CHAMPIONSHIP, FIRST ROUND: \$225-\$300. Time TBA.

# SUN, MAR 20

SPORTS, NCAA BASKET-BALL CHAMPIONSHIP. SECOND ROUND: \$225-\$300. Time TBA.

# MON, MAR 21

SPORTS, NEW YORK **ISLANDERS VS PHILA-DELPHIA FLYERS: \$15-**\$935. 7:30 pm.

## **TUE, MAR 22**

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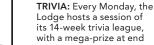
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COMEDY, ED SULLIVAN ON ACID: A stand-up comedy show with free candy! Created by Pat O'Shea and hosted by Calvin S. Cato and Justin Murray. Free. 9 pm. Freddy's Bar [627 Fifth Ave. between 17th and 18th streets in Greenwood Heights, (718) 768–0131], www.freddysbar.com.

#### TUES, MARCH 8

TALK, WHY NEW YORK? OUR SEGREGATED SCHOOLS EPIDEMIC: Stories from the frontlines of school segregation, with journalist Nikole Hannah-Jones, local parents and school principals. \$10. 6:30 pm. Brooklyn Historical Society [128 Pierrepont St. at Clinton Street in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 222-4111], www.brooklynhistory.org.

MUSIC, BRIGGAN KRAUSS: Krauss celebrates the release of his album "Art of the Saxophone Vol. 1: The Tunnel Recordings. Free. 7 pm. Soup & Sound House (292 Lefferts Ave between Nostrand and Rogers avenues in Lefferts Garden), www.briggankrauss.com.

MUSIC, MARY HALVOR-SON WITH AMBROSE AKINMUSIRE AND CRAIG TABORN: The famed jazz guitarist continues her residency with special guests. \$20 (\$15 students and seniors). 8 pm. Roulette [509 Atlantic Ave. at Third Avenue in Boerum Hill, (917) 267-0363], www.roulette.org.

**EVENTS** 

READING, LITERARY DEATH MATCH: Talented comedians and writers converge for the 250-Word Bookmark Contest, judged by the inimitable Daniel Handler (also known as Lemony Snicket). \$10. 8:15 pm. Bell House [149 Seventh St. at Third Avenue in Gowanus, (718) 643–6510], www.thebellhouseny.com.

# WED, MARCH 9

FILM, AUSTRALIA'S FOCUS ON ABILITY SHORT FILM FESTIVAL: Enjoy a selection of films, refreshments and great company. Enter the 2016 festival drawing to win cash prizes and a trip to The Land Down Under. Free. 5:30 pm. ICS Artists on Wheels Gallery [25 Elm Pl. between Livingston and Fulton streets in Downtown, (877) 958-8427], www.icsny.org/ our-social-programs.

MUSIC, MICHAEL PETROSI-NO'S PETRIO LIVE JAZZ TRIO: Free. 8 pm. The Room at Dizzy's (230 Fifth Ave. at President Street in Park Slope).

## THURS, MARCH 10 "THE VERY HUNGRY CAT-

ERPILLAR": Children listen to a reading of Eric Carle's book, as well as enjoy a

visit from the puppets from the Eric Carle Live Show. RSVP requested. Free. 4:30 pm. Power-House Arena [37 Main St. at Water Street in Dumbo, (718) 666-3049], www. powerhousearena.com.

ART, THURSDAY NIGHTS AT THE BROOKLYN MU-SEUM: Free admission to the museum's many exhibits and galleries every Thursday evening, sponsored by Squarespace. Free. 6-10 pm. Brooklyn Museum [200 Eastern Pkwy. at Washington Avenue in Prospect Heights, (718) 638–5000], www. brooklynmuseum.org.

TALK, WRITING BEYOND DI-**VERSITY:** Novelists Tanwi

Nandini Islam and José Older discuss the changing Brooklyn that is a focus of their work. Free. 7 pm. Brooklyn Museum [200 Eastern Pkwy. at Washing-ton Avenue in Prospect Heights, (718) 638-5000], www.brooklynmuseum.

MUSIC, HOME BREWED OPERA – SUPERHERO EDITION: Opera on Tap explores the superheroes and supervillains of the opera world. Superhero attire encouraged. Free. 9 pm. Freddy's Bar [627 Fifth Ave. between 17th and 18th streets in Greenwood Heights, (718) 768-0131], www.freddysbar.com.

## FRI, MARCH 11

LEARNER'S MINYAN: Learn the meaning behind prayers and how to pronounce them in Hebrew. Free. 6:30 pm. Bay Ridge Jewish Center [8025 Fourth Ave. between 80th and 81st streets in Bay Ridge, (718) 836–3103], www.brjc.org.

COMEDY, COMEDY AT POSTMARK CAFE: 7:30 pm. See Friday, March 4.

## SAT, MARCH 12

MUSIC, "LUCIA DI LAMMER-MOOR": 3 pm. See Saturday, March 5.

MUSIC, RENEE MANNING **SEPTET:** \$15–\$30. 6 pm. The Hall at MP [470 Driggs Ave. between N. 10th and N. 11th streets in Williamsburg, (718) 387-4001], thehallbrooklyn.com.

NIGHTLIFE, BE CUTE BROOKLYN: With Matty Beats and Horrorchata, a queer night of music and dancing. \$5. 11 pm. Littlefield [622 Degraw St. between Fourth and Fifth avenues in Gowanus, (718) 855-3388], www.littlefieldnyc.com. READING, READ BROOK-

LYN AUTHORS BOOK FAIR: The inaugural fair features over forty Brooklyn-based authors of newly published fiction and nonfiction with topics ranging from science fiction and graphic novels to cooking and artist books. With signings. 1–5 pm. Brook-lyn Museum [200 Eastern Pkwy. at Washington Avenue in Prospect Heights, (718) 638–5000], www. brooklynmuseum.org.

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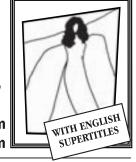
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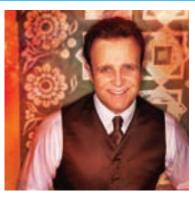


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- 'I'd say he won the game for us ... gave us our momentum.'
  - Jefferon's Shamorie Ponds on teammate Curtis Smith's stellar shooting against Curtis High.
- 'We used the two losses as motivation.'

 Bishop Loughlin's Markquis Nowell on the title win against Molloy.

# Jefferson is headed to semifinals

## BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Curtis Smith got hot in warmups and never cooled down.

The senior guard hit nine three-pointers and scored a game-high 30 points to lead No. 9-seeded Thomas Jefferson to a hard-fought 75–66 win over No. 7 Curtis High School in the Public School Athletic League Class AA boys' basketball semifinals at Baruch College on Feb. 28.

Smith was so happy with his pre-game shooting, he took some chances when it counted, he said

"In warm-ups, I was just making some shots, and I felt like I could hit a couple of them," Smith said. "That's why I was taking them [in the game]."

Smith — whose nickname is "Big Shot C.J." — bucked the trend of Orange Wave shooters not performing well at Baruch, according to coach Lawrence "Bud" Pollard. He told Smith about the jynx pre-



**FLYING HIGH:** Shamorie Ponds grabs a rebound and tips it in for a basket in the semifinals.

Photo by Steve Schnibbe

game, but quickly realized it wasn't going to be an issue.

"Coach Kenny [Pretlow] said, 'C.J. is going to be on fire today,' telling me how C.J. shot in warm ups," Pollard said. "He sure was."

Smith hit seven of his treys in the first half to help give Jefferson a 39–33 led at the break. He missed most of the third quarter after picking up his fourth foul, and Curtis took advantage of some subpar Orange Wave defense after the break.

"Our defense sucked today," Pollard said.

The Warriors (22–7) broke the press and pulled within two points with 5:20 remaining in the game. Jefferson again turned to Smith. He came off the bench and connected on his first two treys to ignite the Orange Wave. Sitting out had no effect on him.

"I don't think I was cold," Smith said. "I don't think I get

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**ONE SCOOP:** Lions guard Milicia "Mimi" Reid takes a layup against Christ the King in the Brooklyn-Queens final.

Photo by William Thomas

# Relentless Royals dash Loughlin's title hopes

#### BY JOSEPH STASZEWSK

Bishop Loughlin's girls outplayed a tired Christ the King squad the last time the teams met — but a rested Royals club was a different story.

The Lions gave the Royals the fits at times, but the Queens team's relentless senior attack in the second half overwhelmed Bishop Loughlin, handing it a 96–71 defeat in the Brooklyn school's first Brooklyn-Queens Division I basketball final on Feb. 28.

"They played better,"
Loughlin coach Chez Williams said. "Congrats to
Christ the King. They played
better. They were the better
team tonight."

It was a game of runs early on in the match-up. The Lions got out to a roaring 7–2 start, holding Christ the King's offense at bay for the first three minutes.

Then the Royals exploded, going on a 14–0 run and jumping out to a 16–7 advantage. The Lions (19–7) got close, but Christ the King (17–8) ended the quarter on a 7–0 run — and a 25–18 lead.

The Lions clawed back the lead early in the second quarter, but control was brief—the Royals' seniors stepped up. Dominique Toussaint drained two threes, and Sydney Zambrotta made two free throws in the half's final min-

ute to propel Christ the King to a 41–35 lead it would not relinquish.

"I feel that my girls have to learn that you cannot allow a team like that to come back once you put them down, you have to put them down," Williams said. "We just didn't do a good job of that."

Christ the King outscored Loughlin 55–36 in the second half. Creating offense became tougher as Laysha de los Santos, Lynette Taitt, and Skydajah Patterson got in foul trouble.

The defeat ends the Lions' season, because the league changed its Catholic Continued on page 73

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# Leaders of the 'Pack'

# Pelicans win private-school Class-C crown

#### BY TREY RODRIGUEZ

Blake Martin's poor shooting in the league playoffs didn't carry over into the state tournament.

The Packer Collegiate standout got off to a good start and led his top-seeded team to a convincing 70-44 victory over Staten Island Academy in the private school Class-C state title game at Fieldston on Feb. 28. The junior forward singlehandedly out-scored Staten Island Academy 12-10 in the first quarter, hitting three after three.

"In our league tournament, he shot really poorly, and I think he just had the eye of the tiger today," said Packer coach George Boutis. "When he hit his first few shots, I could tell that he's on."

Martin finished the game with six threes - three of them coming in the first quarter — and a game-high 28 points. Martin's treys drew No. 2 Staten Island Academy's defense to the perimeter, creating plenty of easy opportunities at the rim for his teammates.

"I want to get everyone in the game," Martin said. "I don't like all the attention. even though I know I can score. I like to give."

Senior forward Zach Pine was one major beneficiary



NO. 1: The Packer Collegiate boys' basketball team celebrates its private -school, Class-C title. Packer Collegiate

of Martin's defense-baiting. Pine finished the game with 15 points, and when he wasn't receiving feeds from Martin, he was making hustle plays to energize both his teammates and the crowd.

"We got the ball moving and Blake [Martin] hit his shots," Pine said. "He's an incredible player. It just made it so much easier for us and helped us loosen up. It was fantastic."

The Pelicans' offensive success created a confidence boost that translated into a better defensive effort as the game went

on - largely thanks to coach Boutis who, despite the team's lead, never stopped preaching

"That's kind of been our mantra this year," Martin said. "Keeping it intense and doing everything for 32 minutes. Just continuously keeping the pressure on, because we are a fighting team."

Packer's defensive efforts were evident after every quar- it held the Tigers to just 10 points in each of the first three frames. Staten Island

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# BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Markquis Nowell savored every second of Bishop Loughlin's diocesan championship.

All of his teammates returned to the bench to celebrate, but the sophomore guard stood on the opposite side of the court with the ball in his hands watching the time tick away on the clock at St. Francis Prep. At zero, he tossed the ball to the ceiling and sprinted to meet the rest of the Lions.

"All of your hard work paid off," said Nowell, who scored 20 points. "I'm just happy."

And he had every reason to

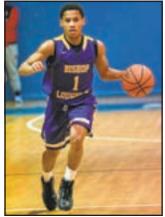
The Lions boys' basketball squad won its second Brooklyn-Queens title in three years — and got revenge on division-winner Archbishop Molloy — with a convincing 79–67 victory in the final on Feb. 26.

The Stanners won both regular-season meetings by a combined five points.

'We used the two losses as motivation," said Nowell, who missed most of the first meeting because of an injury. "I wanted my rematch. I told them Wednesday I was going to get my rematch, and we was going to win."

They did that by pushing the pace, remaining composed, and getting contributions up and down the roster — unlike the team's semifinal against Christ the King where Nowell and Keith Williams combined for 60 of the team's 77 points.

The junior Williams scored 21 points — including his career 1,000th — and Nowell had 20 against Molloy. Eight different Lions scored. Jordan Thomas had 11 points, Tyrese Gaffney tallied 10, and Nay-



ON THE MARK: Bishop Loughlin guard Markguis Nowell dribbles the ball up the court during the Brooklyn-Queens title game against Mol-Photo by Robert Cole

shon Kane added eight.

Molloy coach Mike Mc-Cleary knows how difficult Loughlin is to beat when players spread scoring duties.

"They are one of the better teams in this league," he said.

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# Tensions pushing Catholic girls' hoops leagues further apart

an't they all just get along?

It might be the best way to describe the state of Catholic High School Athletic Association girls' basketball right now. In recent years, the dioceses appeared to be moving closer to creating a three-tier intersectional league — much like the boys' league — but the latest struggles with the Catholic state tournament make it seem like peace between the Hatfields and McCoys would be more realistic.

No one is happy under the current state playoff format, which requires each of the four dioceses to send at least one representative to class AA, A, and B tournaments. Forcing them to come together simply isn't working, because teams are being asked to move up and drop down from the classification they play in during the regular season.

"Let's make the rule whatever the rule is — and abide by the rule," Nazareth coach Ron Kelley said.

League officials unilaterally changed the rules a week before playoffs.

Brooklyn-Queens coaches are upset about the last-minute change. The new rules send the post-season tournament winner to the AA tournament and rewards their fifth and sixth-place finishers with a one-game playoff to go A.

The Archdiocese isn't in love with the idea of forcing one of its A-league teams to compete in the AA tournament. Up in Buffalo, Cardinal O'Hara, which was a Class-B team two years ago, will be the diocese's AA representative after winning its regular season title.

'Quite honestly it's not fair," Cardinal O'Hara Athletic Director Angelo Sciandra told the Buffalo News back in late January.

It is easy to see the current system must be scrapped next season, and league officials need to take another crack at this. In an ideal world, the Archdiocese (Bronx, Westchester, and Staten Island) and Brooklyn-Queens



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would form an intersectional league and solve all the problems. With that seeming unlikely, the leagues may need to go back in order to move things forward.

Teams would simply declare before the season what classification they are — like was done prior to the Catholic state tournament's formation seven years ago. The state playoff format would then be determined based on the number of teams in each classification, much like the state's independent school athletic association does.

Here are two added rules:

You cannot be a classification lower than your league, and you can move down from AA to A with league approval if a player suffers a season-ending injury that severely hampers your level of play before Feb. 1. Call it the "Rosalyn Gold-Onwude rule," because the eventual Stanford standout had that happen to her at Archbishop Molloy.

This format, while not ideal, should limit complaints, because everyone gets to play at the level they want to. No team is being forced to play up or down, and no coach will have to explain the playoff structure to his team more than once. The punch line — "It may change tomorrow" — goes away.

Either the Catholic league officials need to get serious about truly bringing everyone together or they must stop trying to slowly force it to happen.

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cold a lot."

Jefferson (20-9) put the game away with a 7–0 run capped by a three-point play from St. John's-bound guard Shamorie Ponds that put his team up 65-57 at the 1:59 mark. Ponds finished with 23 points, and Rasheem Dunn, who is headed to St. Francis College,

chipped in 11.

"C.J. stepped up a lot," Ponds said. "I'd say he won the game for us... [Those two threes] pretty much gave us our momentum.'

The Orange Wave and Smith refused to let Curtis end its season early, and now Jefferson goes to the semifinals at St. John's University on March

"That's is what a senior is suppose to do," Pollard said. "Go out shooting."

# LIONS

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"Certainly when they put it together like that, they might be the best.'

Loughlin (19-7) grabbed control of the game with an 11-1 run over the first and second quarters. A Kane hoop off and a Nowell feed capped the run, and the score was 27-18 with 6:12 to play in the first half.

The Lions and took a 44-30 advantage after the break and held off multiple second-half Molloy surges.

Coach Ed Gonzalez said he's taken a more hands-on approach after the team struggled late in the regular season.

"They are very talented and are willing to go off their own talent, but they need to be told what to do pretty much — a lot more than what I'd want to," Gonzalez said.

The Stanners were within 11 early in the third and had a chance to nar-

row the divide to single digits, but Issac Grant (22 points) missed a jumper and Loughlin capitalized. It ripped out an 11-2 spurt, and the Stanners (21-6) only got as close as 12 in the fourth quarter. The fast pace favored the Lions all

"They have two big guys, so our coaches told us to play fast," Williams said.

Molloy point guard Cole Anthony (eight points) was suffering from a stomach bug, which also helped Loughlin. Khalid Moore chipped in 15 points

The victory earns Loughlin the diocese's top seed and a bye in the quarterfinals of the league's intersectional tournament. Loughlin, which has not won a city title since 1992, will not play again until March 6. There is still work to be done after a memorable night.

'It just feels great to win a championship," Williams said. "Now we just have one more to go."

# **PACKER**

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Academy guard Jordan Caruso struggled to get good looks at the rim, finishing with a team-high 12 points.

"We just made sure that we don't step off the gas," Pine said. "In the past, we've played against teams and gotten up on a lead, they've pressured us and gotten themselves back in the game. We weren't going to stop until the final buzzer sounded.'

Collegiate 66, Poly Prep 31: Topseeded Poly Prep continues to wait for a state title as star player Najee Taylor wasn't his usual self while trying to play through a sprained ankle. The Bay Ridge school lost handily on Feb. 28. Poly Prep never got it going, trailing 20-2 after a quarter. Poly, which lost regular-season meetings with the Dutchman, has not won since 2004.

'Taylor's absence really effects the way we play on offense," said Poly Prep coach Ben Kettering. "We like to go

through both of our post players and they work really well off of one another. It's a different kind of game."

Taylor did start and attempted to play. However, after a tough first half, coach Kettering benched him to allow him to rest his ankle. Poly Prep's lack of offense buried the team's chances of winning with Jason Cam putting on a dominant performance for No. 2 Colle-

"When things are going against you like that, we had to take it a possession at a time," Kettering said. "They played an outstanding game. Jason Cam was incredible, and it was tough to stop

Cam finished with 22 points, outscoring Poly Prep for most of the first half. Griffin Walsh finished with eight points for Poly Prep.

"Our guys battled — that's what I was proud of," Kettering said. "We battled for four quarters, when things weren't going our way on either side of the ball. They continued to play hard. It was tough to beat Collegiate."

# LOUGHLIN

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state tournament criteria a week before the playoffs. Under the previous plan, Loughlin would be the diocese's Class-A representative — instead it is going home.

"It's disappointing the way it was done," Williams said. "It's not disappointing that we lost — it's what happens. But you change the rules a week before, so kids were set on what we told them the rule was already. So that's the bad part. When you do that to kids, it doesn't set a good precedent."

# Playoff criteria vexes Catholic girls' coaches

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Catholic high-school girls' basketball coaches are demanding league officials pick a playoff plan and stick with it — rather than continually changing the league's playoff structure.

The Catholic High School Athletic Association scrapped its often-tweaked five-to-eight team state tournament format to give dioceses equal postseason representation across the AA, A, and B divisions. It replaced the AA and A tournaments with a four-team playoff with a representative from each of the dioceses competing, but officials and coaches couldn't agree on how to pick the representatives.

The Brooklyn-Queens coaches rejected the league's original proposal in November. Athletic directors ratified a plan in January, but league officials unilaterally altered the plan a week before playoffs. Now, the diocesan tournaments' top winner will appear in the AA playoffs and the tourney's fifthand sixth-place finishers (this year Nazareth and St. Francis Prep) will duke it out to see who will play in the league's lower-ranked A division playoffs — the previous plan sent the tournament's runner-up to the A state field. Similarly under the new plan, some A teams will have to play up in AA. The previous plan sent the tournament's runner-up to the A state field.

But sending AA-level teams to play A teams is like setting a wolf among lambs, and conversely, forcing A teams to play up in the AAs is like throwing a lamb in the wolves' den, coaches said.

"Why would our group agree to something like that when we were already complaining their fifth place team was playing in the A?" Morris said. "Now you are going to have your second-place team playing in the A. That is crazy. It absolutely ridiculous. It was supposed to be their last-place team people [in A]. That would have been kind of fair."

Morris's team lost to Brooklyn-Queens third-place finisher Mary Louis by just four points. Three teams from the Brooklyn-Queens diocese have won Class-A state crowns in the last seven seasons after playing as AA teams for all of their regular seasons.

The Rockville Center diocese has already dubbed St. Anthony's its AA team and Cardinal O'Hara (Buffalo) of the Monsignor Martin division earned the honor by winning the league's regular-season title. An Archdiocesan representative has yet to emerge.

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The Brooklyn-Queens coaches have a problem with the plan, too, because it rewards St. Francis Prep and Nazareth for having losing seasons. The Terriers did not win a league game and



GETTING IT OFF HIS CHEZT: Bishop Loughlin girls' basketball coach Chez Williams is one of many Brooklyn-Queens coaches who believe the league should not have made last-minute changes to its playoff structure. Photo by Louise Wateridge

Nazareth, who ended up being fourthplace Molloy in the diocesan quarterfinals, went 3-7.

"So we lose to a team that is going to play for an A representative in the playoffs and what is our status?," Stanners coach Scott Lagas said. "Because we fought to win a couple of games during the regular season we don't get a state bid."

St. Francis Prep coach Kerri White said her team is happy to get a chance to play more games after falling 51-40 to Mary Louis in its semifinal. She is just doing what the league decided and would have no mater what the format

Nazareth coach Ron Kelley-whose squad is defending A-Federation champions — will abide by the guidelines, despite believing other teams are more deserving of the opportunity.

"You reward the teams that played well throughout the year," he said. "The top two teams going to Federation that was a sound idea. I don't like the idea of giving the teams that didn't play well or do well another chance. They didn't deserve it."

A last minute adjustment was also made to the Class-B state playoffs, causing frustration for those coaches, said Monsignor McClancy coach Dewey Hopkins.

"I've been coaching at McClancy for four years and for four years it's been a different format for the playoffs all four years," he said. "That's the biggest issue I have.'

The boys' league, which is intersectional, guarantees each of its teams two playoff games, much like the girls' league did the last six years. The boys' playoffs format has not changed in the last two decades, and girls' coaches want similar opportunities for their players.

"Whatever it is, we have to change with it, but it puts an uncomfortability in coaches not knowing that," Bishop Loughlin coach Chez Williams said. "That's not good. The league has to be firmer with their rule."

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**BRANCH** DAY OI IVIA INTIMATES, LLC Art. Of Org. Filed Sec. of State of 10/7/2015. Loc.:Kings Co. Anna Jade Joseph designated shareholders of SILVER as agent upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY to mail copy of process to The LLC, 1462 East 89th St., Brooklyn, NY 11236. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

#### LEGAL NOTICE

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF KINGS ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE Index No.: 502659/2016

In the Matter of the Application of RIMA KRIGSMAN, as sole shareholder Petitioner,

Judicial For Dissolution of SILVER STAR DAY CARE,

Pursuant to Section 1104-a of the

Corporation Business Law.....

the annexed Upon Verified Petition of RIMA KRIGSMAN, the sole shareholder of all shares of outstanding stock of SILVER STAR DAY CARE, INC. ("Silver Star"). а corporation incorporated and existing the Business Corporation Law of the New York, of verified on February 2016, and upon the RIMA affidavit of KRIGSMAN, sworn to on 2016, and February supporting affirmation by Petitioner's Attorneys, The Law Office of Yan Margolin.

SILVER STAR DAY INC. and INNA CARE YAKHNETS, who has taken control of SILVER STAR and wasted its assets. the New York Tax Commission. State the New York State Attorney General and all other registered persons, or their attorneys, show cause, at I.A.S Part 11, Room 541, of this Court, to be held in and for the County of Kings, at the Courthouse located at Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York, on the 23rd day of March, 2016, at 09:30 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, Respondents are deemed or as soon thereafter as counsel may be heard why an Order should not be made and entered: i) ..dissolving SILVER STAR

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> on pursuant §1104-a(d); iv) .....awarding Petitioner

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the papers on which it is based, shall be served upon SILVER STAR DAY CARE, INC. and INNA YAKHNETS, and the New York State Tax Commission, and the New York State Attorney General in the manner, and a copy on INNA YAKHNETS, on or by, which shall be deemed sufficient aood and service.

Pursuant to NYCRR § 202.7(f), counsel for the Petitioner has given 24 hour notice to INNA YAKHNIS of Petitioner's intent to bring this Order to Show Cause.

served today, 2/29/16.

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# LEGAL NOTICE

Opposition deemed served on Petitioners. Supplemental opposition on or before 3/14/16. HON, Sylvia G. Ash, JSC

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INTERNATIONAL Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 01/22/16. Off Loc.: Kings Co. SSNY desig. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 2631 Ε 19th St., Brooklyn, NY 11235. General Purposes.

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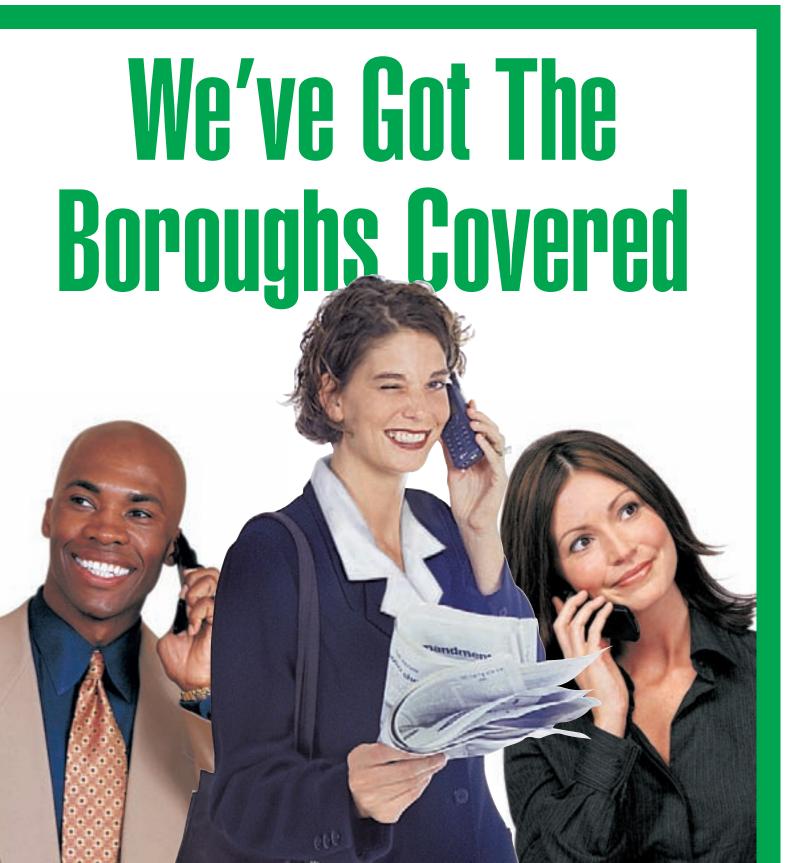
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