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PARK TOWER PLAY

Developer threatens funds if state doesn't OK Pier 6 high-rises

BY LAUREN GILL

Call it pier pressure.

The developer behind two widely hated housing high-rises planned for the Pier 6 end of Brooklyn Bridge Park is threatening that its funding — and, in turn, the park's coffers — could dry up if state officials don't approve the project after months of stalling amidst community opposition.

"We have reached a critical juncture," said Ral Companies' chief Robert Levine in a recent letter to

the state's quasi-governmental development arm the Empire State Development Corporation. "Our financial partners have informed me that unless substantial progress ... is achieved by April 30, 2016, financing for the project will be jeopardized."

The agency was supposed to vote on the two towers, containing more than 300 units and a 75-seat pre-school — which park hochos claim are needed to fund the sprawling green space —

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CASH STRAPPED: The developer tapped to build these towers in Brooklyn Bridge Park claims its backers are growing antsy while the project is stalled. Ral Development



Give it a whirl!

Thousands of thrillseekers flocked to Coney Island fun palace Luna Park on Saturday for its official yearly opening festivities. For more, see page 2.

Photo by Jordan Rathkopf

The doctor is out!

Bklyn Hospital selling piece to developer

BY LAUREN GILL

This hospital is going to cost someone an arm and a leg!

Fort Greene's shabby looking Brooklyn Hospital Center is cashing in on its desirable park-front location by selling off part of the complex to pay for a facelift, according to a hospital honcho.

"We're hoping for top dollar because we know the market is prime," said Joan Clark, the hospital's CEO. *Continued on page 21*

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CONEY ISLAND IS

Thousands turn out for the blessing of the rides and for a

BY DENNIS LYNCH

Coney's rides finally got their day in the sun.

Thousands of thrill-seekers took the season's first goes-around on the Cyclone and Wonder Wheel on March 26 after Old Man Winter spoiled opening ceremonies the week before when officials postponed the day for a blizzard that never was.

One family made the pilgrimage four hours from upstate to catch the opening ceremony, and it was worth every mile, the mom said.



WITHOUT A HITCH: The first 100 folks to show up got to ride the Cyclone for free on Saturday – and this year it didn't even get stuck!

Photo by Jordan Rathkopf

"We come down every year. I grew up in Sheephead Bay and always went, so we keep it going," said Lisa Rodriguez, who brought her 7-year-old daughter Bryanna. "She's too young for the Cyclone, but she hit just about everything that she could ride. She loved the Clown Coaster."

Sen. Chuck Schumer (D-Park Slope), Assemblywoman Pamela Harris (D-Coney Island), and Borough President Adams cracked the ceremonial egg cream on



A sharp tongue

Kathy Griffin planning to cut loose on Brooklyn

She's planning to cut loose on Brooklyn...

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Sound check!

Here are the bands playing at Coney Island's new amphitheater this summer

BY MAX JAEGER

They're already warming up.

Officials haven't announced this summer's inaugural concert lineup at the still-under-construction Coney Island Amphitheater, but bands are busy selling tickets anyhow. A search of ticket-sellers — including Ticketmaster, which owns the seaside amphitheater's operating company Live Nation — reveals that at least six acts have signed on to perform.

Perhaps the biggest group slated is classic rock pioneer Boston, which will blow in from Beantown on Aug. 10, according to the band's website.

Here's the fullest lineup we could find:

Staten Island comedians Impractical Jokers, who are no strangers to Coney Island, will yuk it up on July 1, according to a Ticketmaster listing.

Nebraskan funk-rockers 311 (not named for the popular New York complaint line) will take the stage on July 16 alongside Jewish reggae icon Matisyahu, who lived in Crown Heights for years before defecting to the West Coast, a search of Ticketmaster's website shows.

White-boy stoner reggae act Slightly Stoopid plays July 23, according to artist-tracker SongKick.com

Alt-metal rockers Deftones will set ears ringing on Aug. 5, according to Ticketmaster.

And similar-veined Shine-down is set to play two days later on Aug. 7, SongKick reports.

Celtic punks Flogging Molly are having a seisún on Aug. 26, according to ticket purveyor VividSeats.com

Amphitheater management did not return a request for comment, but the full con-



Associated Press / Elise Amendola

JUST ANOTHER BAND OUTTA BOSTON: (Above) Classic rockers Boston and (right) Jewish reggae artist Matisyahu will be some of the first acts to grace Coney Island's new amphitheater this summer.

cert schedule is due out mid-April, a representative said.

Tickets for the shows range from about \$35 to upwards of \$70. None of the acts appear to be part of the free, Seaside Summer Concerts Series that the borough president's office puts on — organizers have not released the series's schedule.



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first go-round on the Wonder Wheel and renovated Cyclone roller coaster

the Cyclone before the first 100 thrill-seekers got a free ride on the newly repainted and renovated icon.

The Wonder Wheel's blessings was dedicated to Debbie Santiago, the founding pastor of the Salt and Sea Mission who died earlier this year.

Santiago blessed the rides for 30 years before going to that big amusement park in the sky.

The first 96 people — and 300 kids from the Salt and Sea Mission — took free



PERKS OF THE JOB: Borough President Adams hopped in the Cyclone's lead car.

Photo by Jordan Rathkopf

spins on the Ferris wheel.

Not all the egg creams

were sacrificed to imbue the Cyclone and Wonder Wheel with good luck — Canarsie fizz barons the Brooklyn Seltzer Boys handed out free egg creams to those first folks who showed up for the event.

Dancers and musicians from Crown Heights' Brooklyn United Marching Band provided tunes with a repertoire that included classic soul hits from acts such as the Temptations and newer songs like Drake's "Hotline Bling."



AN ALL-AROUND GOOD TIME: Revelers take a ride on the Luna 360, a pendulum-like ride that swings riders completely upside down.

Photo by Jordan Rathkopf

This bar is gettin' hammered!

Pub owners are turning Peggy O'Neill's into a beer garden

BY DENNIS LYNCH

Talk about a face lift!

Coney Island mainstay Peggy O'Neill's will reopen in May as a beer garden called Steeplechase Beer Garden that will feature memorabilia from the now-gone amusement mecca — including the creepy "funny face" that park owner George C. Tilyou cooked up and which is still a Coney icon. And that won't be the only local flavor — they'll be brewing beer made with hops grown right in the beer garden, the owner said.

"We'll have multiple varieties of hops — 36 plants in all — growing on trellises outside, and come October each year, we'll harvest them, make some beer out of them, and serve it at the bar," said James Quigley, who is no stranger to beer-making. "I grew some on my roof last year and made beer, and it was great."

Until then, Quigley will serve a dozen other, mostly-local brews, including suds from Coney Island Brewery — which has a brewery right next door — and Brooklyn Brewery.

Steeplechase Beer Garden will pay homage to its namesake park and Coney Island's amusement mastermind Tilyou. Photos of iconic rides and attractions at Steeplechase Park, which once stood where Peggy O'Neill's and MCU Park are now, will adorn the interior alongside People's Playground-themed artwork.

Quigley is working with artists to tweak Tilyou's unmistakable "funny face" logo for the bar, and he plans to sell Steeplechase-themed memora-



Photo by Jordan Rathkopf

abilia including T-shirts, beer coozies, and beer glasses, he said.

The entrepreneur and pour-man is drawing inspiration from the People's Playground's biggest business man, he said.

"We're focused on channeling the life of George C. Tilyou," Quigley said. "He was the greatest entrepreneur of Coney Island, and he was all about the experience — the Coney Island experience," according to Quigley, who said he will channel that experience with live entertainment, an arcade, and outdoor bar games such as bar game cornhole.

The beer will not be the only lo-

cal fare either — Quigley will source local ingredients for a new, significantly upgraded menu, he said. New grub will include bacon-lettuce-and-tomato sandwiches with lobster, house-made bacon on a stick, hot dogs, and bratwurst, he said.

The news was first reported by the Coney Island Blog.

Quigley said he has wanted to open a beer garden since he visited some during a trip to Germany shortly after opening Peggy O'Neill's in 2002. But now that Coney is experiencing a renaissance — major landmarks are under renovation, the city is expanding the amusement district, and local



Brooklyn Museum

OUT WITH THE O'NEILL'S, IN THE WITH THE NEW: (Left) Peggy O'Neill's owner James Quigley is completely replacing the Surf Avenue bar with Steeplechase Beer Garden — a beer garden themed after the historic Coney Island theme park that once stood where the bar now stands. (Above) Steeplechase Park founder George C. Tilyou's iconic "funny face" logo will grace the new bar in homage to the amusement pioneer.

pols have been holding more festivals there — Quigley is anticipating more tourists with a more discerning palate, he said.

"As Coney Island is getting a new face, it's time for our business as well," he said. "Customer tastes have changed and bottles of Budweiser and Coors Light doesn't cut it anymore."

The new bar will open on May 6, and April 30 is the last day to say goodbye to dear old Peggy O'Neill's.

Family devalues

Montague Street landlord of long-vacated Starbucks won't rent to new mom and pop

BY LAUREN GILL

He wants to make star bucks!

A dingy Brooklyn Heights storefront has been collecting dust since a Starbucks moved up the block nearly four years ago, because the owner refuses to lease it to anyone but another big-name tenant — and he is rich enough to keep it deserted for as long as it takes to find one, according to a spokesman.

“We’re spoiled with a triple-A credit rating and that’s what we’re looking for again,” said a rep for the owner — Nathan Silverstein, according to city records — who refused to give his name.

The caffeinated-dessert chain ditched the two-story retail space on Montague Street between Hicks and Henry streets in 2012, and now the brick building — its windows still outlined in Starbucks green — is empty save for

some old construction materials, and locals say it looks like crappuccino and is bringing down the whole street.

“It’s an eyesore,” one resident announced at civic group the Brooklyn Heights Association’s annual meeting in February — a sentiment echoed by many others in attendance.

The denizen suggested he turn it over to the community to use as an art gallery until a new store comes along, but other Heights citizens say he should just lower his asking price to attract more prospects.

The civic association’s head honcho Patrick Killackey said he has spoken to Silverstein about dropping the figure, but to no avail.

The rep would not say how much his boss is asking, but Montague Street is notorious for inflated rental prices and high turnover rate, according to one local real estate guru, as

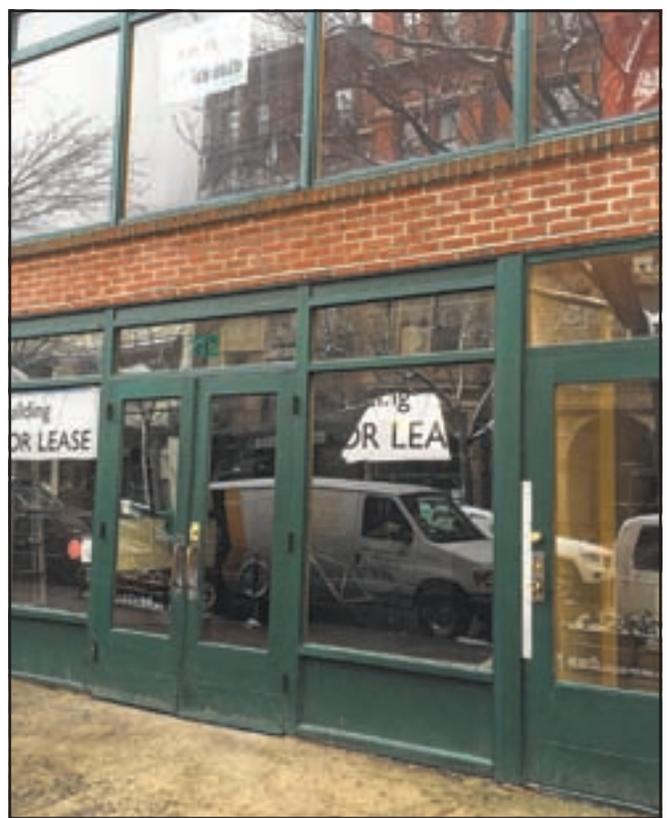
many landlords mistakenly believe their properties are as desirable as those along tony strips on the distant island on Manhattan.

“This is a very frothy environment,” said broker Chris Havens. “Brooklyn is still mortal.”

The average asking figures on the strip teeter around \$150 per square foot, according to a report issued last fall by the Real Estate Board of New York — compared with \$162 on the far more heavily trafficked Court Street nearby.

But the spokesman claimed he has received plenty of offers at the current price — it is just that none of them have been what his boss is looking for, as he will only sign on the dotted line with an established company that isn’t in danger of diving into the red.

“We don’t want these new people to start a new company



WAITING IS THE HARDEST PART: This space on Montague Street has been open for years, but its owner said he won’t rent to a new or small business. Community News Group / Lauren Gill

or new corporation and then they go under and break the lease,” he said.

The rep said they are holding out for the long-stalled reopening of the neighboring

Bossert Hotel, and hope some of the hotly anticipated historic lodging’s sheen will rub off and attract a high-profile client willing to put up the money for the space.

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Wild, wild, wet

Elderly B'Heights man slips, cuts his head on snowy set of Will Smith movie



WINTER NIGHTMARE: An elderly man slipped on the winter-themed set of Will Smith's new movie, "Collateral Beauty," in Brooklyn Heights on March 23. Photo by Paul Martinka

BY LAUREN GILL

This is the story all about how an old man got flipped, turned upside down.

An elderly Brooklyn Heights man slipped and cut his head on the snowy set of a new Will Smith movie last Wednesday night — but the star did not bother to check up on the injured senior, according to a witness.

The senior fell while crossing Joralemon Street at Willow Place around 8:29 pm, after the crew covered the streets and sidewalks in water and snow to create a winter scene for the film "Collateral Beauty," the witness said.

Smith was running lines nearby with actress Naomie Harris, but it was the crew who swooped in immediately and called an ambulance, according to the onlooker.

The injured senior was talking and able to walk, but appeared shaken up as he sat on a stoop for 10 minutes while residents came out to help, the witness said. But Smith — who played a doctor in last year's "Concussion" and a "date doctor" in 2005's "Hitch" — did not come over to see how he was doing, he said.

Paramedics arrived and bandaged up the oldster's bleeding noggin, and took him to the nearby emergency room formerly known as Long Island College Hospital, according to the Fire Department.

A woman at the Brooklyn Heights residence where the man was headed before the accident said the fall was "nothing."

A spokesperson for the Mayor's

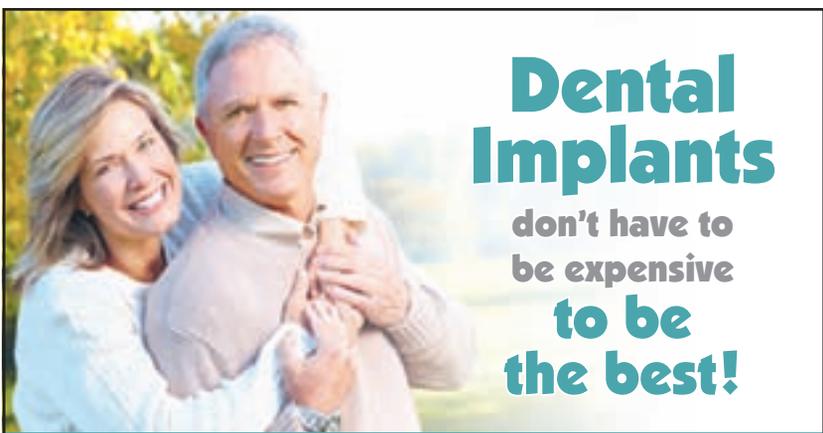
Office of Media and Entertainment claimed that it always ensures productions "maintain a safe pedestrian passage at all times" and that a police officer stationed on set was able to help the wounded gent.

The film's production companies did not return request for comment.



BAD BOY, BAD BOY: Will Smith was on the set, but didn't offer his help to the man.

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Bernie opens boro HQ

BY LAUREN GILL

Gowanus is feeling the Bern — and it isn't from a Canal-related rash!

Bernie Sanders's presidential campaign opened its new New York campaign office in an Eighth Street warehouse on Saturday, throwing a big block party that attracted hundreds of fans who refuse to throw in the towel on the Kings County-born pol's run for the oval office.

said Rachel Brown-McLoughlin, a Long Islander who sported a "Bernie is Bae" shirt for the party outside Sanders's new office on Eighth Street and Third Avenue. "The whole point was we're still in this."

Kyp Malone from Brooklyn band TV on the Radio strummed his guitar while supporters signed up for volunteer shifts and donned Bernie garb and sang Bernie-themed songs to proclaim their ballot for the Democratic hopeful,

who grew up in Flatbush and owes his famed running form to his time running track for James Madison High School in Madison.

Sanders didn't show up, as he was campaigning in Oregon instead, but some other area pols came out to stump for the socialist contender.

"Bernie Sanders stands up for my people," said Councilman Rafael Espinal (D-Bushwick), the only Council

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BERN NOTICE: (Above) Rachel Brown-McLoughlin and Steven Labreu have been volunteering for Bernie Sanders's presidential campaign. (Center) Jennie Hurwita wrote a song for the block party. (Left) Michael Korn and Guguai helped out with the block party in Gowanus

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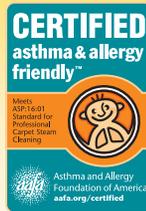
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Knot cool

Some cold-hearted jerks beat up a guy and stole his outerwear on Boerum Place on March 25.

The guy was walking home near Dean Street at 11:25 am when the punks approached him and started pushing and punching him, according to a report. They then removed his hoodie and windbreaker, leaving him out in the cold with a knot on his head, according to police.

Has a point

A knave robbed a guy at knife-point on Tillary Street on March 23.

The victim told police he was near Jay Street at 3:40 pm when the snake came up to him, flashing his blade and demanding money. The victim handed over \$240 and the mugger then fled, according to a report.

Out in the street

A trio of toughs beat up a guy near Nevins Street on March 24 and stole his money and phone.

The victim told cops he was near Livingston Street at 5:50 pm when three goons in a dark gray Ford pulled up and said, "Yo." Two of the bandits got out of the car and proceeded to pound him, with one punching him in the right eye and the other in the back of his head, police said.

The victim dropped his iPhone 5 amidst the skirmish and the jerks picked it up — along with \$30 — got back in the car, and drove off, authorities said.

Bejeweled

A gun-toting baddie held up a Hannover Place store and emerged with jewelry on March 25.

The crook entered the store near DeKalb Avenue at 10:40 am and flashed a gun, police said. He then removed \$300 from the register and a piece of white metal jewelry before bidding a hasty retreat, according to a report.

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FORT GREENE-CLINTON HILL

Mug for a mug

Cops cuffed a guy who they say went on a mugging spree in Fort Greene in the early morning hours of March 22.

The suspect first flashed a gun at a guy on Myrtle Avenue at 1:15 am, demanding his property and successfully taking his iPhone, cash, and a gun, according to a report, and the man fled, according to a police report.



POLICE BLOTTER

Dastardly duo target unlocked apartments

BY RUTH BROWN

The key to thwarting these criminals? A key.

A pair of thieves went on a massive burglary spree across Greenpoint, Williamsburg, and Bushwick over the past month, raiding at least 16 unlocked apartments in the early hours of the morning between Feb. 19 and March 22 and making off with cash, jewelry, credit cards, and electronics, police say.

The nogoodknicks find their targets simply by walking into apartment buildings and attempting to open all the doors until they find one they can, cops told DNA Info.

The rakes often hit multiple dwellings in one night — on March 10, the twosome hit up a home at Skillman and Meeker avenues at 1 am for credit cards, electronics, and \$100, then scored more high-tech gadgets from another house near Monitor Street and Meeker Avenue at 2 am, and finished up at 4:20 am by swiping a key from a man's residence near Skillman and Manhattan avenues, cops said.

Approximately an hour later, the same guy allegedly bashed a different victim with a gun after unsuccessfully trying to rob him, leading to a scuffle on Adelphi Street.

The victim said he was in the front of his building near Myrtle Avenue at 2:20 am when the suspect walked toward him, pointed a pistol, and said, "You know what this is."

Police say the man then went through the victim's pockets, but didn't find any money. He did notice the ring on his victim's finger, though, and said, "Give me the ring," police reported.

When the victim refused, the suspect allegedly struck him on the right side of the head with his gun, but the victim fought back — knocking the weapon out of his hands, authorities said.

Police said the victim then picked up the gun and hit his attacker over the left side of his head, eventually tossing the weapon and scuffling with the guy until the cops arrived and arrested the alleged assailant, police said.

The dastardly duo's smallest score was \$8 from a property near Manhattan and Skillman avenues, and their largest was probably a car key from a woman's house near N. 10th and Berry Street — because they then used it to take her car as well, according to a report.

Residents have caught the pair in the act at least twice — first near Manhattan Avenue and Newton Street at 4 am on March 17, then again at Monitor and Richardson streets at 9 am — but both times the scoundrels successfully fled, police said.

Police describe both bandits as standing around 5-foot-8 to 6-foot and weighing around 150–160 pounds. One was last seen wearing a black jacket and a gray knit cap, the other a black "bubble" jacket, gray pants, and a gray hooded sweater.

Police ask anyone with information about the pair to call (800) 577-8477, submit tips at www.nypd-crimestoppers.com, or text 274637 followed by TIP577. All calls are strictly confidential.

Bricked

A blockhead repeatedly struck a guy with a brick on Myrtle Avenue on March 23 after his attempts to rob him went sour.

The victim told police he was in a store near Clermont Avenue at 4:20 am when the nogoodnik approached him and asked for his wallet. The victim refused, and the jerk retaliated by hitting him with a brick, cops said.

Police said the brute then followed his victim through the store, continually pegging him with a brick, cutting the back of his head. An emergency services vehicle soon arrived, and took the injured man to Brooklyn Hospital for treatment, while the lout fled, according to a report.

Snatch and dash

A pair of punks snatched a woman's phone from her hand on Cumberland Street on March 25.

The victim said she was near Fulton Street at 11 am when two knuckleheads grabbed her phone and

ran off. She tried to chase the jerks down to Carlton Avenue, but she was forced to stop after she couldn't get into a building they disappeared into, police said

Squeezed

An affectionate thief lifted \$100 from a delivery guy by giving him a deceptively huge hug on Carlton Avenue on March 25.

The victim told police he was delivering food near Atlantic Avenue at 9:12 pm when a stranger came up to him and gave him a bear hug.

The embrace was not so sweet, however — the weasel was actually removing the cash from the victim's pocket, according to a report.

Baseball batter

A brute bashed a guy with a baseball bat on N. Oxford Walk on March 23.

Police said the guy was strolling near Myrtle Avenue at 8:10 pm when the slugger began to swing at him, knocking him to the ground and cutting the left side of his face and head.

— *Lauren Gill*

68TH PRECINCT

BAY RIDGE-DYKER HEIGHTS

Road rage

Two maniacs smashed a bottle over a man's head and shattered a window of his fire department-owned vehicle over a parking spot on 73rd Street on March 25, according to a police report.

The two men had their livery car parked between Fifth and Sixth avenues around 6:45 pm when the fire department employee told them he needed them to move their vehicle, police said.

They refused, and the argument turned violent when one of the hot-heads hopped out of the car and hit the victim across the head with a bottle, leaving him with a six-inch gash across his forehead, according to a report.

The second brute hopped out of the car brandishing a tire iron, and smashed the back window of the fire department's car, cops said. The men fled in their car towards Fourth Avenue, but cops say they have one of their cellphones dropped in the chaos, a report said.

Bike bandit

A two-bit thief stole a guy's two-wheeled ride on Shore Road on the afternoon of March 27, police said.

The guy was biking near 80th Street when the thief came up to him brandishing a knife at least five inches long, demanding his wheels, authorities said. The biker complied and the thief pedaled away, cops said.

— *Dennis Lynch*



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BY CAMILLE SPERRAZZA

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It's a rocky road

Cobblestoned Vinegar Hill street may be Brooklyn's wildest ride

BY LAUREN GILL

Call it Vinegar Hill Country!

An ancient cobblestoned stretch of Front Street has cars bumping and bouncing all over the place, forcing motorists to slow to a crawl so they don't end up losing their lunch or their suspension.

"Have you seen the condition of the street?" said Jay Mandoch, who drives his truck down the choppy stretch between Gold Street and Hudson Avenue once a week. "It's not even even, and has a whole lot of holes, so it slows me down."

The thoroughfare boasts some of Brooklyn's last remaining Belgian blocks, which were hand cut and laid down more than a century ago. The city has since paved over many of the timepieces or replaced them with artificially-aged replacements to even the streets out for drivers and cyclists — much to the annoyance of local preservationists. But this waterfront block remains as much as it did when the area was part of the working waterfront.

The rugged terrain often trips up newcomers, but some who regularly traverse the rocky road say they don't mind having an excuse to slow their roll.

"I don't mind it because it's only one block and I'm used to it," said Jerome Tyler, who navigates the stretch daily to pick up his kids from PS 307, which backs onto the street. "I know to slow down and take my time."

In fact, some locals would like to see the Department of Transportation restore more of the area's cobblestones to act as de facto speed bumps.

"It would ensure traffic calming," said Doreen Gallo, who is president of the Dumbo Neighbor-



TAKE IT QUEASY: These old raised blocks make Front Street a bumpy ride.

Community News Group / Lauren Gill

hood Alliance and has been leading a charge to bring the blocks back.

Other fans just like how they look, saying they are an iconic part of the neighborhood that many cities and theme parks attempt to replicate.

"It's hard to drive on them, but they're really cute and unique and charming and wonderful," said Susanna Crall, a Bedford-Stuyvesant resident who works at popular eatery Vinegar Hill House on Hudson Avenue.

The Department of Transportation said it does plan to resurface parts of Front Street for an upcoming street reconstruction project, but refused to say where or how.

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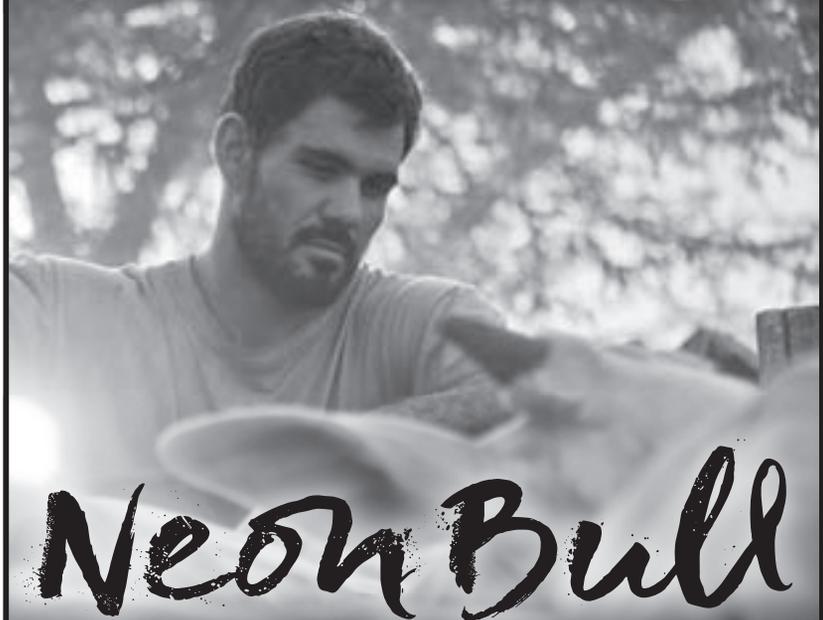


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VINYL FANTASIES: Israel Ben Yahuda in his subterranean store. Photo by Jason Speakman

WAX OFF

Twenty years later, beloved Bed-Stuy record store selling last album

BY LAUREN GILL

It's the vinyl countdown.

Beloved Bedford-Stuyvesant basement music emporium Israel's Record Shop will soon close its doors after two decades of slinging one of Brooklyn's most eclectic wax selections, and the eponymous owner says the bad news has his long-time customers in a funk.

"They're disappointed, angry — but more so disappointed," said Israel Ben Yahuda, who will close sometime in the next few weeks.

Yahuda said he found out about seven months ago that the owner of the subterranean Fulton Street haunt — and the building above it — plans to sell, and now the new owner doesn't want to keep him on.

The Fulton Street store is famed among turntable enthusiasts as a treasure trove of disco, soul, and jazz cuts, with an estimated 12,000 to 15,000 records filling crates across its black and white checkered floor that fans say is one-of-a-kind and will be sorely missed.

"It's definitely a loss," said local resident Malik Abdul-Rahmaan, who works at a record store in Manhattan. "His space is just a very unique space. It wasn't just

about the records. There's not many places like that left now."

Yahuda says some of his favorite memories are of watching customers strike gold — along with seeing his kids grow up amongst the stacks.

"My best memories are seeing my children grow up in the store and seeing the joy it brings people when they find a piece they've been looking for for a long time or they're really pleased with," said Yahuda, who originally opened the store for some extra moolah while working as a cabinet maker in the '90s.

A few devotees are helping Yahuda find another space to sell his discs, but he said Bedford-Stuyvesant's skyrocketing rents mean it's unlikely he'll find another spot in the nabe — he has been able to hold on this long thanks to his long-standing relationship with his current landlord.

In the meantime, the spin doctor said he may hold a huge sale to send off his remaining albums, or will sell off the entire collection to other record shops.

Israel's Record Store (1118 Fulton St. between Claver Place and Franklin Avenue in Bedford-Stuyvesant).

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NOTICE OF A JOINT PUBLIC HEARING of the Franchise and Concession Review Committee and the New York City Department of Parks & Recreation to be held on Monday, April 11, 2016 at 2 Lafayette Street, 14th Floor Auditorium, Borough of Manhattan, commencing at 2:30 p.m. relative to:

INTENT TO AWARD as a concession the development, operation, and maintenance of an indoor tennis facility and clubhouse at Bensonhurst Park, Brooklyn ("Licensed Premises"), for a fifteen (15) year term, to MatchPoint Group LLC. Compensation to the City will be as follows: for each operating year, MatchPoint Group LLC shall pay to the City a license fee consisting of the greater of the annual minimum fee (Year 1: \$100,000; Year 2: \$105,000; Year 3: \$110,250; Year 4: \$116,865; Year 5: \$123,877; Year 6: \$131,310; Year 7: \$140,501; Year 8: \$150,336; Year 9: \$160,860; Year 10: \$172,120; Year 11: \$185,890; Year 12: \$200,761; Year 13: \$216,822; Year 14: \$234,167; Year 15: \$252,901) vs. 15% of gross receipts.

A draft copy of the agreement may be reviewed or obtained at no cost, commencing Monday, March 28, 2016, through Monday, April 11, 2016, between the hours of 9 am and 5 pm, excluding weekends and holidays at the New York City Department of Parks & Recreation, located at 830 Fifth Avenue, Room 313, New York, NY 10065.

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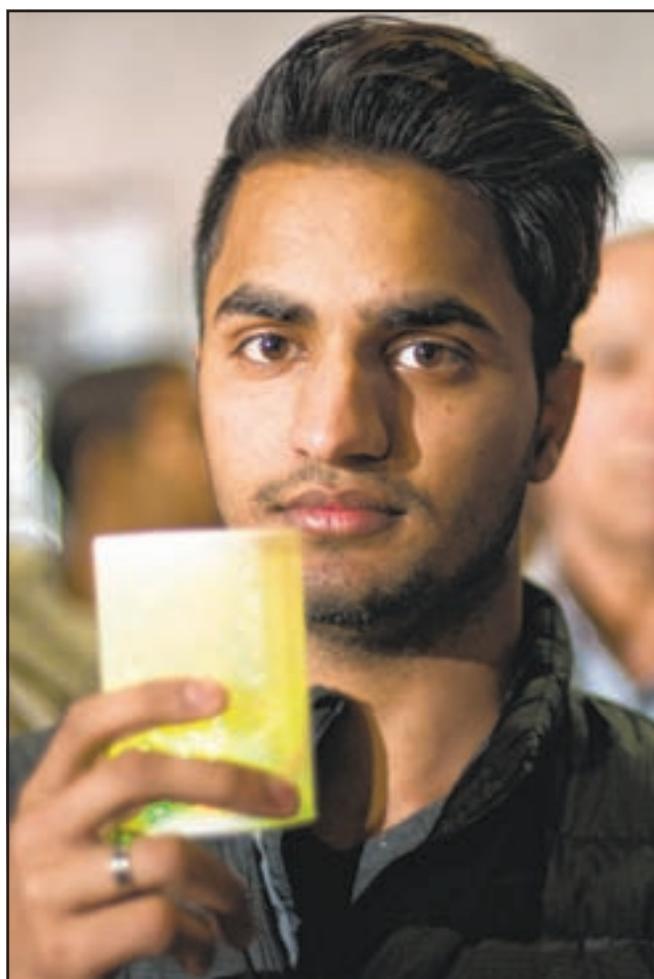
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Terror victims mourned

BY ZACH JONES

Shock waves from Sunday's Pakistan terror attack reverberated all the way to Brooklyn's "Little Pakistan."

Brooklynites mourned the more-than 70 people killed in Sunday's terror bombing in Pakistan during a candlelight vigil at Makki Masjid Muslim Community Center in Midwood on March 28. Radical Islamic terror group the Pakistani Taliban claimed credit for the horrific attack and was reportedly targeting fami-

lies celebrating the Christian holiday Easter.

But in Brooklyn, the vigil unified the two faith communities, one mourner said.

"I think the vigil definitely brought together the Muslim and Christian community," said Coney Islander Tayab Iftikhar, who was born in Pakistan and still has family there. "We were there to show respect to the victims, and not only them, but the victims of all recent acts of terror."

The Coney Island Avenue

corridor boasts one of the highest concentrations of Pakistani-Americans in the country, earning it the informal nickname "Little Pakistan."

Borough President Adams organized the vigil and called for the county's many religious communities to unite against hatred — a struggle Iftikhar was more than ready to get behind.

"I believe every religion should come together to protest these acts of terror," he said.

IN REMEMBRANCE: (Above) Coney Islander Tayab Iftikhar holds his candle at the vigil. (Center) Borough President Adams organized the vigil to honor the victims of the terror attack. (Left) Attendees held signs in solidarity with the victims. Photos by Jordan Rathkopf

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after a lengthy public hearing spree wrapped up in August.

But it put the whole thing on ice indefinitely after local residents and pols came out ferociously against the plan — with critics arguing that big buildings will stick out like a sore thumb, add too many new kids to local schools, and likely flood next time a superstorm hits.

Some also believe the park is fudging its finances, and already has plenty of cash to stay afloat thanks to the condominiums, hotel, marina, and shops already in the works there.

The Pier 6 project wouldn't have needed the state's okay, except Mayor DeBlasio insisted on shoeorning 117 below-market-rate units into the buildings, and activists successfully argued the changes required a review.

Now Levine says his backers are questioning whether the government officials can really get it up after all, and they're getting impatient.

"Our financial partners have come to doubt the city and state's ability to execute the project," he wrote.

A spokesman for the developer later backpedaled on the letter's suggestion that the entire plan is in peril, however — the backers will just have to restructure or it will find new ones, he said.

But DeBlasio says he is raring to go now — he says the state agency should just forge ahead regardless to shore up the cash for the park's kitty and the so-called affordable housing, which would contribute to the 80,000 new below-market units he has pledged to create by 2023.

"Dropping the ball on this project would result in forfeited park funding for one of the city's treasured open spaces and a squandered opportunity for sorely needed affordable housing and pre-K space," said City Hall spokesman Austin Finan. "The ESD should see that the project is moved forward."

But a rep for Empire State Development said it remains hopeful the community and developer will reach a resolution soon, and will "stand ready to assist" until then.

BERNIE

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member to publicly pledge a vote to Sanders. "I represent East New York and Bushwick, some of the poorest neighborhoods in the state of New York and when Bernie speaks, he speaks for us, for the people that live here."

Volunteers in the warehouse between Second and Third avenues will hit the phones to spread Bernie's message to voters ahead of the April 19 New York primary, and Brown-McLoughlin says that folks shouldn't be so quick to concede the Empire State to Hillary Clinton — even though she is a former New York senator and stationed her entire campaign out of Brooklyn Heights.

"The media is saying that New

York is a Hillary state," she said. "From everything we've seen volunteering, there's a huge amount of support for Bernie."

Sanders has been pushing Clinton to debate him in Brooklyn ahead of the primary, and Clinton finally said on Tuesday that she would be open to the Kings County war of words — though as of this paper's press deadline, nothing has been locked in.

But Berners say they hope it happens so their favorite candidate can show off his borough bona fides.

"It would be awesome to have Bernie back in Brooklyn," said Steven Labreu, another Long Islander, who has been volunteering for the campaign. "He stands up to people and has this very New York attitude that he doesn't really take any BS from anyone, it would be incredible for people to see that."



BROOKLYN'S BOY: Victoria De Bruin and Elisabeth Macdonald show their support for the Brooklyn-born pol. Photo by Jordan Rathkopf

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"I am very proud," she said. "They put their hearts into this competition and were unbelievably creative — their teamwork was admirable and truly exemplified what it means to be 'Kearney Strong.'"

Co-captain **Neesha Isaac** credited her coach and the team on their success.

"We faced many obstacles throughout the season, but with the help of each other, and Ms. Rogers, and Ms. Reinfeld, we overcame those challenges and excelled," she said.

Guidance counselor and cheer coach **Jessica Parker** commended the cheerleaders on their Kearney Spirit.

"These young women embody our school's mission," she said. "Their dedication to the school community and each other was evident in their spirited presentation."

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The gala — on April 6, from 6 to 11 pm — is at Chelsea Piers, Pier 60, in Manhattan.

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program, and meets each week to enjoy the game they love. The final game was held with season closing ceremonies and breakfast on March 20 at the church. Trophies were handed out at the game that was refereed by Pythians **Craig Kligfeld** and **Barry Resnick**.

Jim Bahan from St. Mark Church has headed the program for many years. The Knights of Pythias, who have sponsored the group for many years, provided the players and coaches with T-shirts.

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Congrats to **Aviator Sports and Events Center** on the launch of its new and improved website. The revamped **Aviatorsports.com** was created in conjunction with **Synapse Marketing Solutions** — with customer experience firmly in mind. The site integrates advanced search and navigation components which allow visitors to find exactly what they are looking for, faster and more efficiently, say Aviator bigs. Whoo hoo!

"As we entered into our 10th year in operation, it was essential to be able to provide our customers with a functional method of interacting with us online," said **Dean Rivera**, chief operating officer. "This new website is exactly what we had in mind."

Robert Deraco, chief executive officer of Synapse Marketing Solutions, was "very happy" to have been able to take on this project with the Aviator team.

"It has been an exciting journey, and we are happy to have been a part



EXCEPTIONAL GALA: The Guild for Exceptional Children's spring extravaganza at Gargiulo's Restaurant raised funds to benefit the group's work. Pictured are, far left, Paul Cassone and, far right, Arlene Rutelo with attendees. Photo by Georgine Benvenuto

Egg-cellent celebration for Guild

BAY RIDGE

The **Guild for Exceptional Children** held its annual luncheon and gift egg-stravaganza auction at **Gargiulo's Restaurant** in Coney Island on March 13.

A local who's who attended the gala, including co-chairwomen **Margaret DeVincenzo**, **Mary Dory**, and **Celeste Sena**, the three Standing O amigos who put the whole shebang together. Also on the receiving line and celebrating festivities were Bay Ridge civic activist and business woman **Arlene Rutelo**, and **Paul Cassone**, executive director and chief executive officer at the guild.

Our roving photog **Georgine**

of it," he said.

The site will be updated on a regular basis with special events, news, and program additions and changes. The new Aviator Score Box will be updated accordingly, allowing families to follow Aviator's in-house and travel leagues. The launch coincides with Aviator's 10th anniversary, and will be a key marketing asset in forwarding various promotions and offers throughout the year.

Check out the new and improved website at AviatorSports.com.

PARK SLOPE

Save the date

New York Methodist Hospital is hosting its third annual eve-

Benvenuto was on hand to capture the Kodak moments, as more than 500 attendees donned elaborate hats, cute bunny ears, and huge grins to support the event's Easter bonnet theme. The group feasted on fabulous food, and enjoyed raffles and great prizes.

The guild helps children and adults living with developmental disabilities lead satisfying lives through residential care, educational training, jobs, and therapeutic services, and assists families in their journeys.

Standing O gives the gala a thumbs up and 10 bunny ears.

The Guild for Exceptional Children [260 68th St. between Third Avenue and Ridge Boulevard in Bay Ridge, (718) 833-6633].

ning for women's health on April 7, from 6 to 8:30 pm at the hospital's main building. This year's theme is **Thrive!**

The evening will combine Brooklyn-worthy fun, including wine tasting, door prizes, mini-massages, acupuncture, light bites from local eateries, health information, and screenings. Presenters include **Dr. Stephen Peterson** and **Registered Nurse Karen Kupinski**.

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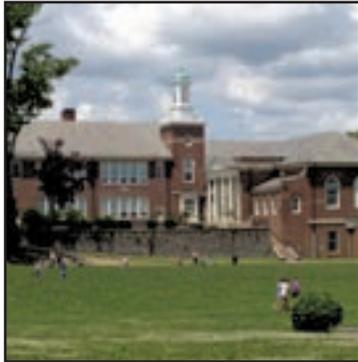
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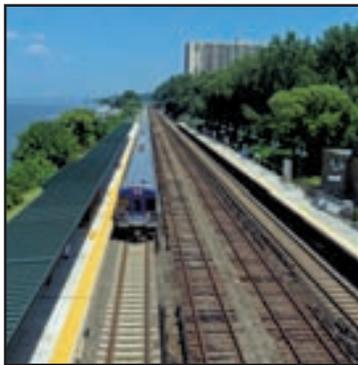
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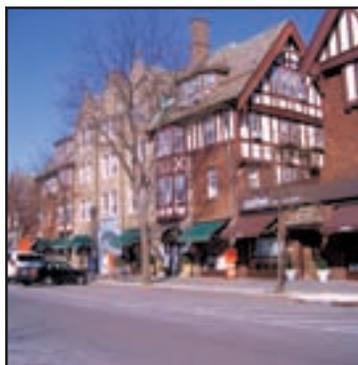
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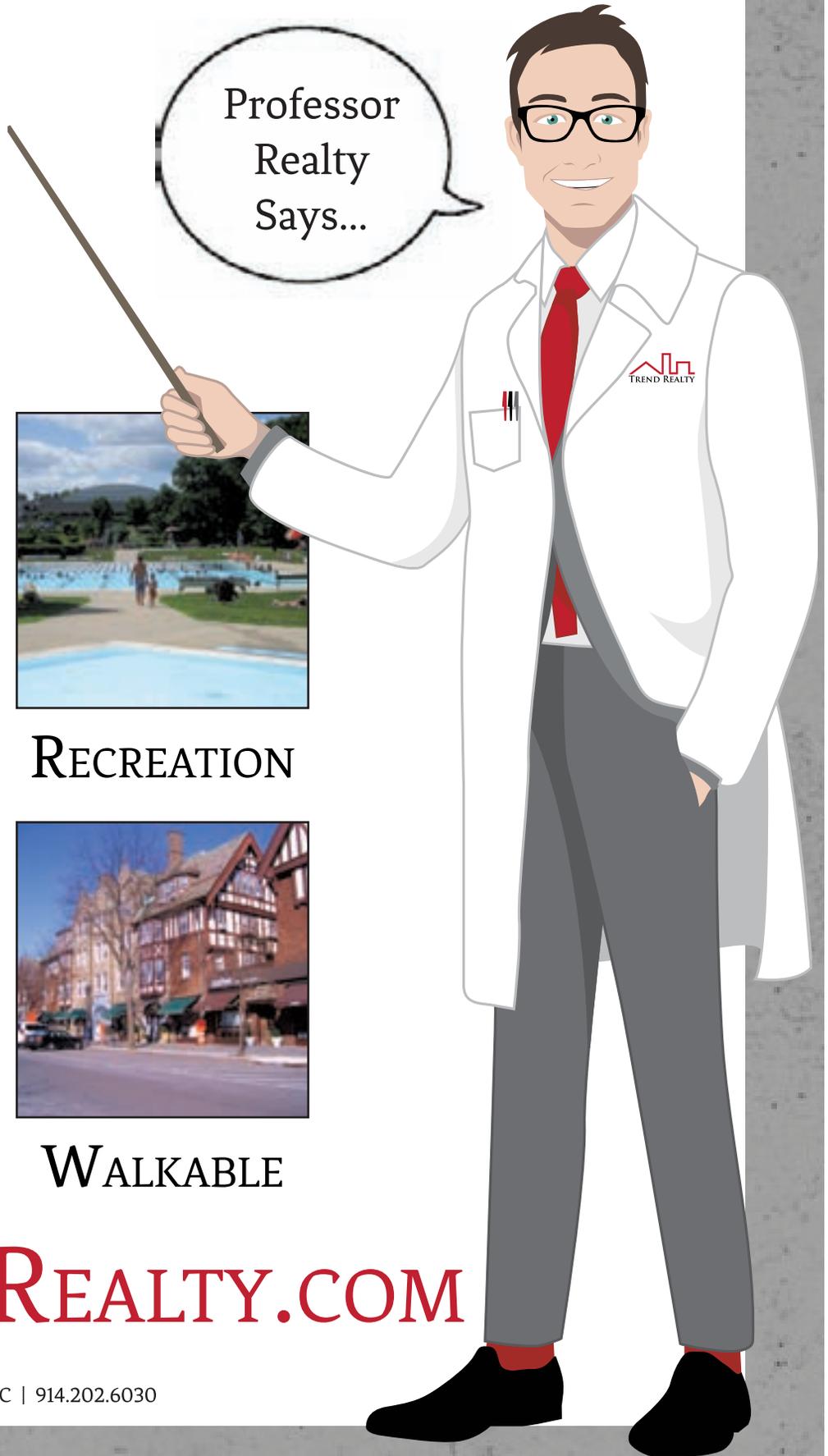
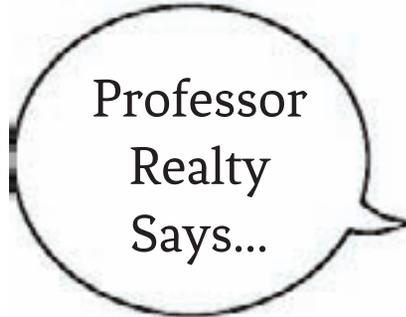
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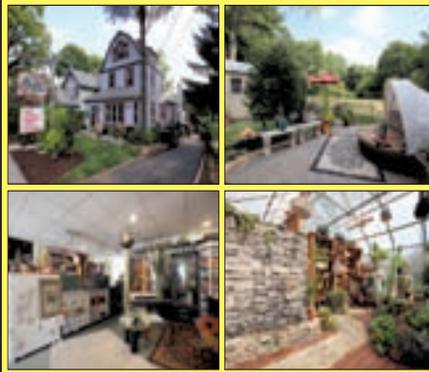
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OPEN CALL: Brooklyn Hospital Center is selling off part of its complex to a housing developer. Photo by Louise Wateridge

HOSPITAL

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tal's senior vice president of strategic planning. "Downtown Brooklyn is red hot."

The Fort Greene Park-adjacent medical center has put its 21-story tower at Willoughby and St. Edwards streets on the market, and will close the application process next month.

The winning developer will be able to replace the structure — a 1940s brick building housing an urgent care facility and doctors' offices — with an even taller new apartment or condo tower, as the land is already zoned for residential buildings and comes with extra air rights from the main campus, Clark said.

The new owner will also be able to build an exclusive private entrance to the park, according to promotional material from the broker.

The hospital will use the funds from the sale to perform some cosmetic surgery — it will buy new

equipment, perform some renovations, and build a new, more modern ambulatory care center, Clark said.

The medical complex currently has a D rating from healthcare watchdog Hospital Safety Score and reported above average levels of some dangerous infections in recent years, but Clark claims it is the dowdy digs really driving potential patients away.

"We give great quality care but because some of our facilities are dated, people don't always get that impression," she said.

And neighbors should be happy to see the new housing high-rise there too, Clark said, because it will look much swankier than the existing building.

"This is going to be a beautiful building that the community will like more than the current structure," she said.

Construction is still a ways off, though — the hospital will lease the building back from the buyer for two to three years while it does construction.



NIP AND TUCK: Brooklyn Hospital Center is slicing off this part of its complex and selling it to a developer. Cushman and Wakefield

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Downsizing to smaller homes or apartments is a significant step, one that homeowners should give ample consideration before making

their final decisions. The following are a handful of tips to help homeowners determine if downsizing to smaller homes is the right move:

Get a grip on the real estate market. Downsizing is not solely about money, but it's important that homeowners consider the real estate market before putting their homes up for sale. Speak with a local realtor or your financial advisor about the current state of your real estate market. Downsizing

can help homeowners save money on utilities, taxes and mortgage payments, but those savings may be negated if you sell your house in a buyer's market instead of a seller's market. If you think the current market won't get you the price you are hoping for, delay your downsize until the market rebounds.

Take inventory of what's in your house. Empty nesters often find that their homes are still filled with their chil-

dren's possessions, even long after those children have entered adulthood and left home. If the storage in your home is dominated by items that belong to your children and not you, then downsizing might be right for you. Tell your children you are thinking of downsizing and invite them over to pick through any items still in your home. Once they have done so and taken what they want, you can host a yard sale, ultimately donating or

discarding what you cannot sell. Once all of the items are gone, you may realize that moving into a smaller place is the financially prudent decision.

Examine your own items as well. Your children's items are likely not the only items taking up space in your home. Take inventory of your own possessions as well, making note of items you can live without and those you want to keep.

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There are benefits to establishing advanced healthcare directives

Healthy adults may give little thought to injuries or illnesses. When the going is good, it is easy to forget about the less pleasant side effects of aging. However, putting off these conversations and decisions can lead to unnecessary obstacles in the years to come. Advanced healthcare directives can be invaluable resources for family members and friends who will be responsible for managing a person's plans should he become unable to make his own decisions. Various organizations, including AARP, offer resources on advanced planning and the options available to adults looking to plan their estates.

The National Healthcare Decisions Day movement, a group dedicated to providing clear, concise, and consistent information on healthcare decision-making, defines advanced directives as establishing:

- A "healthcare power of attorney" (or "proxy," "agent," or "surrogate"), the person you select to be your voice for your healthcare decisions if you cannot speak for yourself.

- A "living will" to document which medical treatments you would or would not want at the end of life.

People often tend to put off these decisions, but it's important to make them as early as possible. Not only will they dictate your wishes, they'll also take the pressure off of loved ones who would otherwise be tasked with making difficult decisions on their own.

Healthcare proxy

Appointing a healthcare proxy ensures that there will be someone there who has the legal authority to make healthcare decisions for you if you are no longer able to speak for yourself. This

may be a spouse, child, relative, or close friend. The Mayo Clinic suggests choosing a person who can be trusted to make decisions that adhere to your wishes and values and to be your advocate if there are disagreements about your care.

Be sure to have a candid discussion with your healthcare proxy in which you go over the types of medical care you wish to receive and any ways you would or would not like your life prolonged. It helps to keep the proxy up-to-date on any medical conditions you may have so that she can make the most informed decisions on your behalf.

Having a healthcare proxy does not mean you are giving up your right to make medical decisions. It's a fail-safe in the event you are unconscious or cannot direct medical care.

Living will

An advanced healthcare directive enables you to create specific written instructions for future care, known as a living will. The living will should include wishes regarding life-sustaining medical treatments and resuscitation if you are no longer able to speak on your own behalf.

It also can spell out whether you want to remain in a hospital or receive palliative care at home for a terminal illness. A living will can be changed if or when your wishes or circumstances change.

Legal and medical advice

Although legal advice is not required for an advanced directive, it can be helpful to iron out the legalities of your directives.

Speak with your doctor about your desires and needs. A physician can help you form a coherent directive that is in line with your wishes.

ANEMIA A COMMON CONDITION

Aging is accompanied by a number of physical changes. Some of these changes, such as vision impairment or loss of hearing, are anticipated, while others may arrive unexpectedly.

One condition many adults unexpectedly encounter is anemia. It is common in older adults and its prevalence increases with age, but it is not a condition that is widely considered part of the aging process. Anemia is often a symptom of a hidden problem that needs to be addressed promptly.

Anemia is one of the most common blood disorders, affecting more than three million Americans, says the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute. The American Society of Hematology notes that anemia is characterized by insufficient levels of red blood cells in the blood. Anemia also occurs when red blood cells, which are responsible for carrying oxygen to the various organs and tissues throughout the body, are not functioning properly.

Very often the signs of anemia are overlooked or go unnoticed until a blood test determines low hemoglobin

or hematocrit concentrations. Some people discover they have anemia as they attempt to donate blood, at which time their red blood cell count is found to be inadequate. When the body lacks oxygen, any number of the following symptoms may be experienced:

- weakness
- dizziness
- extreme fatigue
- shortness of breath
- fast or irregular heartbeat
- pale or yellow skin
- cold hands or feet

Frequently, existing disorders or conditions, such as congestive heart failure, are made worse by anemia. But unless doctors specifically consider anemia as a possible cause of symptoms, its presence can go undiagnosed.

The American Academy of Family Physicians says the most common causes of anemia among older men and women include chronic diseases and iron deficiency. Vitamin B12 deficiency, folate deficiency, gastrointestinal bleeding, and myelodysplastic syndrome are other causes of anemia.

The main way to treat anemia is to discover its source and reverse the



Anemia is not usually discovered unless a blood test is ordered. Its symptoms can mimic other conditions.

outcomes. For instance, a gastrointestinal bleed may need to be repaired. If iron deficiency is the source of the anemia, iron supplements may be pre-

scribed. Many methods to correct anemia involve trial and error and experimentation, especially when the source of the anemia is unknown.

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Isolation, a growing concern for seniors



Feelings of loneliness and isolation are common among the senior population. This is due, in part, to the large percentage of seniors who end up living alone later in life. US Census Bureau information from 2010

for Mom, the following situations can result from senior isolation:

- Studies from the National Center on Elder Abuse show a connection between social isolation and higher rates of elder abuse.

- Feelings of loneliness can be linked to poor cognitive performance.

- Loneliness is associated with more depressive symptoms among seniors.

- A 2010 study published in *Psychology and Aging* indicated a direct relationship between loneliness in older adults and increases in systolic blood pressure over a four-year period.

Visiting with seniors and promoting social connections can help them avoid feelings of isolation.

As people get older, their likelihood of living alone only increases, as many have fewer family members or friends around to provide company and care.

indicated around 28 percent of people ages 65 and older lived alone at the time the data was collected. As people get older, their likelihood of living alone only increases, as many have fewer family members or friends around to provide company and care. Despite the large numbers of baby boomers living throughout North America, senior isolation is still a concern. According to the senior housing resource A Place

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Identifying potential senior danger signs

BY JOANNA R. LEEFER

We have all read stories of the frail elderly woman who was rushed to the hospital from a nursing home, home care, or assisted living suffering from dehydration, drug overdose, or pressure sores. A tearful family member is often interviewed telling us she had no idea there was anything wrong.

Mom was always found in her bed comfortably propped up with pillows with a colorful blanket pulled up to her chin. Although her dementia no longer allowed her to speak, she was always smiling. It was only after she was rushed to the hospital that the family found out her arms were riddled with rashes and sores.

These are heartbreaking stories of abuse and neglect. Yet, they are often avoidable, especially if families know how to identify potential danger signs. Here are four that indicate poor care:

Significant weight loss

A sudden loss in weight is often a major indicator that someone is not eating properly. It could indicate that the staff is not watching to see if your loved one is able to eat, or the staff is not providing needed assistance.

Always check to determine if your family member is having trouble cutting her food, handling a fork, or swallowing. Beyond these mechanical difficulties, there are multiple reasons for loss of appetite including depression, medication, mouth or dental pain, infection, or illness that should be investigated.

Lethargy, mood changes

Changes in mood, sleep cycle, or alertness are all signs that something is not right with a patient's care. Often, behavior changes are due to the side effect of a new medicine or a change in dosage.

Make sure you are kept informed about all changes in medications and the reasons for these changes. Alert the home care agency or head nurse in a nursing home immediately if you notice any mood changes.

Regularly check to ask if any new medications have been added to the mix. Sometimes drugs can act adversely with each other, so check to make sure they are compatible. Note if the dosage has been changed. Sometimes a change in dosage can cause drowsiness or edginess.

Also notice if any medications have been added over the last few weeks. Many times new medications build up over time and adverse effects might not become apparent right away. Your careful observations can make a big

difference in the care of your parents or loved one's care.

Unkempt or unclean appearance

Notice your loved one's appearance. Everyone has the right to be clean and well groomed; it shows a sign of respect, something every patient deserves. Take a look at the state of your loved one's clothing, hair, skin and nails. If your mom does not look clean, find out why.

Some patients, particularly people with dementia, are very sensitive to touch and might need to be treated more gently. Most important, if you do not feel a care attendant is considering the well being of your loved one, it is time to replace her.

Pressure sores

One of the greatest dangers for a frail bedridden individual is a pressure sore, also known as a bedsore. A pressure sore is caused by unrelieved pressure, friction, or humidity on a portion of the body, typically over a bony part such as the heel, ankle, hips, and buttocks. These sores start small, but if they go undiscovered or are not treated they can get larger and can become infected. In extreme cases a pressure sore can cause death. If a patient is unable to turn or reposition herself independently, there should be a care plan in place to help protect pressure areas.

It is the responsibility of the health care attendant to look for infections or sores, but even a conscious aide can miss signs. The best way to ensure your loved one is not developing a pressure sore is to physically check. Stay in the room when an aide is dressing, bathing, or changing your loved one. Many family members feel this is an infringement of a patient's personal space, but it is an important duty. Sometimes a second set of eyes can catch sores before they become a serious problem.

Caring for a frail parent, sibling, spouse, or friend is a major commitment. It is easy to hope that an outsider will always give your loved one the best health care possible. However, even the most well-meaning attendant might overlook small warning signs. It is up to family and friends to ensure that a special loved one is treated with the respect she deserves.

Joanna R. Leefer is a senior care advisor, advocate, and founder of ElderCareGiving, a service that helps families make difficult care decision for aging loved ones when family care is no longer enough. She also teaches advocacy skills to caregivers who want to insure their loved ones get the best care. For more, visit www.joannaleefer.com.

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

There are a lot of people 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 treatment 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 cardiologist."

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

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 method has been used 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 Academy of Sciences.

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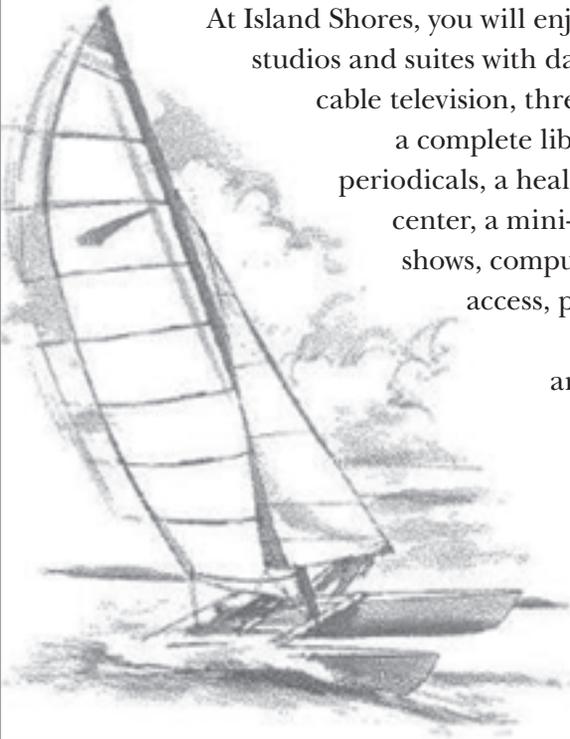


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But just because aging is an uncontrollable risk factor for type 2 diabetes does not mean men and women over 50 cannot take steps to reduce their risk. The Association advises that routine exercise and a healthy diet that is low in saturated and trans fat and moder-

ate in salt and sugar can help seniors stay healthy and lower their risk for type 2 diabetes.

Aging makes the body less accepting of sugars, thereby making aging men and women more susceptible to type 2 diabetes.

A healthy meal plan should include lean protein, non-starchy vegetables, whole grains, healthy fats, and fruit. In addition, those young and old who want to decrease their risk for type 2 diabetes should avoid sugar-sweetened beverages such as soda, sports drinks, sweet tea, and fruit punch.

Downsizing

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If the list of items you can live without is extensive, then you probably won't have a problem moving into a smaller home. If you aren't quite ready to say goodbye to many of your possessions, then you might benefit from staying put for a little while longer.

Consider your retirement lifestyle. If you have already retired or on the verge of retirement and plan to spend lots of time traveling, then downsizing to a smaller home may free up money you can spend on trips.

And if you really do see yourself as a silver-haired jetsetter, then you likely won't miss your current home because you won't be home frequently enough to enjoy it. If travel is not high on your retirement to-do list but you have a hobby, such as crafting, restoring classic cars or woodworking, that you hope to turn into a second profession, then you might benefit from staying put and converting your existing space into a workshop.

Many retirees downsize their homes, but this decision requires careful consideration of a variety of factors.

Taking simple measures now can prevent stroke later

BY CAMILLE SPERRAZZA

About 700,000 people in America suffer from strokes each year, says Nurse Practitioner Eleonora Iadgarova, of The Vascular Institute of New York. "If people spent some time on prevention, that number would decrease dramatically."

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Anyone age 60 and older should come in annually to have the carotid arteries in the neck checked, as weakened arteries can lead to arteriosclerosis, which means plaques blocking carotid arteries — and the first symptoms can be a stroke. If members of your family have suffered from strokes, or if there is a history of diabetes or high blood pressure, this puts you at a higher risk.

"Know your family history," says Iadgarova. "Genetics is the most important factor."

Aneurysms are not restricted to the head. They can also incur in the abdomen. In fact, the aorta is the largest artery in the body that carries blood

from the heart to the rest of the body. If there is an aneurysm in this area, it can rupture, leading to internal bleeding.

"It's a silent killer," says Iadgarova. "You often don't know you have it."

But a sonogram once a year can provide insight, and quite possibly save a life. People 65 or older should be screened each year.

Wound care is another area in which Iadgarova is trained. She doesn't just treat the surface; she finds the cause of the problem. For example, if there is a leg wound, it may be because of poor circulation, or it can be caused by diabetes. Once the cause is established, the best treatment plan can be determined, she says.

Vascular care also means looking at varicose veins — often distinguished by their blue color, or the twisted, bulg-



Nurse Practitioner Eleonora Iadgarova.

Photo by Georgine Benvenuto

Vascular Institute for 20 years, and has been a registered nurse since 2000. She recently became a nurse practitioner, which means she can diagnose and treat patients independently. Patients welcome her in this new role, as Iadgarova is known for her warm bedside manner. Fluent in English and Russian, she is able to communicate with many people.

Make an appointment to see her.

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Nurse Practitioner Iadgarova is available Sundays through Fridays, 9 am-6 pm, by appointment. The Vascular Institute is open Mondays through Fridays, 8 am-6 pm; Saturdays and Sundays, 8 am-1 pm. Most major insurance plans are accepted.

ing appearance on legs. This condition is more common among women, and can be quite painful, bringing on a burning sensation or a feeling of heaviness. They can also cause night cramps. A family history also makes one susceptible, as

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HOW TO REDUCE RISK OF FALLS

Falls are one of the biggest contributors to fatal and nonfatal injuries among seniors. Such accidents not only threaten safety, but they also can compromise a person's independence. Falls can cause broken bones, impaired mobility, and even death.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says every 13 seconds an older adult is treated in the emergency room for a fall. In addition, every 20 minutes an older adult dies from a fall. One-third of Americans age 65 and older falls each year. Falls do not have to be an accepted side effect of aging. With some balance training and other techniques, older

men and women can avoid falls and the injuries that result.

The National Council on Aging and its National Falls Prevention Resource Center have implemented fall-prevention programs. By following these guidelines, individuals can remain safe and upright:

Get a vision check-up. A decrease in visual ability and perception can increase risk of falls. Impaired vision can cause people to trip over items they can't see, miss steps, or bump into obstacles. Make sure your vision has been checked recently and you are using contact lenses or glasses as prescribed by an eye doctor.

Know your medication side effects. Ask your doctor about the medications you are taking and whether they can contribute to dizziness or decreased balance. Medicines that affect blood pressure can lead to light-headedness as well. Your doctor may be able to substitute a medication with an alternative if your existing prescription is affecting your balance.

Begin a regimen of strength training. The National Institutes of Health suggests strength exercises to keep muscles strong. Strength training also can impact the strength of bones, as well as increase metabolism to keep weight and blood sugar in check.

Engage in specific balance exercises. Balance exercises can improve stability. Balancing on one foot while standing for a period of time is one such exercise. Stand up from a seated position without using your hands, then shift your weight from the left to the right while standing on the respective leg on that side. A physical therapist can work with you to ensure you are using correct form in balance exercises.

Try tai chi. Look for tai chi classes at a gym or senior center. Tai chi is a form of movement training that can help strengthen the body, improve balance, and improve flexibility.

Be aware of posture. Try to maintain weight over the ankles. Do not lean too far forward or backward, which can cause you to topple over. Keep your feet in a wide stance while standing to improve stability.

Don't make quick movements. Always stand up and sit down slowly. Jarring motions may affect equilibrium or blood pressure, leading to unsteadiness.

Always consult with a doctor before beginning any balance exercises or if you suspect balance issues are stemming from an illness or condition. With practice and patience, older adults can remain independent and prevent falls.

NYM helps women overcome urinary incontinence

In America, urinary incontinence disproportionately affects women.

Nearly twice as many women live with urinary incontinence compared to men, and by some estimates, 50 percent of women will experience urinary incontinence during their lifetimes. Urinary incontinence occurs when the bladder or urethra—the tube that carries urine from the bladder out of the body—exhibits functional problems that cause urine to leak unexpectedly. Most people with urinary incontinence seek to conceal the issue, and many believe it is untreatable or simply a part of growing older. In fact, the opposite is true: urinary incontinence is not normal at any age, and it is treatable. Urogynecologists and urologists use conservative, minimally invasive and surgical therapies to help people with urinary incontinence.

The two most common types of involuntary leakage that women develop are stress urinary incontinence and urge urinary incontinence. Stress urinary incontinence is related to activity, and occurs when movements like exercise, sneezing, laughing or

straining to lift heavy objects cause involuntary urine loss. Urge incontinence is leakage that is preceded by an unexpected, intense need to urinate. This sensation can occur at any time, even during sleep. When that urge is

“Diagnosis begins with a basic history and physical exam and may also include imaging, which allows us to see the anatomical structure of the bladder.”

accompanied by a frequent need to void, it is sometimes referred to as overactive bladder—which can occur with or without urine leakage. Urge incontinence is due to abnormal bladder contractions that can occur for many reasons, including overproduction of urine caused by drinking too much fluid, urinary tract infections, ingestion of diuretics like coffee and alcohol, and malfunctioning nerves, which can be caused by medical conditions like stroke or Alzheimer’s disease. These contractions can make the

bladder release urine quickly after the urge to urinate occurs.

“Diagnosis begins with a basic history and physical exam and may also include imaging, which allows us to see the anatomical structure of the bladder,” says Lauren Schulz, D.O., urologist and attending physician in the Division of Urology at New York Methodist Hospital (NYM). “In addition to imaging, we utilize cystoscopy—a minimally invasive procedure that allows us to see inside the patient’s bladder—and urodynamic testing, which allows us to learn about the function of the bladder.” This information helps doctors determine the type of urinary leakage and any structural abnormalities contributing to leakage.

Treatment for urinary incontinence frequently starts with behavioral modification. Doctors may ask patients to keep a voiding diary—a record of what they eat and drink and when they visit the bathroom—to help identify patterns and factors that may aggravate symptoms. Patients may wish to try timed voiding, emptying the bladder according to a schedule to reduce unexpected leakage, or ex-

ercises that can strengthen the pelvic floor muscles.

If these efforts do not improve urge incontinence, doctors typically prescribe medication as a next step. An injection of botox into the bladder may help women overcome urge incontinence. Another option for urge incontinence patients is sacral neuromodulation, which involves implanting a small device beneath the skin and can strengthen muscles in the bladder region, improving the ability to hold in urine. Surgical treatments are also available for women with stress urinary incontinence that doesn’t respond to conservative treatment methods.

“No matter what the cause of a women’s urinary incontinence, there is a treatment to help her,” says Marisa Mastropietro, M.D., a urogynecologist at NYM.

To find a physician who specializes in the diagnosis and treatment of urinary incontinence for women at New York Methodist Hospital, call NYM’s Institute for Women’s Health at 877.41.WOMAN (877.419.6626).

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AVOID BACK AND NECK SURGERY

Better options for back pain at Spine and Disc Center

BY CAMILLE SPERRAZZA

Back and neck pain make the simplest tasks nearly impossible.

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Bernie's Gow campaign digs & F express

They're feeling the Bern. Supporters celebrated the opening of Bernie Sanders' New York presidential campaign office in a Gowanus warehouse with a block party trumpeting the Flatbush-born Democratic hopeful's four-state sweep last week ("Keeping the home fires burning! Sanders opens campaign office in Gowanus" by Lauren Gill, online March 28).

Giddy groupies, many of them young enough to be his grand kids, sported Bernie duds, crooned Bernie songs, and volunteered for shifts at the command post on Eighth Street and Third Avenue dedicated to electing the former James Madison High School track star — who was stumping in Oregon and a no-show — to the Oval Office in November.

The septuagenarian senator, whose campaign slogan: "Feel the Bern" has inspired an underwear line, would be the oldest president in national history, if elected.

Readers caucused online:

It's nice that they're registering people to vote.

Mike from Williamsburg

Ask not what your country can do for you, demand it! Thanks, but no thanks. Big picture. Who can take out the Republicans? No more Ralph Nader, please!

Rufus Leaking from BH

Hillary is owned by the military industrial complex. She says Henry Kissinger is a great guy.

Ralph from Ralph Avenue

C'mon people now,

Smile on your brother.

Ev'rybody get together,

Try and love one another right now. **kumbaya**

Anyone who is willing to divert votes from the Democratic Party by voting for Sanders during the primaries should be willing to relocate to purple states to make sure no Republican wins the election. It's called strategy. **b**

LET US HEAR FROM YOU

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SOUND OFF TO THE EDITOR

LETTERS AND COMMENTS FROM OUR READERS

To all the Bernie Sanders fans, please remember that in Congress his two nicknames were "Boney Handles" and "Tricky Licky!" Not very trustworthy, is it? **Powder from Brooklyn Heights**

Awesome! I am feeling the Bern. And you can count on me never ever voting for Hillary. Anyone so out of touch that they thought the Family Entertainment Protection Act was a good idea, or so hateful that they fight against marriage equality all the way up to 2013, has no business in the White House. **Jim from Cobble Hill**

MTAaarrggghhh! Straphangers will have to wait longer for a slower commute, if the poverty-pleading Metropolitan Transportation Authority restores the F express, but subtracts trains from the local line to save dough, said transit advocates ("Reviving F express too costly, transit expert sez" by Julianne Cuba, online March 24).

Up until the early 1980s the F express sped riders from Borough Hall to the Kings Highway station in just four stops — today it's 15 — but reinstating it could be wishful thinking because Albany hasn't passed a budget freeing up cash for new MTA projects, and the new agency boss hasn't okayed a 2015 feasibility study on the proposal, said policy poindexters.

Web readers tracked our report:

"...broader problem is the Metropolitan Transit Authority is broke." Oh, please. The tracks are there, the trains are there; the question is would this benefit a significant number of riders? Plus shouldn't it be Jay to Seventh Avenue to Church and then the hinterlands? **Charlie from Choo-Choo**

Let's be realistic and serious. The MTA 2015-2019 Capital Plan was not approved by the Capital Program Review Board for the following reasons, in which the MTA still needs \$7.3 billion for the program that was unfunded: The Move NY Fair Tolling Plan and other forms of congestion pricing in the city are out of the question because many elected officials and their constituents in the outer boroughs are firmly opposed these, due to the fact that some people have no other transportation options, ex-

cept driving a motorized vehicle from point a to point b, and they are part of the working class. The need for increased taxes in the MTA region are out of the question because both Gov. Cuomo and the Republican-led State Senate are firmly opposed to these. The need for kicking the can down the road or playing political football is now out of the question because, remember, by June 30 the MTA is running out of its own money for not only this capital plan, but for billions upon billions of dollars in deferred maintenance via the state of good repair. Borrow the \$7.3 billion via bonds, which could lead to 7.3 percent fare and toll hikes on the top of the biennial four percent fare and toll hikes for bridges, tunnels, subways, buses and commuter rail. A major dispute between Upstate New York, where they needed \$22 billion for road and bridge maintenance, and Downstate New York, where they need \$7.3 billion for mass transit maintenance.

It is not only either a local, city, or state issue, but also a national issue — look at what's going on in Boston, Philadelphia, Washington D.C. (with the Metro once shut down for a day), Atlanta, Chicago, San Francisco, and Los Angeles, where dozens upon billions of dollars in deferred maintenance are needed to be funded. Disclaimer: I am a Riders Alliance member who was with many of my brethren during the MTA Board Meeting on that day. Note: Before you criticize me, take yourself in the mirror and ask yourself: Will the city have its next fiscal crisis because of this? And don't mention about fare evasion by the riders or the taxpayers who footed the bill for this: That is the least of our problems.

Pedro Valdez Rivera Jr. from Bedford Stuyvesant, Brooklyn, New York, United States

Ditmas Avenue, not "Ditmars" Avenue. Ditmars Boulevard is in Queens, The Brooklyn Paper.

Dick from Ditmas Park

In reality the F express would only work if a local line can be provided at the same time, especially for those whose stops won't be off the ones the express line serves. **Tal Barzilai from Pleasantville, N.Y.**

By the end of the day Tal, the MTA doesn't focus on service enhancements like this. The looming fiscal crisis will be the ultimate possibility, thanks to this situation. The

F express is more like a major pipe dream at this point of time. Who is going to pay for all of the outstanding debt service, my millennial generation, assuming that the remaining funds is fully funded by borrowing bonds?

Pedro Valdez Rivera Jr. from Bedford Stuyvesant, Brooklyn, New York, United States

Move NY.

Vooch from Astoria

Vooch, I hate to break this to you, but the Move NY plan won't ever get through, no matter how far it can get. Many see this as nothing more than a punishment to those who can only get around by driving for the most part. The idea isn't even something new, as it goes as far back to the 1970s, and it was defeated even then after being met by so much opposition. That will continue to happen. Maybe if the MTA cut down on excessive spending, there wouldn't even be a need for this idea.

Don't use the claim it can be easily stopped if failed, because I know that politicians and advocates will always try to fudge data or claim in good faith that it should continue. Then again if the idea fails to pass, they can always try again, and even rename it in attempt to promote it again.

Tal Barzilai from Pleasantville, NY

Median madness

To the editor,

What could be more ridiculous than to propose a seating area on the median in the middle of Fourth Avenue ("Peturb appeal! Locals slam 4th Ave. median makeover," Sound off to the Editor, March 25).

It is absolutely absurd to think you can convert Fourth Avenue to an Eastern Parkway or an Ocean Parkway with a few benches and some puny trees.

Also no mention has been made of the steel gratings which cover much of the ground surface. They're permanent features and are there to ventilate the subway tracks below the street.

Since the overwhelming desire is for more park space we must demand real parks that are an oasis from the noise, fumes and dangers of the heavily trafficked streets.

Do not waste money on schemes that are doomed to fail.

Anthony Marchese Carroll Gardens

Tom walks tall, carries a big stick

When I was a college student at Cornell University more than three decades ago, I decided to major in history because I felt it would allow me to understand the roots of so many 20th-century riddles that plagued me.

How did the Holocaust happen? Could America have prevented it if it intervened earlier? Why did we care so much about a small Communist country in Southeast Asia that we sent tens of thousands of our young men to die in those killing fields? Why didn't the countries of Europe decimated by World War I learn from their tragic mistake just two decades earlier before they rushed headlong into another period of bloodshed and devastation?

Studying history would at least allow me to dive into these troubling questions, particularly the first two that affected me directly as the son of Holocaust survivors. When it came time to choose a concentration of study in the history department, I opted for American Foreign Policy. I thought it would be an inter-



POLITICAL SPIN CYCLE

Tom Allon

esting prism through which to study world events — and also because of Professor Walter LaFeber, whose scholarship and teaching about the Cold War and the history of American foreign policy made him a legend on the Cornell campus.

But then one day at dinner, a cynical graduate student I lived with mocked my major decision.

"There is *no* history of

American foreign policy," he proclaimed to my horror. "It changes every four or eight years when there is a new president who changes course."

I've been thinking a lot about that conversation as this year's presidential primaries confront chaotic and ever-changing global issues. Our next president will need to tackle very complicated problems and must learn from the mistakes of the past.

In addition to recalling my college studies on foreign policy, I have also been remembering another period: When I was 11 years old, my family moved to Munich, Germany, from the Upper West Side. It was 1973, and the world seemed as chaotic as it is now. But then the perceived enemy was Russia, not radical Islamic terrorism.

I attended the American Military School, which was situated on a large military base, one of many that America placed around Germany in the wake of World War II. I remember traveling to other bases to play basketball against other pre-teen American ex-pats whose fathers were in the mili-

tary. It was a fascinating subculture — Americans who moved around the world from base to base in order to keep the peace.

I'll never forget one ominous day in October 1973, when my best friend Scott, whose father was head of American military intelligence in Germany, told me that American troops had been put on "alert." This meant, he whispered to me, there might be another World War brewing in the aftermath of the tense "October War" in the Middle East. America and Russia rattled sabers in this conflict and the American troops throughout Europe provided a bulwark against any further Soviet aggression.

Today, more than four decades later, America has very few military outposts in Europe, and virtually none in Germany. In a few weeks, I will be visiting some relatives there, and I am curious what became of that military base that really stood for America's "soft power" in the world.

As Hillary Clinton, Bernie Sanders, Donald Trump, and Ted Cruz talk tough about

ISIS, I wonder whether it is time for America to try to wield this kind of "soft power" again. America's presence in Europe in the second half of the 20th century not only assured Germans would not militarize again, it also contained the Soviets and allowed America to be powerful without ever going to war.

In the post-Vietnam era — with the exception of George W. Bush's tragically misguided military intervention in Iraq, the costly conflagration in Afghanistan, and the failed mission in Libya a few years ago — America has had a peaceful 50-year period. One major factor is because America asserted its position in the world through its omnipresence, not its military escapades.

As we enter a post-Obama foreign policy world, I would like to hear a candidate who echoes Theodore Roosevelt's famous slogan about American power: "Walk softly and carry a big stick."

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Eldercare: Where is the risk?

Why do grandparents and their grandchildren get along so well?

They share a common enemy.

Okay. Old joke. But the truth is, they share another common enemy that is not a relative. It is risk. When it comes to kids and seniors alike, society's goal seems to be creating a zero-risk existence. This is as pointless and insulting for the older generation as it is for the younger.

"Surplus safety" is what Bill Thomas calls the cossetting that goes beyond being helpful and actually dampens the joy of human existence. Thomas is a Harvard-trained doctor who has always been shocked by the way we treat elders (a term he much prefers to "seniors"). So he's the guy behind the Eden Alternative, which, among deeper changes, also brings plants and animals into nursing homes so there's something for folks to care for that grows and changes. He is also the author of "What are Old People For? How Elders Will Save the World." And he founded the Green House



RHYMES WITH CRAZY

Lenore Skenazy

Project — a kind of confusing name, since it has nothing to do with greenhouses.

First piloted in Tupelo, Mississippi, but now coming to Manhattan, the project replaces nursing homes with comfy, shared houses. The residents all live on one floor, with a big, country kitchen in the center. The day revolves around making dinner, with everyone pitching in any way they can, and then eating the meal together, staff and residents. Ev-

eryone has a purpose, the day has meaning. It's so simple, it makes me ill to think of elders wheeled into institutional cafeterias with no one asking anything of them, because they're not people anymore. They're more like packages.

Which brings us back to surplus safety — the kind that treats old people like antiques to be preserved in climate-controlled comfort where nothing ever changes. Maybe that does lengthen one's days on earth. But old people remain humans, and humans crave novelty.

Even if it involves a little risk.

"Risk is just the probability that things will turn out differently than expected," Thomas explained over breakfast near Grand Central the other day, when he was down from his home in Ithaca. "Now we use it mainly to mean downside risk — your car might burst into flames." But the upside of risk is that even when something bad happens (maybe not quite as bad as your car bursting into flames), you are now faced with something new that you have to adjust to. For instance:

You got lost? Now you have to find your way home. To do this, you may have to steel yourself to ask a stranger for directions. Once you do, you realize, "Hey — that wasn't so hard!"

For kids as well as elders, says Thomas, "You need to be exposed to risk to grow. You have to be put in a situation where things can turn out differently than you expect. When we make a fetish of the downside of risk, we also get rid of the upside of risk."

Helicopter parents try to remove all risk from their kids' lives, because "What if?" looms so large: "What if my child gets abducted on the two-block walk to school?" Less recognized is the way we do the same thing to our elders, denying them the joy still left in life, because ... what if? "Don't go to Europe, dad. What if you get sick and you're away from your doctor?"

It isn't that we deliberately want to stunt our elders. It is that we don't realize how vital novelty is to the soul at any age. "From a neurological point of view, the nervous system craves novelty," says Thomas.

"It needs novelty. Without novelty, the nervous system can't make new connections."

So how can we give novelty back to our elders, if only to make sure that when we grow old no one is saving us from new experiences? The answer is simple: We have to start believing in our elders, the same way helicopter parents have to start believing in their kids. We have to trust our loved ones to roll with some punches.

These days Thomas travels around the country hosting a multi-media extravaganza called "The Age of Disruption Tour." On stage singing (a skill he only mastered a few years ago) and playing guitar (ditto), and sometimes striding on stilts (major ditto), Thomas asks audiences to see growing into elderhood as just another stage of life, not that different from when they grew into adulthood from adolescence. It can be a time of growth, but it's not without risk.

Or at least, it shouldn't be.

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Cutting words: Comedian Kathy Griffin will bring her biting comedy to the Brooklyn Center for Performing Arts at Brooklyn College on April 10.
 Kathy Griffin



A sharp tongue

Kathy Griffin planning to cut loose on Brooklyn

By Dennis Lynch

She is coming for Brooklyn! No holds-barred comedian Kathy Griffin will bring her unadulterated act to the Brooklyn Center for the Performing Arts on April 10 — and the borough's hipster pretensions will definitely be a target.

"You're very high and mighty, trying to shame Manhattan for being a cooler place to live — we will definitely talk about the Brooklynite attitude," promised Griffin.

The self-proclaimed "good and bitter 55-year-old" is known for skewering celebrities and vacuous pop culture in her Grammy-winning stand-up albums and on her Emmy-winning series "My Life on the D-list." Griffin's last tour

sold out Carnegie Hall in November, but she promised an entirely new act for her Brooklyn show.

"I have to come back because I have even more brand new material," she said. "It doesn't matter if you saw me in November a year ago or five years ago, I'm always hanging up my material and I cannot keep up with the crazy things happening in the world — it's a great time to be in comedy."

During a rapid-fire conversation, this reporter attracted Griffin's withering wit several times. Her threats to hang up seemed most real when she extracted a confession that her interviewer prefers organized athletics to the Lifetime network. Griffin, who believes that no human

should ever waste time on professional sports, was not amused.

"I'll f----- hang up on you right now, Dennis," she threatened.

Enticed to stay on the line, Griffin shared a few details about her upcoming show, promising a bevy of personal stories about her run-ins with Republican front-runner Donald Trump, the best friend of drug kingpins Sean Penn, and recent Oscar-winner Leonardo DiCaprio.

The subjects may be well known, but her material is unique, she said.

"I'm not just making fun of [Donald Trump's] orange face and crazy hair — I've had one-of-a-kind run-ins with him," she said. "This is stuff you can't get from anyone else."

Everything Griffin does is "grist for the mill" she said, so anything that happens to her on the road could end up in the act on Sunday night. She will perform in Queens the night before her show in Kings County, so she may play up the borough rivalry for the crowd at the Brooklyn Center. Either way, she promises to "let the fur fly."

"Six o'clock is a bit early for all the inappropriate things I'm going to say," she said. "But you know what — I'm going to do it anyways."

Kathy Griffin at the Brooklyn Center for the Performing Arts [2900 Campus Rd. between Hillel Place and Avenue H in Midwood, www.brooklyncenter.org, (718) 951-4500]. April 10 at 6 pm. \$45-\$75.

A ROSE FOR CONEY

Singer falls for Boardwalk during video shoot



Best day ever: West Coast musician Haroula Rose spent a day in Coney Island for her video "Moon and Waves," using the time to take a spin on the Wonder Wheel and eat a Nathan's hot dog. Youtube

By Lauren Gill

It was love at first wave.

A Los Angeles singer-songwriter says that filming a dreamy music video along the beach in Coney Island made her fall in love with the People's Playground — and now she is considering switching coasts to be closer to the energy of Brooklyn.

"There was something really cool about it being an old, beautiful, but kind of grimy place," said Haroula Rose, who will return to Brooklyn to play at Rough Trade in Williamsburg on April 8.

Rose had never been to Coney before making the video for "Moon and Waves," from her new album, "Here the Blue River." But the clip's director

pitched the location for its whimsical, timeless aesthetic, and Rose — who used the filming as an excuse to gobble down one of Nathan's hot dogs — said the environment was perfect for her song. The shoot, which took place over the course of a day, captures the sunny beaches, the lights of the Parachute Jump against the night, and crowds of happy people on the Boardwalk.

"There was water and air, and people playing music, and young people and old people," she said. "There was this interesting circle of life going on right in front of you and it was really magical."

Before her maiden voyage to Coney Island, Rose recorded parts of the album in Park Slope. That visit had her

longing to call New York her home.

"It was a lot of fun because I had never recorded in New York," she said. "I always feel like I'd missed out on living there."

Rose will play from her album, which collects eleven acoustic and piano-driven tracks, during her national tour this month. And the upcoming gig in Williamsburg will once again let her bask in the uplifting energy of the borough of Kings.

"There's just a really great, positive energy, I love it," she said. "It feels fresh somehow in New York."

Haroula Rose at Rough Trade [64 N. Ninth St. at Kent Avenue in Williamsburg, (718) 388-4111, www.roughtrade.com]. April 8 at 8 pm. \$15.

Speed (metal) dating

By Carlo Bosticco

Cupid's arrows are made of metal!

Single headbangers should thrash their way to the St. Vitus bar in Greenpoint on April 10 for a night of speed metal and speed dating. The dates might be as short as a blistering Slayer tune, but sometimes that is enough, says the evening's host.

"You see someone you find attractive in a Motörhead t-shirt and then you unzip your biker jacket to reveal your Black Sabbath t-shirt — and the next thing you know you're at the free clinic together. It can happen really fast if you just believe," said Dave Hill.

The comedian and self-proclaimed "King of Metal" has a proven track record of combining music and romance, regularly hosting a Morrissey-themed speed dating night at Greenpoint bar Black Rabbit.

"It was instantly really popular," said Hill. "The place was packed and people were making out in the bathroom and stuff. Mission accom-

plished. Anyway, since I love metal it seemed crazy not to try a similar thing with metal music."

Hill, who says that "Living After Midnight" by Judas Priest is the most romantic song of all time, confirms the night will run like any other speed dating event, with metalheads pairing off for "dates" that last just a few minutes. But the evening's atmosphere will be enhanced by a fog machine and "Iron Maiden Trooper" beer.

Hill said that Brooklyn's population of female metal fans have jumped at the opportunity, with as many ladies signing up for the night as dudes. And Hill has also kept gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender metal fans in mind for the night.

"If the night proves not to be LGBT-friendly enough, we will start an LGBT Speed Metal Dating night," said Hill. "In fact, I can't wait to whip up the flyer."

People are also welcome to come and observe that night, without jumping into the mosh pit of love.



Metal master: Comedian Dave Hill says that love can conquer any division between fans of different metal genres.

The world of metal music is split by huge divisions between the micro-genres, with trash metal fans set against symphonic metal enthusiasts, and both snubbing the growls of death metal warblers. But Hill thinks that love will be able to conquer all.

"I am hoping everyone can open their hearts to other forms of metal and, while they're at it, their pants to love," he said.

Speed Metal Dating at St. Vitus (1120 Manhattan Ave. between Clay and Box streets in Greenpoint, www.saintvitusbar.com). April 10 at 8 pm. Free.



Up against the wallpaper: Artist Laura Karetzky creates giant oil paintings based on screenshots from her phone, including the piece "I just found a pin" (below). Photo by Jason Speakman

Cell some art

An exhibit of phone chats

By Sarah Iannone

It is a technological translation.

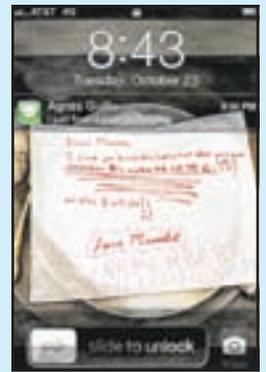
A Dumbo couple have created a multi-media art exhibit out of a fleeting series of their phone calls, text messages, and Skype conversations. The paintings, videos, and music of "In-Communication/In-Transit," opening April 7 at Bric House in Fort Greene, preserve moments that may have barely registered at the time, says one of the creators.

"Having a camera ready at all times allows us all to capture experiences as they pass before our eyes, even before being able to feel or process them," said artist Laura Karetzky. "We are able to save the experiencing part for when we go back and look at them later."

Karetzky and musician Manuel Sosa began the project in 2014, when Karetzky was on a residency upstate. The pair used video and text to stay in touch, and Karetzky began capturing random moments of their technological communication.

"We share our work ideas constantly. Often via text, sound clips, or photos as we are each working in our own spaces, so this kind of a collaboration is natural and perhaps even inevitable," she said.

Karetzky turned her screen-shots and photos into elaborate oil-on-wood paintings. A friend described the project as "translating 21st-century experience through 15th-century technology," she said.



She and Sosa also created a soundtrack for the show of voices singing and speaking, along with some instrumental sections. The music pieces are based on words that the pair often used during their conversations, including "here," "blue," "opening," and "there." Each video also has its own music, so the sounds will change as visitors walk around the space.

"The music is in constant dialogue with itself, as well as with the visual work," said Karetzky.

The snapshots of conversation, presented without their full context, have a powerful effect on viewers, said Karetzky, and even on the person who created it.

"When a moment takes you outside of your own immediate reality and makes you see that moment as an outsider, that can be both poetic and comedic at the same time," she said.

"In-Communication/In-Translation" at Bric House [647 Fulton St. at Ashland Place in Fort Greene, (718) 855-7882, www.bricartsmedia.org] Opening reception on April 7 at 9 pm. On display through May 7.

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EDGAR ALLAN FOE

Dark musical doubles down on writer's childhood

By Bill Roundy

They are Poe little boys. A creepy new musical inspired by the life and writing of Edgar Allan Poe will offer an unusual double-take on the spooky author. "Edgar Allan," which starts a three-night run at Cloud City in Williamsburg on April 8, presents the 19th-century writer as a 10-year-old boy at boarding school who must confront an eerily-similar rival boy — also named Edgar Allan.

One of the show's two creators says that using two Allans solved a problem they had while writing the show.

"We both wanted to play Edgar Allan Poe," said Katie Hartman. "We didn't know how that was going to work."

Hartman and her partner Nick Ryan make up the Coldharts, a Crown Heights theater company that has created a series of Gothic-inspired musicals. For the company's new project, they wanted to deal with issues of addiction and obsession, and to work with Poe, considered the father of American Gothic literature. But when the pair began researching the author of "The Raven" and "The Masque of Red Death," they discovered an unexpected side to his character.

"We knew what was in the zeitgeist — that he's a melancholy figure who is obsessed with dying women," said Hartman. "We wanted to explore a different aspect of



Put 'em up: Katie Hartman plays 10-year-old Edgar Allan Poe, who had an athletic, competitive side that few people know about today. Dan Norman

Edgar Allan Poe that people might not know. He was vigorous. He wasn't eccentric as much as he was competitive. He was very athletic."

In "Edgar Allan," Hartman brings out the competitive aspect of the writer, who is "intent on dominating the class and being the most remarkable boy at the school."

The story is loosely inspired by Poe's little-known short story "William Wilson," said Hartman, but it also draws on elements of the writer's life, and on some of his better-known horror stories.

"It's by Edgar Allan Poe, and it's about Edgar Allan Poe," she said. "There are definitely funny parts, but I would be hard-pressed

to call it a comedy. I call it a dark play with music."

Hartman also drew on Poe's stories for lyrics to some of the songs, which she sings while accompanying herself on the ukulele. Ryan, who plays the Allan rival, plays the coronet.

The show, which is slightly less than an hour long, will be presented along with the play "Petunia and Chicken," a prairie love story inspired by the work of writer Willa Cather.

"Edgar Allan" and "Petunia and Chicken" at Cloud City (85 N. First St. between Berry Street and Wythe Avenue in Williamsburg, www.cloud-city.nyc). April 8-10 at 7 pm. \$20.

Bay Ridge Nights is staying home

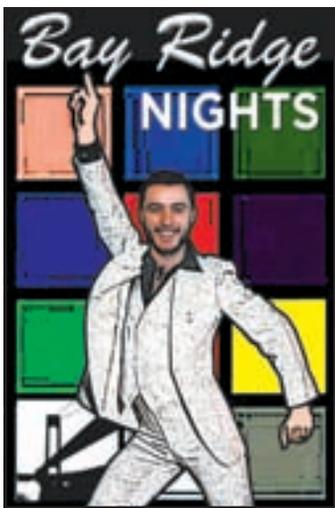
By Dennis Lynch

There is nothing to do this week. Sorry.

We looked for some fun activities in Bay Ridge this weekend, but there is nothing worth doing. Instead, we will use the rest of this column to list the reasons to move out of the Ridge — maybe to New Jersey, where all the action really is.

April Fool's! Yeah, there is plenty to do, as always. Start your weekend with a double-decker party on Friday night with Full Disclosure and Gary Weiss at **Greenhouse Cafe** (7717 Third Ave. between 77th and 78th streets). This is not one to be missed — the Full Disclosure frontwoman Cathy Lau Hunt and Gary Weiss are both celebrating birthdays tonight — and that's no April Fool's joke.

The next afternoon, treat yourself to the 4 pm show at **Red, White, and Brew** (8910 Fifth Ave. between 89th and 90th streets) from Dusk To Dawn, led by vocalist Dawn Sansevero.



Then you can rock out and do some good by flocking to **Three Jolly Pigeons** (6802 Third Ave. at 68th Street). Nine local bands will play from 8:30 pm until 1 am, and they will pass the hat to raise money for amputee kids and their families to

attend Camp No Limits, which helps the tykes to cope with their injuries and develop a healthy lifestyle.

And the late night nod goes to Wine With Sue, who come all the way from beautiful Rockaway Beach to lay down some "party rock" covers at the **Wicked Monk** (9510 Third Ave. between 95th and 96th streets). The pole-vaulting, drinking, and dog-racing enthusiasts go on at 11 pm and refuse to leave the stage until 3 am.

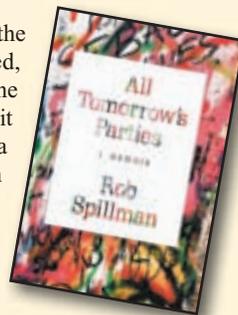
Finally, the Welsh are taking center stage. **Longbow Pub and Pantry** (7316 Third Ave. between 73rd and 74th streets), Brooklyn's only Welsh bar, will host the second night of Welsh Trivia Cup New York on Tuesday at 7 pm (the first night is in Queens, which no one care about). So you think you know Wales, you apparently existent Brooklyn Welsh population? Answer some tough questions on April 5, and you can win a prize from Visit Wales, the Welsh tourism board. *Pob hwel!*



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

Word's pick: "All Tomorrow's Parties" by Rob Spillman

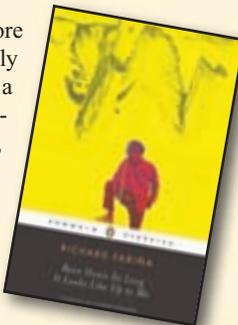
Spillman's memoir is about the desire to seek out the unexpected, the dangerous, perhaps even the destructive, to find out what it means to live "for art." Rob is a child crossing into East Berlin with his father, illegal Western currency tucked in his sock. Rob is a young man living on a heroin block of the East Village with his girlfriend Elissa. Rob and Elissa are drinking absinthe in Portugal and writing their great expatriate novels. It all leads to the liminal moment in history after the collapse of the Berlin wall, but before reunification proper. "All Tomorrow's Parties" shows East Berlin in anarchy — riot police and skinheads and all — and a young writer finding his way back home.



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

Community Bookstore's pick: "Been Down So Long It Looks Like Up to Me" by Richard Farina

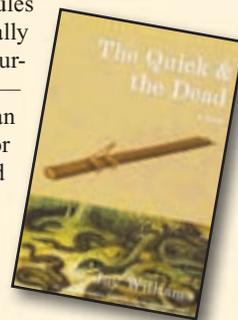
Published just two days before his death, Richard Farina's only novel is a 1960s classic worth a 21st-century read. The protagonist, Gnossos Pappadopoulos, just wants to quit the scene and go way out, but continually finds himself involved in politics. Although the book is a product of the '60s, Farina's ecstatic prose allows an apathetic modern reader to tune in and drop out. If you don't trust me, listen to Thomas Pynchon, who describes the book as "coming on like the Hallelujah Chorus done by 200 kazoo players with perfect pitch ... hilarious, chilling, sexy, profound, maniacal, beautiful and outrageous all at the same time."



— Sam Jaffe Goldstein, *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 Quick and the Dead" by Joy Williams

This novel presents the rules of writing and then systematically destroys them. You can ask yourself how Joy Williams does it — how she gets away with having an 8-year-old talk like an adult, or how she can reveal the detailed thoughts of a character, only to have them kill another character and then vanish from the story. Williams's skill defies any expectations, so don't have any. Instead, read this book for its beauty.



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

BROOKLYN HISTORICAL SOCIETY FREE FRIDAY: Happy April Fool's! Celebrate the great tradition of trickery with magic, Coney Island sideshow stories, stand-up comedy, and some of Brooklyn's best hoaxes, along with beer, live music, and browsing all of the galleries. Free. 5-9 pm. Brooklyn Historical Society [128 Pierrepont St. at Clinton Street in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 222-4111], www.brooklynhistory.org.

MUSIC, SWINGADELIC: The swing band plays, with a one-hour dance lesson at 7 pm. \$20 (\$17 students and seniors, 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].

COMEDY, CATHOUSE: A new monthly variety show hosted by Matt J. Weir and Madonna Refugia. Tonight's lineup includes Reformed Whores, Aparna Nancharla, Julio Torres, and Sebastian Conelli. Free. 7:30 pm. Industry City Distillery (33 35th St. between Second and Third avenues; Sixth Floor in Sunset Park), drinkicd.com.

THEATER, "PIONEERS #GOFORTH": Actors are suspended in a net above the audience for a play about making choices and the limitations placed on the young. \$18. 8 pm. Jack (505 Waverly Ave. between Fulton Street and Atlantic Avenue in Clinton Hill), www.jackny.org.

SAT, APRIL 2

MUSIC, RANDI DRISCOLL HOUSE CONCERT: The singer-songwriter plays in an apartment living room. Address revealed after RSVP. \$15. 7 pm. Paul's Brooklyn House Concerts, concerts.shrub.ca.

MUSIC, "WARNINGS, WISDOM, AND WIT": A concert of musical warnings by chamber choir Ensemble Companio. \$20 (\$10 students and seniors). 7:30 pm. St. Paul's Episcopal Church [199 Carroll St. at Clinton Street in Carroll Gardens, (718) 625-4126], stpaulscarrollst.org.

MUSIC, DARLENE LOVE: The legendary vocalist behind "Christmas Baby Please Come Home" performs. \$40. 8 pm. Brooklyn Center for the Performing Arts at Brooklyn College [2900 Campus Rd. between Hillel Place and Avenue H in Midwood, (718) 951-4500], www.brooklyncenter.org.

ARTIE BENNETT: The author of "The Butt Book" will share and read from all four of his popular illustrated books. for a special Saturday Storytime. Free. Noon. The Bookmark Shoppe [8415 Third Ave. at 84th Street in Bay Ridge, (718) 833-5115].

SPORTS, FDNY FOOTBALL GAME: The Brooklyn Fire Department football team takes on the Brooklyn Mariners. \$10 (kids free). 1 pm. Kings Bay Football Field [2670 Coyle St. between

WHERE TO GO WHAT TO DO SEVEN 24 EVENTS



Love will save the day: Legendary singer Darlene Love, who belted out the 1962 tune "He's a Rebel" and annual classic "Christmas (Baby, Please Come Home)," will show off her pipes at Brooklyn Center on April 2. Associated Press / Greg Allen

Avenue Z and Voorhies Avenue in Sheepshead Bay, (718) 648-7703.

ART, "SOLE EXCHANGE": A participatory art installation, where visitors are invited to sit on pedestals and to exchange their footwear. Free. 2-7pm. Open Source Gallery [306 17th St. at Sixth Avenue in Park Slope, (646) 279-3969], www.open-source-gallery.org.

TARGET FIRST SATURDAY: Free admission to the Brooklyn Museum, with a dance performance, film screenings of "Bad-dDDD Sonia Sanchez" and "Planetary," and musical performances by Falu, Brown Rice Family, Maya Azucena, and more. Free. 5-11 pm. Brooklyn Museum [200 Eastern Pkwy. at Washington Avenue in Prospect Heights, (718) 638-5000], www.brooklyn-museum.org.

READING, THE POETRY OF ANTHONY VIGORITO: The lifelong Brooklynite reads from his four books of poetry. With wine and refreshments. \$10. 7 pm. YogaSole [254 Windsor Pl. at 11th Avenue in Windsor Terrace, (718) 541-1382], www.yogasole.com/eventskarma/poetryreading4216.html.

SUN, APRIL 3

MUSIC, AN AFTERNOON OF CLASSICAL MUSIC WITH JINAH PARK AND FRIENDS: \$25 (\$20 seniors, \$10 teens, kids free). 3 pm. East Midwood Jewish Center [1625 Ocean Ave. between Avenue K and Avenue L in Midwood, (718) 338-3800], www.emjc.org.

MUSIC, REGINA OPERA'S 46TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT: A two-hour concert featuring well-known opera selections. \$12 (\$5 teens, 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, BROOKLYN DANCE FESTIVAL'S YOUTH PERFORMANCES: Selected youth ensembles from the New York Area perform in a variety of high energy dance genres. \$25. 7 pm. Kumble Theater at Long Island University [DeKalb and Flatbush avenues in Downtown, (718) 488-1624], www.brooklyn.liu.edu/kumbletheater.

INTERACTIVE CONCERT: Special musical production for families with individuals with autism featuring Stefanie Grivvin, Bill Cole and Ras Moshe Burnett. RSVP required. Free. 1 pm. Shorefront YM-YWHA [3300 Coney Island Ave. at Brightwater Court in Brighton Beach, (347) 689-1842], www.music-forautism.org.

SPORTS, STREET SOCCER USA RED HOOK FEST: Come to unveiling of the latest street soccer pitch, followed by street soccer tournament for kids and adults, with food, a DJ, and exhibition matches with professional soccer player. Free. 2-6 pm. Bush-Clinton Park [155 Bay St. between Court and Henry streets in Red Hook, (828) 3FUTBOL], redhookfest.splashthat.com.

MON, APRIL 4

TOUR, KINGS THEATRE HISTORIC TOUR: Get a guided tour of the restored movie palace. \$15. 11 am. Kings Theatre (1027 Flatbush Ave. between Beverly Road and Tilden Avenue in Flatbush), www.kingstheatre.com.

MUSIC, DA CAPO CHAMBER PLAYERS: Free. 1 pm and 7 pm. Brooklyn College Studio 312, Roosevelt Hall Extension [2900 Bedford Ave. between Campus Road and Avenue I in Midwood, (718) 951-4500], www.bcmusic.org.

MODERATELY DIFFICULT TRIVIA: Every Monday, the Lodge hosts a session of its 14-week trivia league,

with a mega-prize at end and weekly prizes as well. Free. 8 pm. Sycamore [1118 Cortelyou Rd. between Stratford and Westminster roads in Ditmas Park, (347) 240-5850], www.sycamorebrooklyn.com.

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, APRIL 5

MUSIC TRIVIA WITH SHANE AND RUTH: Five rounds of music trivia, including a "name that tune" audio round. Free. 7 pm. Bar Chord (1008 Cortelyou Rd. between Coney Island Avenue and Stratford Road in Ditmas Park), www.facebook.com/MusicTriviaNYC.

MUSIC, DIGISAURUS: Funky future-pop from Ohio. \$5 suggested donation. 10 pm. The Way Station [683 Washington Ave. between St. Marks Avenue and Prospect Place in Prospect Heights, (718) 627-4949], www.waystationbk.com.

WED, APRIL 6

MIDDLE GRADE BOOK CLUB: Tweens discuss "The Dreamer" by Pam Munoz Ryan. RSVP required. Free. 5:30 pm. powerHouse on 8th [1111 Eighth Ave. between 11th and 12th streets in Park Slope, (718) 666-3049], www.powerhousearena.com.

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).

"A TASTE OF FIFTH": Join restaurants and bars from along Park Slope's Fifth Avenue for a sample of what they have to offer. With food, drinks, dancing, and neighbors. A portion of the proceeds to go to charity. \$55. 9:30 pm. The Grand Prospect Hall (263 Prospect Ave. between Fifth and Sixth avenues in Park Slope), parkslope-fifthavenuebid.com/tasteof5th.

THURS, APRIL 7

THRIVE WOMEN'S HEALTH EVENT: An evening of women's health information and screenings, pampering, small bites and wine tastings. \$20 (\$15 in advance). 6 pm. New York Methodist Hospital [506 Sixth St. between Seventh and Eighth avenues in Park Slope, (866) 362-7148], www.nym.org/ThriveEvent.

MUSIC, ANDREW BIRD: Starting at \$41. 8 pm. Kings Theatre (1027 Flatbush Ave. between Beverly Road and Tilden Avenue in Flatbush), www.kingstheatre.com.

THEATER, "WACKY OF WALLABAZOO — A YO-YO BOY'S ADVENTURE": Professional yo-yo artist Justin Weber pres-

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They're cheap, but tickets are not: The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame will honor Cheap Trick (and other, less-awesome bands) at its induction ceremony at Barclays Center on April 8. Associated Press / Paul Jeffers

COMING SOON TO BARCLAYS CENTER

SAT, APR 2

SPORTS, NEW YORK ISLANDERS VS PITTSBURGH PENGUINS: \$15-\$935. 1 pm

SUN, APR 3

SPORTS, BROOKLYN NETS VS NEW ORLEANS PELICANS: \$35-\$5,000. 1 pm.

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● 'We're trying to go into the season with more killer instinct.'

— Grand Street's Marcus Chavez says team has its sights on coming back from last year's loss.

● 'We are going to be a tough team to deal with.'

— Xaverian's Xavier Vargas on Clippers players' talents.

Former Naz star leads 'Cuse to Final 4

BY TREY RODRIGUEZ

Former Nazareth star Brianna Butler shot the Syracuse women's basketball team to its first-ever Final Four.

"I thought Brianna was unbelievable inside," Syracuse coach Quentin Hillsman said after his team's Elite Eight win. "She came in and played some tough minutes for us."

The former Nazareth star scored 18 points — including four makes from three-point range — for No.-4 seeded Syracuse in an 80-72 upset win over No. 1 South Carolina in the Sweet Sixteen. She followed that up two days later by netting 18 points — all of which came from behind the arc — alongside five rebounds and two assists in the Orange's 89-67 victory against No. 7 Tennessee in the Elite Eight. It was an experience of a lifetime for Butler.

"I really never had the opportunity to cut down nets," she said. "Coach, the whole



BUTLER DID IT: Former Lady Kingsman star Brianna Butler scored 18 points, all on three-pointers, to help Syracuse beat Tennessee and reach its first Final Four. Associated Press / Charlie Neibergall

tournament, was telling us how great of a feeling it is. It really lived up to that expectation of what he had told us."

Syracuse rallied late in the game after trailing by 10 at the half against South Carolina. Butler made a pivotal three at the 1:08 mark in the fourth quarter that extended Syracuse's recently-acquired lead to six. South Carolina, which features her former Nazareth teammate Bianca Cuevas, eventually fell.

"I have to give credit to my teammates and coaches," said Butler, a former McDonald's All-American. "They gave me confidence to come out in the second half and fire. Lex [Alexis Peterson] told me they're going to fall. Even coach gave me the confidence. Even if I was missing, he wanted to keep shooting."

It was more of the same for Butler against Tennessee. She shot six of 15 from behind the

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ACE IN THE HOLE: Senior Alex Passarella is one of several pitchers stepping up this year. Photo by Steve Schnibbe

Flexible Clippers hungry to regain a city crown

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Xaverian's early playoff exit is fueling a fast start.

The Clippers' baseball team bowed out early last year after back-to-back playoff losses in the Catholic High School Athletic League's losers' bracket — and it graduated 15 seniors — but now a much younger and hungrier group is preparing to make another run at a title.

"The whole lineup, we can hit, we can run," said senior first basemen Xavier Vargas. "If we continue to strive the way we are striving, we are going to be a tough team to deal with."

Xaverian still has seniors

in key positions, including Vargas, shortstop Phoenix Hernandez, and outfielder Danny Ryan.

Catching will be at a premium thanks to three viable options. The starter is junior Luke McDonald, who is committed to Florida International. Lefty Chris Monti, who will bat second in the order, will also see time at designated hitter along with Pasquale Cardello.

The Clippers are currently dealing with injuries to two key starters — center fielder Louis Mandile and No.-2 pitcher Shamus Connelly, a sophomore expected

to hit in the middle of the order. Xaverian's depth has allowed Frank Allegretti and Joseph Scaramuzzino to fill in admirably during the pre-season.

This group's speed and athleticism will make defense and manufacturing runs a huge strength.

"You won't be able to call us a one-dimensional team," Hernandez said. "We are going to pick it. We are going to play defense."

That should be music to the ears of an inexperienced-but-deep pitching staff. Xaverian has eight trustworthy arms after rely-

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Former Wolves coach takes over Queens team

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Steve Martinez needs to go a little further down Metropolitan Avenue now to meet his team.

The 11-year Grand Street baseball assistant coach and the headman for a season, had to remember to keep his foot on the gas peddle as he passed Grand Street Campus on his way to his new home at Christ the King in Queens.

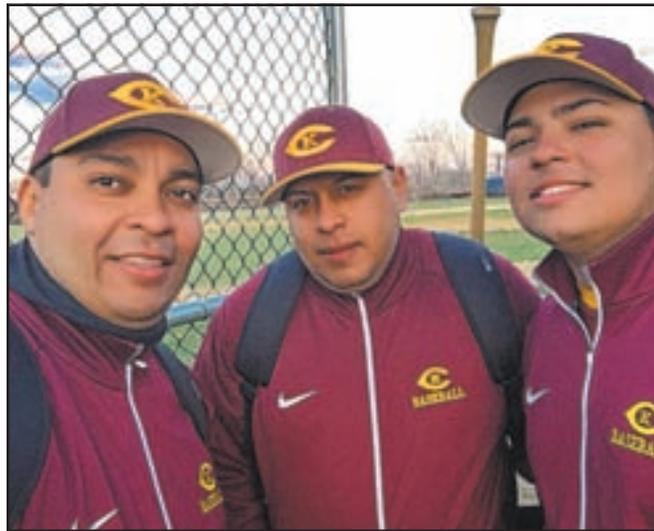
"It is actually a short cut to go through Grand Street, the back roads," Martinez said. "I'm always driving by it."

Martinez, who also spent three years as the Wolves' junior varsity head coach, left the Brooklyn school in February to become the head coach at his alma mater.

"I've always dreamed about one day taking over that program and trying to build it where I know it was when I left," said the 1998 graduate.

He takes over for Greg Modica, who left after three seasons to be an assistant at St. Francis Prep. Martinez's first practice with the Royals was actually at Grand Street, because of some bad weather on the fields at Queens' Juniper Valley Park.

"That was awkward," Martinez said of his inaugural practice. "The [Grand Street]



BACK HOME: Former Grand Street coach Steve Martinez, left, is heading to Christ the King, and hopes to turn around the program with, from left, coaches Eddie Espada and Gerry Gonzalez. Steve Martinez

varsity team waiting for me to finish my practice."

The move back to Queens has been nothing of the sort however. His familiarity, along with his resume as a coach and a middle-school teacher, was among the reasons he was hired to try to breathe life back into the struggling program. He was really at ease walking in the building.

"Great combination," said Christ the King athletic director Bob Mackey. "He's got experience, he's coached at a very

high level and he's a teacher and he is a parent. This just kind of feels really good."

There were still mixed emotions when he first made the jump — he was leaving a familiar place at Grand Street, which he still passes every time he travels to his new job — but joy quickly overtook hesitation, and now, Martinez is happy to be home.

"I'm going back to my alma mater," Martinez said. "It is going to be my program, the way I want it to be run."

Whirlwind season for Jefferson's Pretlow

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Kenny Pretlow's basketball season ended so much better than it started.

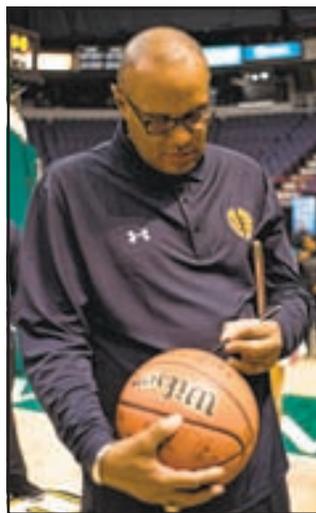
The longtime Abraham Lincoln assistant coach was unceremoniously let go after one season as the Railsplitters' head man once former coach Dwayne "Tiny" Morton returned from Seton Hall. Seven months later, Pretlow — now an assistant at rival Jefferson — was standing on the Times Union Center court in Albany enjoying the Orange Wave winning the program's first state Federation Class AA boys' basketball crown.

Jefferson beat Lincoln to win its first Public School Athletic League title in 62 years, and Pretlow is proud

of playing his part in a historic run.

"It's just a testament that you shouldn't think that assistant coaches can't help out," Pretlow said. "One of my mother's friends told me, 'Sometimes God closes one door and opens something that's even better that you never thought about.'"

Bringing Pretlow onto his staff was an easy decision for Jefferson coach Lawrence "Bud" Pollard — less so for Pretlow, who was offered a spot coaching with Billy Turnage at Wings Academy in the Bronx. Knowing the kind of uproar it would bring after 13 years at Lincoln, Pretlow needed to do some soul searching first. He didn't like that the



SIGN ME UP: After an abrupt end to his time at Lincoln, corner coach Kenny Pretlow won a state Federation Class AA boys' basketball title as an assistant at Jefferson this season. Photo by Ken Maldonado

school dismissed him after a 25-4 season and berth in the quarterfinals.

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Meet Brooklyn's can't-miss baseball and softball stars

Spring is upon us, and as Major League Baseball gets set to celebrate its opening day, baseball and softball season in Brooklyn is about kick into high gear. Can't make it to Citi Field or Yankee Stadium for a game? Here is your guide to the top high-school players to come out and watch right here in Kings County this spring:



JOE KNOWS

by Joe Staszewski

Nick Storz, Poly Prep

There may not be a better baseball prospect in all of New York City this season than the Louisiana State University-bound junior. Storz is the total package. He is a fireballer on the mound and an extra base hit threat each time he steps to the plate. The Courier's reigning All-Brooklyn Player of the Year posted a 3-1 record with 52 strikeouts in 33 innings and hit the low 90s on the radar gun. He also hit .389 with 26 runs batted in — and a .907 slugging percentage.

Marcus Chavez, Grand Street

The Michigan-bound senior is arguably the best defensive catcher in the five boroughs. His experience behind the plate will be even more paramount with a young and inexperienced Grand Street pitching staff. Chavez, a Courier All-Brooklyn First Team selection last season, is also an extremely tough out with a bat in his hands. He hit .489 with 19 runs batted in, 18 runs scored, and 10 extra base hits. The Wolves will go as far as he takes them.

Isabella Gerone, James Madison

The Hartford-bound senior has pitched Madison to back-to-back Public School Athletic League Class AA semifinals and will try to get a deep and talented team over the hump this season. Gerone, the Courier's reigning All-Brooklyn Softball Player of the Year, pitched a 14-2 record with a 1.35 earned run average as a junior in the regular season. She fanned 161 batters in 110

innings. At the plate, Gerone hit .568 with 29 runs batted in, 30 runs scored and 11 extra base hits.

Bianca Marletta, Fontbonne Hall

Marletta stepped right in for the graduated Nicolette Trapani in the circle — and the Bonnies didn't miss a beat. She is big reason why they will again be a threat to challenge for a diocesan title. The All-Brooklyn First Team selection went 11-4 with a 1.78 earned run average. She struck out 110 while walking just 10. At the plate, Marletta hit .397 with 28 runs batted in and five homers.

Shawn James, James Madison

Graduated Christopher Karnbach was the story of the postseason, but James was Madison's best overall player throughout the year. He went 4-0 and had two saves while posting a 0.21 earned run average. James is now the team's clear ace as the Golden Knights look to compete for a city title. The All-Brooklyn First Team selection also posted a .458 average with 13 runs batted in during the regular season.

Those are the fab five for the spring season, but try not to miss out on Xaverian baseball's Phoenix Hernandez. Telecommunication softball's Thalia Santiago, Poly Prep windmill Eva O'Mara, and Abraham baseball slugger Travis Buckmon.

Young Wolves team seeking redemption

BY TROY MAURIELLO

Grand Street is prepared for a season of redemption.

Injuries to key seniors Julian Fernandez, Brandon Sinche, Jonathan Cuas, and Roberto Valdez derailed what was supposed to be another dominant season for the Wolves baseball team last year. Benjamin Cardozo ultimately bounced Grand Street in the second round of last season's Public School Athletic League playoffs — the first time that the Wolves did not at least reach the semifinals in five years. But Grand Street is eyeing a return to glory.

"We just have to focus more on staying healthy," said Michigan-bound center Marcus Chavez. "We know that we have a good team, so if everybody stays healthy, we should be good."

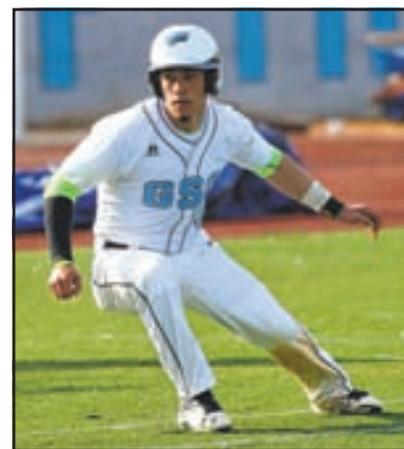
To do so, coach Melvin Martinez will need some of his younger players to answer the bell this season. His Wolves squad features just nine seniors and a combined five freshmen and sophomores.

The team is young but not inexperienced. Martinez was able to give some of the younger players experience at the varsity level thanks to last season's senior injuries — a blessing in disguise for Grand Street heading into 2016.

"It definitely helped them mature quicker than we expected," Chavez said. "It's easier now, because now they have the experience that most underclassmen wouldn't have."

Chavez is a proven leader and one of the best players in New York City. He was a force for Grand Street in his second year on varsity in 2015. He hit .489 with 19 runs batted in, 18 runs scored, and a total of 10 extra base hits in 16 games last season. He wants to continue to produce.

"I know that if I play my game, that's going to help us no matter what," Chavez said. "So there's really no pres-



GRAND LEADER: Senior Marcus Chavez will need to lead the younger Grand Street players to the top of the league.

Photo by Jason Speakman

sure, I just want to help us be in the right path so we can win."

Chavez will get help from junior outfielder Mateo Gil, who hit .405 with 14 runs batted in and 15 runs scored as a sophomore last season. Expectations are high for Gil in what will be his third year of varsity baseball.

Senior Andrew Hernandez leads the Grand Street pitching staff. Last year he went 4-1 and allowed just nine earned runs in 27-plus innings. Hernandez also threw one complete game that year and struck out 24 batters.

If Grand Street plans on returning to the top of the top of the Public School Athletic League, it will rely on this mix of senior leaders and young-but-experienced underclassmen to get the job done. Fighting though last season has brought them all together for a common goal.

"The chemistry is totally different," Chavez said. "We just have a certain mentality that we're trying to go into the season with more killer instinct than last year and just trying to beat every team that we can."

the team with two big threes that seemingly put the game out of reach. Butler once again credited her teammate and coaches for her success.

"Without their confidence — setting me up and finding me — I wouldn't be able to hit those shots I've been able to," she said. "They helped us take the lead, take away Tennessee's chance of coming back. It was just a great experience."

Butler's big game helped Syracuse advance to the Final Four as it gets ready to play No. 7 Washington in Indianapolis at 8:30 pm on Sunday. The winner of the matchup will advance to the championship game to face the winner of the UConn-Oregon State contest in the other semifinal.



LEADING THE PACK: (Above) Xavier Vargas is one of several seniors in key positions that will lead Xaverian's young group. (Below) Senior Phoenix Hernandez returns to shortstop.

Photos by Steve Schnibbe

XAVERIAN

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ing heavily on Rob Amato and John Bini a year ago.

"Our pitching is good — it's just young," said Clipper coach Frank Del George said. "They have looked alright so far, but it is too early to tell."

Senior ace Alex Passarella has three quality pitches, and No.-3 starter Nicholas DeSalvo can throw in the upper 80s. Senior Andrew Watter is the club's spot starter and first guy out of the bullpen at any sign of trouble. Hernandez is taking over the closer's role.

"I think they will go out there and throw strikes," Del George said. "A couple of them can really throw the ball hard."

The upperclassmen on this team understand the importance of good pitching — they got it in 2014 and watched Molloy and Farrell shut down their vaunted lineup in last



season's playoffs.

The pain that defeat wrought has this year's group meshing quickly and focused on regaining a crown.

"We are looking to come back and win that 2016 championship," Vargas said. "These [young] guys have come out strong. We are hoping that can continue."

I'm just happy for these guys."

Kenny Pretlow's colleagues noticed his part in all of it. Pollard has called acquiring Pretlow one of the biggest offseason moves. Pretlow's presence on the bench and at practice has allowed Pollard to become a better coach himself.

"He played a big role in this championship, added certain things to my coaching," Pollard said. "He makes me, right now, the best coach in the city. With the staff I have and him added, I don't think there is a coach better than me right now."

Pretlow couldn't have asked for a better ending to a journey that began so rocky. He left one family and found another. He was able to repay every bit of Jefferson's hospitality, and the ride was worth it.

"I was focused all year with trying to help these guys with just a little experience of how hard it is to win a championship," Pretlow said. "Maybe it helped. Maybe it didn't, but I was happy I was part of it."

PRETLOW

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"I put in a lot of years there," Pretlow said. "I totally felt disrespected — not that Tiny didn't have the right to come back and get the job, but do it the right way. They sent me a letter last year telling me I got the job. I didn't get nothing this year."

When his internal discussion was over, he embarked on what he called "spring cleaning" time. All of his Lincoln stuff went into one big box, and he was on to the next chapter in his career. What he got — besides some new blue-and-orange gear — was a chance to impact a team hungry to get over the hump and bring home a championship.

"They accepted me," Pretlow said.

"You couldn't ask for a better situation. To see these guys get this city championship and now get the state,

'CUSE

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arc in 36 minutes, crediting her coach with green-lighting the outside shooting.

"Coach has always given us confidence to shoot the three, influencing us to shoot them," said Butler. "It's something we've been able to do the whole season."

'Cuse won by 18 points, but it was a close game for all but the last six minutes of the fourth quarter. Butler's former Nazareth teammate Taylor Ford added three points and two rebounds for the Orange. Tennessee made one last push in the fourth before Butler buried

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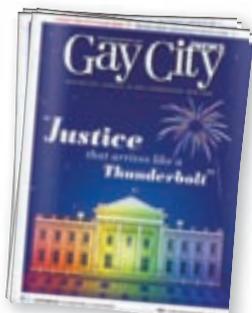
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