

# WHEELY BAD IDEA

## Critics: New bus stop under creepy overpass will lead to rape

BY JULIANNE CUBA

They want a bus transfer.

The city must move a Sheepshead Bay bus stop from under a dark and isolated train trestle before someone gets raped, straphangers are demanding. The city recently placed the bus stop there to improve safety, but totally missed the point, one frustrated B36 rider told transportation officials at a May 3 Plumb Beach Civic meeting.

"You will have robberies and rapes," said Sheepshead Bay resident Pam Glantzman. "There's no reason why a woman coming home from work should wait under a dark, unlit train trestle for a bus here in Brook-

lyn. That was a very poor choice. Why didn't you take a look at that before? No, you're up in your high buildings not giving a wit about the people whose lives you're changing, and you should be ashamed of yourselves."

The city transferred the B36 bus stop from outside the Sheepshead Bay Road subway station to Avenue Z and E. 15th Street two weeks ago — part of a larger, controversial traffic re-jiggering under the Mayor's Vision Zero traffic-safety plan — claiming the change will make area side streets more pedestrian-friendly. The B4 and B49 already have stops there. The Department of Transportation

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**NOT ON BOARD:** Ellyn Rothstein, Pam Glantzman, and Yvette Pomeranz say the city's decision to put a bus stop under a dark overpass puts women in danger of being raped.

Photo by Georgine Benvenuto



## Mahal-yo!

Brothers Jean and Jeremy Hidalgo party like they're in Hawaii during PS 811's luau on May 7. For more, **see page 10.**

Photo by Jordan Rathkopf

## Purged!

### City suspends second Election clerk for Dem. Primary Day voter fiasco

BY JULIANNE CUBA

She does not have their vote.

The city has suspended a top Brooklyn Democratic elections worker and opened an investigation into her role in a massive voter-roll purge that disenfranchised borough ballot casters in the recent presidential primary, officials announced on May 5.

The Board of Elections voted two days earlier to sideline Democratic chief clerk Betty Ann Canizio — and withhold her six-figure salary — while it determines whether she was culpable for her office crossing off 123,000 Democrats while clearing ineligible ones from the board's Kings County books. Officials are not sure how long the probe will take — nor have they determined whether the city or an outside group will conduct the inquiry — but the election board's head is

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# THEY PLAYED BALL!

## Mets go to bat for Little Leaguers at youth ball clinic

BY SHAVANA ABRUZZO

They were Amazin'!

Budding knuckleballers got tips from the top about how to improve their salads and salamis — while moonstruck moms and dads cooed and clapped from the bleachers — when the New York Mets held a youth baseball clinic at Citi Field.

Brooklyn-born former pitcher Nelson Figueroa teamed up with infielder Wilmer Flores, pitcher Logan Verrett, bench coach Dick Scott, and assistant hitting coach Pat Roessler to instruct and boost aspiring aces from St. Athanasius Little League in Bensonhurst, leaving the pint-sized players and their parents with lasting memories, said the league director. “We loved the fact that the coaches and players took time out to give back to our community,” said Pat Lawler. “They were great, and it was a day we’ll never forget!”

The Amazins’ conducted pitching, hitting, and fielding drills as part of the Play Ball community partnership between the New York Mets and SportsNet New York that also awards grants, donates equipment, and creates volunteer opportunities to make a kid’s baseball dream into a major league reality.

Sharing his know-how with the next generation was a win-win for Figueroa, who pitched for the Mets from 2008 to 2009, and is now a studio analyst for SportsNet New York’s pre- and post-game shows.

“A price can’t be placed on seeing the Mets players and coaches up-close at Citi Field,” said the Coney Island-born ex-hurler who attended Lincoln High School. “It is a unique experience that they will talk about for the rest of their lives.”

SportsNet New York will air some of the day’s footage during Play Ball Week on May 20, providing yet another home run moment for the St. Athanasius community.

“We’ll be watching the show in the coaches room,” Lawler said.



**THEY'RE AMAZIN'!** (Clockwise from top) Bench coach Dick Scott plays to a crowd of eager catchers. A young player gets a boost from assistant hitting coach Pat Roessler. Pitcher Logan Verrett and infielder Wilmer Flores have a ball teaming up for a great cause at Citi Field.

SportsNet New York



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Wine bar uncorks Bay Ridge's bloody history

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**GUARDIANS:** Guardian Angel Jose Gonzalez and politico Ken Jones want more city investment in Coney Island's west end.

# 'Dream' deferred

## Catsimatidis bought Coney property, will not use it to build 'Ocean Dreams' development

BY DENNIS LYNCH

Billionaire supermarket mogul and developer John Catsimatidis is betting on the Coney Island waterfront.

The builder bought the Boardwalk-adjacent former Federation Employment and Guidance Service building on Surf Avenue and W. 35th Street in Coney Island — a full 20 blocks from the booming Amusement District — for a cool \$7.7 million last week, this paper has learned. Catsimatidis has no immediate designs for the newly purchased land, and buying it was no indication he will begin constructing the blocks-long Ocean Dreams development he's been planning nearby for years — but it is a sign that Coney's stock is rising, he said.

"It's a very speculative area," he said.

He blamed city policy for delaying development on his waterfront People's Play-



**HOLDING OFF:** Grocery magnate and developer John Catsimatidis, inset, has bought more land on Coney Island's waterfront, but he's no closer to building his planned "Ocean Dreams" complex.

ground properties.

"We may build it, we may not, depending on how much cooperation we get from the city."

Catsimatidis would not elaborate further but may have been alluding to the

now-expired 421-a tax abatement program, which in part gave developers tax breaks for building on previously vacant lots, such as the two he scooped up next to the recently acquired social ser-

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## Community chest

### Calls for more Coney community centers as city passes on closed social service building

BY DENNIS LYNCH

They say it's not the *People's* Playground anymore.

A Manhattan developer bought a block-sized Surf Avenue building for \$7.7 million at a bankruptcy auction on May 5, dashing the hopes of community activists and local pols who made a late push to get the mayor to purchase it and convert the dormant building into public space that the area sorely needs, according to a local advocate who credits his life to community centers.

"There's a real crisis down there with all these kids out in the street and not having a place to go," said Coney Island native Jose Gonzalez, a member of the Guardian Angels. "When I grew up, there was the community centers that saved me — with all the gangs that were going on, if I didn't have that center I would've been caught up and probably dead."

The Federation Employment and Guidance Services

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# Options for L train closure: Bad and worse

BY DENNIS LYNCH

What the L kind of choice is that?

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority presented subway surfers with two closure plans for fixing the Sandy-ravaged L train tunnel to Manhattan last Thursday — either sever the connection completely for 18 months, or drastically reduce service on the already overcrowded line for three years — but straphangers said it was pretty clear that the authority has already set its mind on option A.

"I don't think they're giving us a choice," said Williamsburger and lifelong Brooklynite Patricia Dobosz after seeing the authority's pitch to residents at the Marcy Avenue Armory. "They're making it look like a choice, but I don't think they really are."

Agency honchos touted the full closure as the "most efficient" option, while warning that dramatically diminished service — which would offer one train every 12 to 15 minutes while workers repair one track at a time — would still grind to a complete halt any time there was a construction problem, and that only one in five customers would actually be able to squeeze into the infrequent cars.

In both scenarios, the L would operate as a local line in Brooklyn, but with only one train around every eight minutes — twice as long as the wait now during the morning rush and two minutes longer than the evening rush — which an agency presentation described as "near normal service."

Officials stressed the need to act quickly — although work to repair the damage from the 2012 Superstorm won't begin until 2019, and the public



**FROM THE HORSE'S MOUTH:** Metropolitan Transportation Authority Chairman Tom Prendergast, left, explains the repairs to Steve Baumn, a commuter who does not think the transit agency is willing to spend the money to minimize the impact long-term repairs to the L train will have on straphangers.

Photo by Louise Wateridge

only found out about it when it did thanks to a media leak in February.

Residents largely agreed that the faster plan was the best of the two options on offer — though they were told that alternative suggestions of only closing nights and weekends, or building a new tunnel entirely, were out of the question.

Repairs would kick up toxic dust that takes time to clean — so opening and closing the tunnels every day would be impossible — and a new tunnel would take too long to design and build, agency czar Tom Prendergast claimed.

But many said the plan they *really* want to see is what alternative transportation the agency will offer.

Officials said they will add more trains to the J, M, and G lines and will ask the city if it will carve out a dedicated bus lane across the Williamsburg Bridge to ferry passengers from the Bedford Avenue station.

Riders may also be able to transfer between some lines for free, including from the Broadway G stop to the Lorimer Street J and M stop, they said.

But one local entrepreneur said the agency really needs to offer shuttle service from every affected L stop — busing to and from the nearest alternate trains to keep as many visitors coming to the nabe as possible.

"If that went frequently enough, you wouldn't sacrifice as much of the local traffic," said Jen Durbin, who owns a business near the Jefferson Street stop.

The meeting itself went far smoother than some of the transit body's previous interactions with locals over the proposed closure, including a February town hall where crowd members practically ran a rep out the door for refusing to answer their questions.

Officials only answered pre-written questions, and came armed with a slick video and a display of damaged hardware from the tube to make their case.

But officials will have to face the gauntlet again before they choose their final course of action — Prendergast said they will settle on a plan in the next few months after making the rounds at community boards of affected neighborhoods.

# CENTERS

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building at the corner of W. 35th Street closed before Superstorm Sandy, but the damage it sustained in the storm — and the social-services agency's bankruptcy last year — sealed its fate.

It is one of a handful of public facilities closed in the neighborhood in recent years. Sandy shuttered two community centers within the New York City Housing Authority's

Gravesend Houses and Coney Island Houses — both near the neighborhood's far edge near Sea Gate.

The housing authority is in the final stages of re-designing the Gravesend Houses community center and plans to start construction in winter or next spring, a spokesman said. It will also renovate the center in Coney Island Houses beginning this summer, he said.

The city's failure to scoop up the seaside lot is the latest in a pattern of focusing recovery and

development efforts on the amusement district rather than low-income residential areas, Gonzalez said.

"If there was something closer to the rides it goes up quick — after Hurricane Sandy everything came back just in time for the amusement season, but we still have centers that are closed," he said.

A company owned by billionaire developer John Catsimtidis bought the property, city records show.

# DEVELOPER

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vices building, for the Ocean Dreams project in 2008.

Speaking broadly at a real estate summit in October, Catsimtidis said "because they're playing around with that 421-a system, we may not build," and that "if the city creates obstacles, the next \$100 million we spend might be in Florida instead of New York," according to Real Estate Weekly.

Still, the high-roller wants to spend his dough developing Coney Island's residential wards.

We'd love to spend money down

there, but we'll spend money elsewhere if it doesn't work," he said.

Catsimtidis amassed land at W. 35th and W. 36th streets for his Ocean Dreams project and got the city to re-zone the land in 2011 to accommodate his plan for 415 apartments in a mix of low- and high-rise buildings — including two 14-story towers — along with commercial space.

He has yet to begin construction more than five years after the rezoning, but that does not mean his plans for the seaside are sunk — Catsimtidis bought pieces of Downtown on the cheap and waited more than 30 years to start building four residential towers there.

# It's the taste of success!

BY LAUREN GILL

He's Jamaican it!

A Canarsie chef who was once told he might never walk again is not only cruising around the kitchen again, he just achieved his dream of opening his own eatery in Fort Greene last week.

"I knew from the first day I started in the culinary field I always wanted to open my own restaurant," said Jamaican-born Brooklynite Lancelot Brown, who is now the proud owner of Jamaica Grill on Myrtle Avenue.

"It's one of the dreams I wanted to accomplish and accomplishing it is a momentous achievement for me."

Brown — who moved to Breukelen Houses from Jamaica 19 years ago — has two culinary degrees, and has worked in eateries across the islands and the Big Apple.

But Brown's goal of commanding his own kitchen was nearly sliced and diced when he broke his back in a 2004 accident, and doctors told him he might never be able to stand again.

Brown refused to take the prognosis lying down, and after years of physical therapy, he was back up on his feet and aiming to make it big.

"I knew I could do more," he said.

He enrolled in the inaugural class of New York City Housing Authority's Food Business Pathways program,



Photo by Jordan Rathkopf

**GRILL MASTER:** Jamaica Grill owner Lancelot Brown cooks up some chicken in his newly opened Myrtle Avenue restaurant.

where he learned how to run a business and got help securing the permits he needed to open Jamaica Grill.

Brown is serving dishes from his home country that he said are rarely done well in the concrete jungle.

"It's one of those cuisines that you either have to go to Jamaica to have it or find somewhere that prepares it really well," he said.

Brown said diners go wild for his vegetarian pasta, made with jerk-spiced butter and tofu — a recipe he created himself — as well as more traditional Caribbean fare such as jerk chicken and curried goat.

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Hard copies of the RFP can be obtained, at no cost, commencing on May 6, 2016 through June 17, 2016, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., excluding weekends and holidays, at the Revenue Division of the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation, which is located at 830 Fifth Avenue, Room 407, New York, NY 10065.

The RFP is also available for download, commencing on May 6, 2016 through June 17, 2016, on Parks' website. To download the RFP, visit [www.nyc.gov/parks/businessopportunities](http://www.nyc.gov/parks/businessopportunities), click on the link for "Concessions Opportunities at Parks" and, after logging in, click on the "download" link that appears adjacent to the RFP's description.

For more information or to request to receive a copy of the RFP by mail, prospective proposers may contact Zoe Piccolo, Project Manager, at (212) 360-3495 or at [zoe.piccolo@parks.nyc.gov](mailto:zoe.piccolo@parks.nyc.gov).

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# Steel crushes three at G'wood metal works



**CUT-OFFS:** Firefighters had to clip the men's pants to free them.

Photo by Paul Martinka

**BY MAX JAEGER**

Oh the iron knee!

Three metalworkers went to the hospital with broken legs after a steel plate fell off a truck at a Greenwood Heights ironworks on May 9.

The errant ferrous slab came crashing down a little after 8 am at the facility on 21st Street near Third

Avenue, Fire Department officials said.

All three victims had broken legs, according to a photographer who spoke to paramedics on the scene.

Emergency responders took the men to Lutheran Medical Center in serious but stable condition, a department spokeswoman said.



**SIX-STORIES HIGH:** A man jumped from this Midwood building.

Photo by Paul Martinka

# Man in critical condition after leap from six-story building

**BY JULIANNE CUBA**

A man jumped from a six-story Midwood building on May 4 and is probably going to die, authorities said.

Emergency responders found him on E. 14th Street between Avenues R and S at 1:04 pm, a Fire Department spokesman said. Officials on the scene believe the man jumped from the third-floor fire escape, according to a photographer who was there.

Paramedics took the man to Lutheran Medical Center, but he is

likely to succumb to his injuries, the department spokesman said.

Police had no update on the man's condition by press time.

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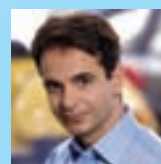
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BAY RIDGE-DYKER HEIGHTS

### Curbside pickup

Another Shore Road resident was targeted by rim and tire thieves on the night of May 2, according to a police report.

The woman parked her brand-new Honda Accord — a popular target for the thieves — outside her home between 72nd and 74th streets late on May 2, and returned the next day around 8 am and found both of the curbside wheels of her car missing, police said.

The thieves left behind their jack and the locking lug nuts she had on her wheels.

### More of the same

Bandits stole all four rims off a different, brand-new Honda Accord parked on Dyker Place within 24 hours of the Shore Road theft, police said.

The driver parked the car near 84th Street at 5 am on May 2 and returned around 5:20 pm the next day to find the four sets of wheels missing, police said.

### Counter crook

A sneaky thief stole a man's wallet he had momentarily left on a Third Avenue restaurant counter on May 5, according to police.

The guy put down his wallet to sign the receipt for his dinner at the restaurant between 72nd and 73rd streets around 5:30 pm. He told police that he turned away for just a moment, and when he turned back, his wallet was gone.

It had credit cards, debit cards, and identification in it, but no cash, police said.

## 62ND PRECINCT

BENSONHURST-BATH BEACH

### Bogus badges

Two bandits masquerading as officers of the law robbed a guy on 74th Street on May 8, the real police said.

The victim was between 20th and 21st avenues just before 8 pm when the phony fuzz walked up and flashed him a fake police badge, claiming to be cops. They went through his pockets, took \$80, and fled down 21st Avenue towards 86th Street, according to a police report.

### Highway robbery

An armed robber shook down a guy on Kings Highway on May 4, police said.

The mugger pulled out his gun on the victim around 4 am outside



# POLICE BLOTTER

## Unholy trinity steals church's Christ statue

BY RUTH BROWN

Blasphemous bandits stole a statue of Jesus from in front of a Williamsburg church on April 30 — and it is the second time thieves have swiped a figure from the house of worship in recent years.

Surveillance footage appears to show three troublemakers — one male, two females — swipe the statue from the Saints Peter and Paul Roman Catholic Church on S. Third Street, between Wythe Avenue and Berry Street, at around 2:07 am.

A good Samaritan later found the holy effigy in a trash can outside his house, and returned it to the church, according to a spokeswoman from the Catholic Diocese of Brooklyn — but the thieves remain at large.

The church placed the statue in front of the house of God in 2012 — a replacement after someone swiped a similar figure, the rep said.

*Police ask anyone with information to call (800) 577-8477, submit tips at [www.nypdcrimestoppers.com](http://www.nypdcrimestoppers.com), or text 274637 followed by TIP577. All calls are strictly confidential.*



**BODY OF CHRIST:** The stolen statue is now being restored. Diocese of Brooklyn

a building between W. Eighth and W. Seventh streets.

The victim handed over \$180 and his cellphone to the no-goodnik, who then fled, according to police.

### Knife to meet you

Police arrested a guy who they said pulled a kitchen knife on a man on 65th Street on May 9 and tried to rob him.

The victim told cops he was near Dahill Road around 10:30 am when the guy walked up to him and asked for money. The victim refused and the guy allegedly whipped out the blade to convince him, but the light-footed victim dashed before the guy could cut him.

He called police, who found the guy standing a few blocks away

near Avenue O with the knife in his pocket, according to authorities.

### Determined thieves

A cat burglar broke into a woman's Bay 28th Street home on May 4 while she was away visiting her mother, police said.

She left her home between Benson Avenue and 86th Street around 9 am and returned to find the housebreakers had removed the guard rails from a rear bedroom window and broken in. They ransacked the place and got away with \$3,000 in cash and some jewelry, police said.

### In and out

A speedy thief grabbed a guy's wallet from his car parked in

front of his 71st Street home on May 7, according to a police report.

The guy said he left his car unlocked for about five minutes while he ran inside his home between 19th and 20th avenues around 12:20 pm.

When he came out his wallet and his registration were missing, police said.

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### Grab and dash

A light-footed lawbreaker stole a guy's wallet out his hands on Bath Avenue on May 8, according to a police report.

The victim was near Bay 46th Street just before 1 am when a guy ran by and nabbed his wallet from out of his hands.

The guy got away with \$40 in cash and all the victim's cards, police said.

### Bad Samaritan

Some dirtbag stole a bunch of donated money from a Poplar Avenue synagogue on April 29, police said.

A man affiliated with the synagogue near Highland Avenue told cops he walked into the house of worship around midnight at found that some sacrilegious crook had broken open and emptied seven donation boxes, stealing an undetermined amount of cash, according to police.

### Cash con

Two fraudsters tricked a W. Eighth Street man into depositing nearly \$19,000 into their bank accounts on May 8, police said.

The man got a call at his home between Avenue X and 86th Street at around 8:30 am from a man and a woman claiming to be officials with the Internal Revenue Service.

They told him he owed back taxes and would be arrested if he did not pony up the money, so he deposited \$8,000 into a Wells Fargo bank account and \$9,900 into a Bank of America account they specified, according to authorities.

### Plumb out of tools

A tool thief relieved a plumber of his tools from the back of his truck parked at a W. Seventh Street lot on May 7, according to police.

The guy parked his truck at the lot near Boynton Place and returned around 10 pm to find the rear lock on his van was broken and his tools were gone.

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# ON PAW-RADE!

## Dogs strut their stuff in Marine Park

BY JULIANNE CUBA

Call it Marine Bark!

A pack of dog-lovers got together for a pooch parade to raise money for the American Cancer Society in Marine Park on May 7. About a dozen dog-owners marched around the park with their pups to celebrate four-legged friends' care-giving qualities, said one event organizer, whose own canine has cheered up sick patients.

"My dog, Chico — when my mom was sick, he was a therapy dog, and I took him to the nursing home to cheer her up and other patients, as well," said Marine Parker Stella Panzarino. "It just shows that our pets are our caregivers, and they really can make people smile and feel happy. When someone's not feeling well, the presence of a dog that gives unconditional love is a wonderful thing."

Organizers also doled out awards to the best-dressed and most-talented dogs.

Eleven-month-old Border



**DOG DAY AFTERNOON:** (Left) Pomeranian Athena and owner Jessie Martinez joined the parade. (Right) Paul Rosenberg brought Maltese Pomeranian Tucker.

Photos by Steve Solomonson

collie pup Blitz showed off some tricks and won her owner some free nosh — a prize she'll get to enjoy, too, her owner said.

"My puppy, she won best trick — sitting, speaking, going in circles," said Kathi Ludwig of Marine Park. "She won us a pizza pie — she'll get the crust."

The parade raised \$1,000 and was the kick-off event for the Bergen Beach Relay for Life on June 11, said organizer Joe Gillette.

"We had a nice little turnout, and we raised a lot money," the Bergen Beacher said. "Everybody had a great time."



**ARTS AND CRAFTS!:** Czhine Samule and India Darby crafted cards and sand art during a Luau and Arts Festival at PS 811 in Sheepshead Bay on May 7.

Photo by Jordan Rathkopf

## Islands in the fun!

BY JULIANNE CUBA

Aloha joy!

PS 811 turned into a Hawaiian paradise during the Sheepshead Bay school's Luau and Arts Festival on May 7. Organizers planned the day as a way for the school's special-needs students to bond with friends and family — and kids had a blast, one mom said.

"They did a lot of playing," said East New Yorker Quissy Ortega, who brought 15-year-old PS 811 student Jean and his brother Jeremy. "They ate a lot, they ran around, they were dancing, they played basketball."

Kids snacked on ham and pineapple and got to do arts and crafts, too. One student used the opportunity to make a card for her mom — just in time for Mother's Day, the proud progenitor said.

"It was very pretty," said mom Abygail Ortiz.

The school does a wonderful job bringing families together, Ortiz said.

"The school is always having events, which always pulls the family in," she said. "We're always welcome there. And it's a quality program with quality teachers who are invested in their students."

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## Cyclists

• Bicyclists must follow the same traffic rules as automobile drivers. Stop for red lights and stop signs, signal lane changes or turns, and

drive on the correct side of the road.

• Watch out for parked cars. Oftentimes, drivers exit their vehicles and do not check for oncoming traffic or cyclists. You can be hit by a swinging car door.

• Make yourself as noticeable as possible. This could include using a light or horn on the bike to signal your presence to drivers.

• Always wear a helmet and other applicable safety equipment.

• Maintain your bike so that it is safe to ride.

• Do not carry others on your bike (such as a friend or a child) if it is not designed to do so. Riding on the handlebars or behind the cyclist can be dangerous.

• Avoid the use of ear buds or headphones while cycling. You want all of your senses to be available to avoid accidents.

• Cycle out of the way of drivers' blind spots so you'll be more visible.

• Do not ride your bike on the sidewalk where you could injure pedestrians.

## Pedestrians

• Always use sidewalks and crosswalks when available. If no sidewalk is present, be sure to walk against the direction of traffic.

• Use traffic signals as your guide. However, make sure all traffic has stopped before crossing the road or stepping off of the sidewalk.

• Keep control of pets when

walking on a leash, so you're not pulled out into traffic.

• Use caution at bus stops. Many injuries occur from pedestrians running to catch a bus or stepping out into traffic after exiting a bus. Remember, there will be another bus behind the one you're chasing and safety is more important.

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# PURGE

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promising it will be exhaustive.

"There is a lot of information to go through post election with respect to all of the details that led up to the voters that were purged, and we want to make sure that when we take full and final action — that it's done based on all the facts and done appropriately," said executive director Michael Ryan.

Meanwhile, Canizio is allowed to continue her bid for Bay Ridge's 64th Assembly District Democratic committeewoman — a low-level, unpaid elected position primarily responsible for staffing polling sites on election day. She faces incumbent Joane Seminara in a June primary.

But she won't be able to fulfill her role if she wins the while still under investigation, Ryan said.

"She had already been instructed, by me, to refrain from any work associated with the 64th," he said.

Canizio is the second staffer to come under fire — the board suspended Republican deputy chief clerk Diane Haslett-Rudiano just two days after the primary.

Ryan declined to say whether the city would investigate Brooklyn commissioners Simon Shamoun (R) and



**ON BREAK:** Board of Elections clerk Betty Ann Canizio was suspended pending an investigation into her role in the Democratic voter purge ahead of the April 19 primary.

Photo by Paul Martinka

John Flateau (D) — Haslett-Rudiano's and Canizio's respective superiors.

Ryan did promise to reinstate voters that the board incorrectly removed from the rolls by the next election day.

"I am certain that they will be reactivated in time for the June primary," he said.

## BUS STOP

Continued from cover

and Metropolitan Transportation Authority collaborated on the move, and lowering walker injuries is the department's highest goal, a spokesman said.

"Safety is DOT's No. 1 priority," he said, citing a B36 bus that hit and killed a woman on E. 17th Street last year.

The new stop may reduce walker-driver friction, but it introduces a more sinister danger, another rider said.

"I come home late at night," said Ellyn Rothstein, who takes the bus from the subway to her Sheepshead Bay home. "And now I stand under

this dark area and it makes me very nervous. There are no lights under the trestle, it's just totally dark. It's isolating."

Lights would help, but Rothstein would prefer the bus bay shifted somewhere safer, she said.

"Either put it back or maybe put some lights there," she said. "They need to find something to make it safer. Or just put it back."

The changes are set in stone, but the city is considering additional lighting, the transportation department spokesman said.

"We are aware of the community concern at this location and are currently re-evaluating the lighting at this location," he said.



**SEEKING A SAFE HAVEN:** Transit and streets officials recently collaborated to move the B36 bus stop to Avenue Z to improve pedestrian safety near its former home on Sheepshead Bay Road.

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**AWESOME ADORNMENT:** Michal Lando's designs encompass unique, handcrafted jewelry made out of nylon mesh. Photo by Stefano Giovannini

## Made in Brooklyn, displayed in Brooklyn! Borough flexes its creative muscle at G'point expo

BY SHAVANA ABRUZZO

An art gallery built in a shipping container, a virtual tour of a hotel rising in Williamsburg, a chair made from reclaimed wood from the Coney Island Boardwalk, and an interactive lounge inviting visitors to ink themselves and the furniture — dollars to doughnuts, if it's designed and made in Brooklyn, it's fugheddaboutit awesome!

Creative Kings County throbbed as vigorously as the East River underneath the Brooklyn Bridge at the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce's Bklyn Designs exhibition in Greenpoint from May 6 to 8.

Area designers, architects, builders, developers, store buyers, industry influencers, educators, urban planners, and design-savvy consumers all flocked to the Brooklyn Expo Center to celebrate the borough's rich design heritage, iconic style, and bustling creative community.

Visitors participated in drawing classes with professors from Pratt Institute, weaving sessions with the Textile Arts Center, live 3D modeling

and printing from Gowanus-based Peru Meridian Studios, and a playable cornhole gallery by American Design Club.

Other offerings included a break-through playground from architect David Rockwell that encouraged unstructured free play, and a Maker's Lab — a creative workspace where local designers and organizations held workshops and sessions.

Brooklyn brought its best game — as always! — said the Chamber's head honcho.

"The Chamber is very proud of Bklyn Designs and that it offers such a wide range of participants from the creative economy in our borough," said president and chief executive officer Carlo A. Scissura. "Everyone involved brings a unique perspective to the conversation on design, craft, architecture and the built environment."

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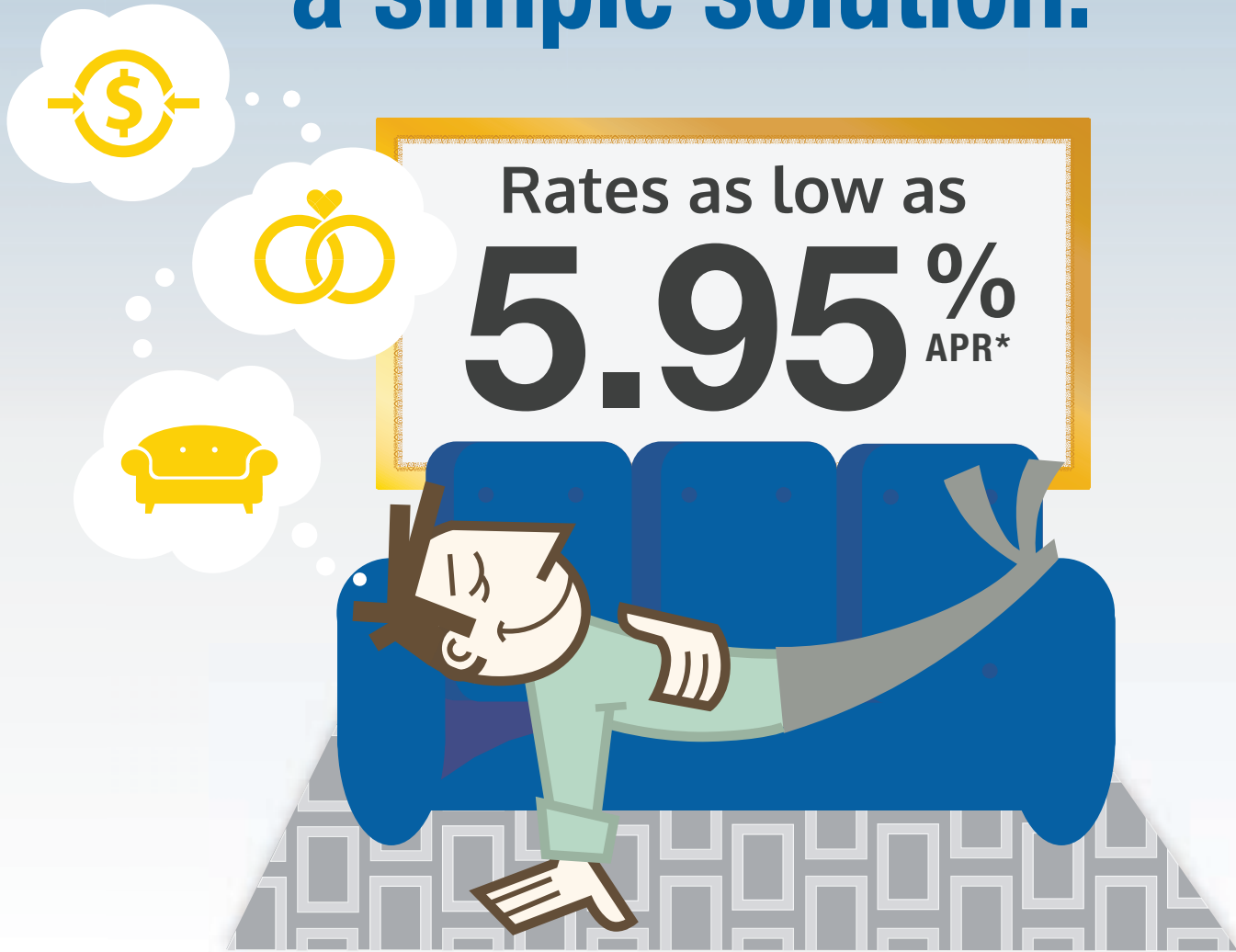
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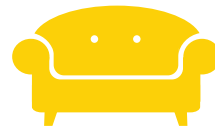
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# Giving moms pampering they deserve

## EAST FLATBUSH

A shout out to **Erena Hair Center and Salon!** The local hair palace opened its doors on May 7 and celebrated moms with entertainment, fab food, and loads of hair styling.



The annual **"Momabration"** welcomed **Kisha Johnson McRae** (pictured above, left, with Mirielle Edouard), a 25-year-plus lupus survivor who inspired others fighting their own battles with her courage and determination. Entertainment was supplied by **No Limit Band NYC**, and moms nibbled delicious confections from **Re-nee's Sweet Tooth** in Far Rockaway.

Magnificent moms are his bread and butter, explained Erena founder **V. Phillip Baker**.

"More than 85 percent of my clients are mothers from all walks of life and have one common goal — to look good," he said.

Baker celebrates moms every Mother's Day to honor their sacrifices, dedication, and commitment.

"For years, I've watched as mothers came in and out of my establishment, on or before Mother's Day, complaining of feeling unappreciated for all that they do," he said. "Mothers are the very fabric of our communities, businesses, schools, and families — for this, they deserve to be recognized and treated like the queens that they are, even if it's only for one day out of the year."

From Standing O to Mr. Baker, "Thank you for all us moms."

**Erena Hair Centers** [4811 Church Ave. at E. 48th Street in East Flatbush, (718) 282-5555].

## SHEEPSHEAD BAY

### Save the date

**On Stage at Kingsborough** is partnering with **Coney Island Sports Foundation** to provide entertainment at the **Coney Island Boardwalk 5K Charity Run and Walk** on June 26.

"We are so delighted to be a part of this exciting and important annual event," said Standing O pal **Anna Becker**, executive director of On Stage at Kingsborough. "I look forward to keeping the runners — as



**HIGHEST HONOR:** Thomas McKinney and Thomas Frerks earned medals at the Eagle Scout award's ceremony at St. Bernard's Parish. Photo by Jordan Rathkopf

## Scouts soar on these Eagles' wings

### MILL BASIN

Pin those wings on **Thomas McKinney** and **Thomas Frerks** of **Troop 76** in Mill Basin.

The new Eagle Scouts received scouting's most distinguished honor at a ceremony on May 7 at **St. Bernard's Parish**, and our roving photog was there to capture the flying-high moment for the proud, young Brooklynites, their families, their fellow scouts, and **Scoutmaster John Farrell**.

The two Thomases received their ranks by earning a minimum of 21 merit badges, as well as planning,

developing, and leading a service project that illustrated both leadership and commitment to duty. Both have been life scouts for at least six months and showed scouting spirit by demonstrating leadership within their troop or team. As if that wasn't enough, they had to pass an Eagle Scout board of review, to boot.

Standing O stands and salutes Thomas and Thomas, and wishes them luck and success as they soar forth — as Eagle Scouts.

*Boy Scout Troop 76 at St. Bernard's Parish [2055 E. 69th St. and Veterans Avenue in Mill Basin, (718) 763-5533].*

well as the sunbathers and strollers — entertained on the Boardwalk with world-class dancers, singers, and musicians."

Participants meet at 9:30 am at W. 19th Street and the Riegelmann Boardwalk, and finishers will receive a race shirt, water bottle, and medal. Run in costume and have a chance to win a prize. All ages welcome.

For a complete list of entertainers or to register visit [www.Active.com](http://www.Active.com).

*The Coney Island Sports Foundation [1712 Mermaid Ave. at W. 17th Street in Coney Island, (917) 710-1004].*

## BOROUGH WIDE

### Sparking the community

**Brooklyn Community Foundation** is launching its **Spark Prize**, the first and only honor of its kind celebrating changemakers in the borough's thriving non-profit sector. The Spark Prize is named after Brooklyn Community Foundation's mission to spark lasting social change in Brooklyn.

Five organizations will each receive the \$100,000 prize this year. Borough non-profits with annual operating budgets of more than \$350,000 and a minimum of five years in operation are invited to apply now through June 3 at [www.SparkPrize.org](http://www.SparkPrize.org). Organizations do not need to be previous grantees of Brooklyn Community Foundation to be eligible. Application criteria and guidelines are available at [www.SparkPrize.org/How-to-Apply](http://www.SparkPrize.org/How-to-Apply).

Non-profits make up the community, said **Cecilia Clarke**, president and chief executive officer of Brooklyn Community Foundation.

Applicants must submit a 1,000-word essay on the following criteria:

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## BAY RIDGE

### He's smart 'n' sharp

Dust off the mortar boards and give it up for Xaverian Class of 2016 graduate **David Pena**. This smart 'n' sharp young man has been awarded the prestigious **Smart Start Scholarship** from **JP Morgan Chase**. The recognition is only given to the top of the top academic students in the city and carries a full tuition, stipend for books and supplies, and a paid internship at JP Morgan Chase.

David is a member of the Clipper Society, as well as the soccer, mock trial, music teams. He is also involved in campus ministry services, the dramatics society, and the school's Belgium Exchange program.

David has had his eye on the prize and appreciates the guidance he received at the school.

"I have the deepest gratitude to the teachers who educated me and taught me to become a better man," he said. "They motivated and inspired me to reach for the dreams that are now my reality, as well as nurtured my development of my faith. I was always encouraged to trust in God's plan for me and believe that God will work through me by developing my gifts so I can do my part to better the world."

Our smart young man is planning to major in international business at **New York University** in the fall.

Standing O wishes David great successes in the future.

*Xaverian High School [7100 Shore Rd. at 71st Street in Bay Ridge, (718) 836-7100].*

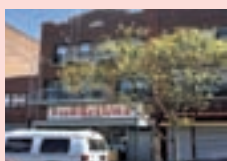
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*Application clinics at Concord Baptist Church of Christ (833 Gardner C. Taylor Blvd. between Madison and Putnam avenues in Bedford-Stuyvesant). RSVP in advance at [www.SparkPrize.org/How-to-Apply](http://www.SparkPrize.org/How-to-Apply).*



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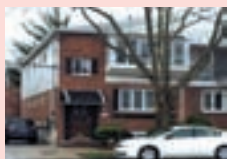
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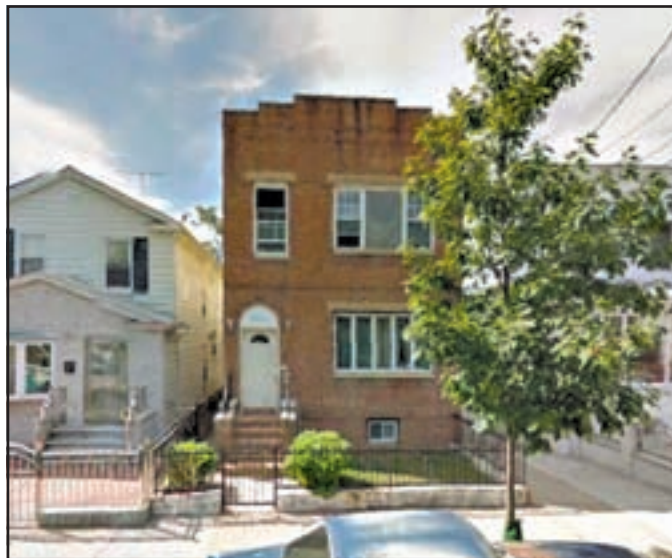
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The area is a bragging right in itself. Old Mill Basin derives its name from the water mills

and other industries 17th century settlers opened on the marshlands their successors used for crabbing, fishing, and hauling lobsters; the home early Dutchman Jan Martense Schenck built around 1676 at present-day E. 63rd Street is on exhibit at the Brooklyn Museum; and legend has it that the notorious Capt. Kidd and other pirates stowed their stolen booty in the area's waters.

This relaxed and neighborly community of manicured lawns and sun-drenched patios fringing elegant homes that rest majestically on sleepy streets is an anomaly in the modern age of sky scrapers and converted warehouses, and locals are proud to remark, "How can you beat a place where everybody has gorgeous gardens and there are no parking meters?"

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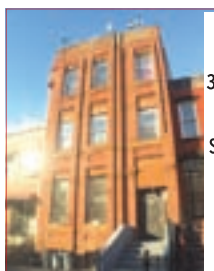
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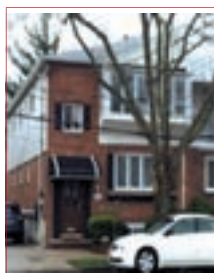
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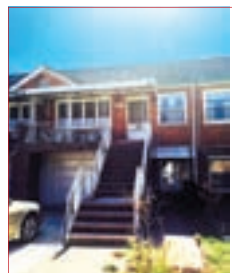
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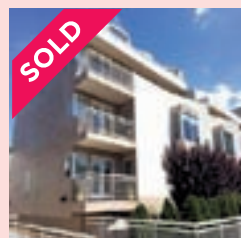


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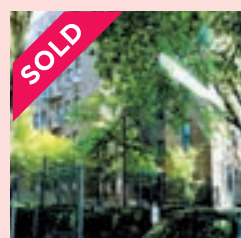
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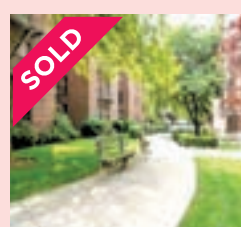
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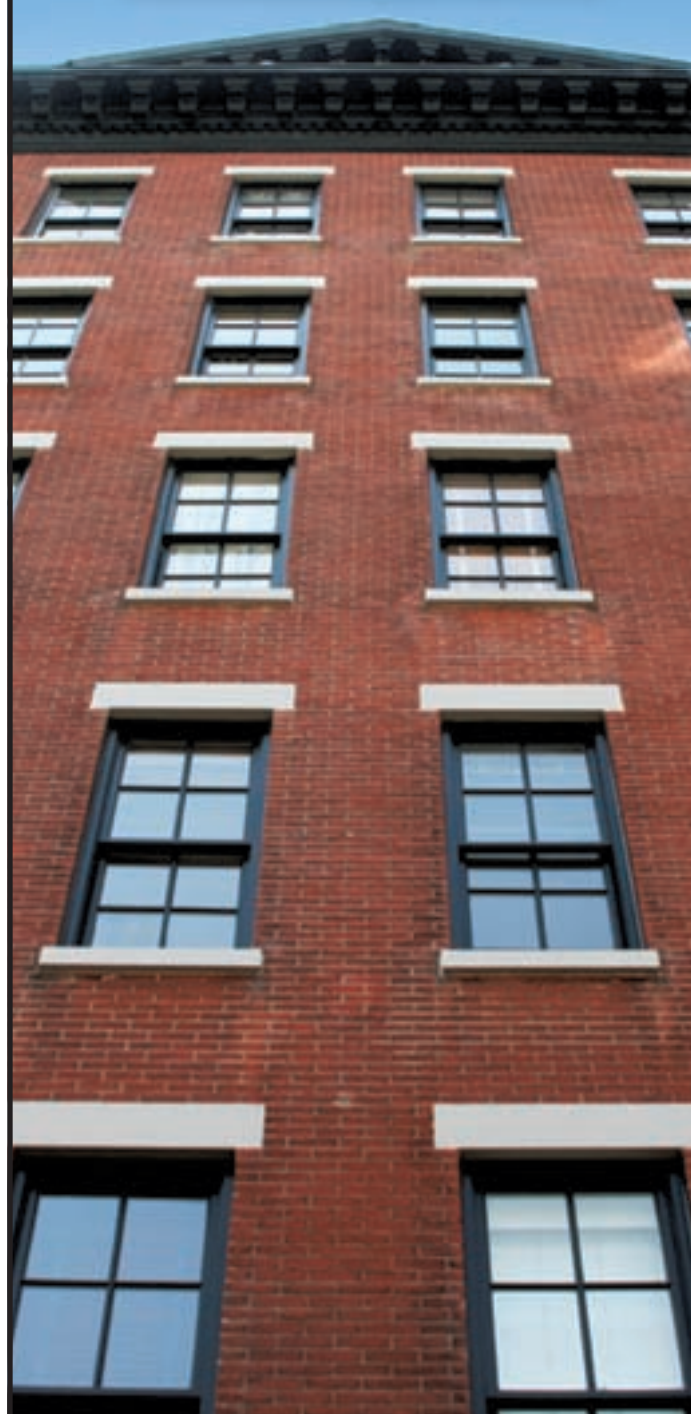
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**SPECIAL GUEST:** Borough President Adams stopped by the Islamic Society of Bay Ridge on May 6 to join in a prayer session there.

## Adams makes pilgrimage to Bay Ridge mosque

BY DENNIS LYNCH

It was a *Hajj* to Bay Ridge's Muslim Mecca.

Borough President Adams stopped by the packed Islamic Society of Bay Ridge mosque on May 6 to greet the faithful on the last stop of his "Brooklyn Day of Prayer" tour of the borough's houses of the holy. Mosque-goers who prayed along Fifth Avenue outside the at-capacity *masjid* greeted the Beep, who could not have picked a better place to come and meet Muslims from Brooklyn and beyond, one worshipper said.

"This is a very good place

— it's busy, people help each other, we are so happy he came to see us," said Satter Miah, who lives in Queens but works at a nearby restaurant and regularly goes to the Fifth Avenue mosque to pray.

The borough president took part in a prayer service and then met with some of the roughly 250 faithful who came out to pray. He also met with local Muslim leaders including Arab-American Association of New York president Dr. Ahmad Jaber and An-Noor Social Center president Zein Rimawi.

# 'Shoah' and tell

Mill Basin Holocaust remembrance keeps memories alive

BY JULIANNE CUBA

The story must survive.

Hundreds of people — young and old — filled Temple Sholom in Mill Basin to honor those killed during the Holocaust with a candle-lighting ceremony on Yom HaShoah, the Holocaust day of remembrance.

And a survivor, whose family escaped the Shoah, spoke to the multi-generational room to ensure that what happened more than 70 years ago will never be forgotten, said Rabbi Eliseo Rozenwasser.

"Our main goal is to preserve the memories of those who died during the Holocaust and make sure that new generations are aware of what happened and turn that tragedy into a positive message," he said. "And making sure that we can recreate — through acts of kindness — the lives that were lost."

The temple reverberated with song from local Hebrew school students, who performed the Israeli national anthem and



**LIGHT DRIVES OUT DARKNESS:** From left, Audrey Durst, Holocaust survivor Mordechai Miller, Rabbi Eliseo Rozenwasser, and Susan Stonewall light candles in Mill Basin on Holocaust Remembrance Day.

Photo by Jordan Rathkopf

other tunes — and in turn, the youngsters were able to learn about the tragedy that afflicted their ancestors, said Audrey Durst, chairperson of the temple's Holocaust committee.

"We used to have many survivors in our temple, we only have about six or seven

left and it's very sad," she said. "And it's very important that the children are taught so they can carry on and it's not forgotten."

The Islamic Society of Bay Ridge is the neighborhood's only mosque and was founded in the mid-1980s.

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## Music

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“Grease” flashback and, kicking off BayFest, the singing of the National Anthem and a procession by the NYC Joint Color Guard Services. Followed by Flight of Sound performing contemporary rock and pop hits.

Performing across America, Sheepshead Bay’s Robert Santa.

## Kids Fun

Activities for kids include games, arts, and crafts in Driscoll Tucker Park (by the main stage), courtesy of A2Z Party Rentals; professional face painting by Marisa; a Gigantic Bounce; as well as other attractions along Emmons Avenue.

## Raffles, Giveaways & Gift cards

Local merchants will be offering freebies from tables along the esplanade. Raffles of merchandise donated by local businesses, and a 50/50 will also be available. (Buy by 5pm.) We hope everyone has a wonderful time discovering Sheepshead Bay at BayFest!

We thank all of the great volunteers, local and those from New York Cares, as well as everyone from the top down who has been part of the B.I.G. family team, working without pay to make this event possible. Special thanks to our Commander sponsor, Kings Auto Group. We also



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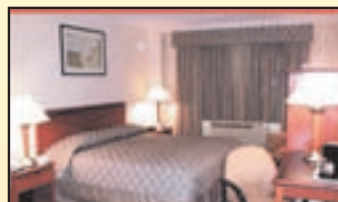
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Since the 1980s, the founders of **B.I.G.** have actively warned of overdevelopment in Sheepshead Bay. We have consistently talked about overdevelopment and congestion, and recommended tightened zoning regulations. That message and work have been carried forward and presented repeatedly and publicly by **B.I.G.** in zoning reports, specific guidelines to protect the neighborhood's character, public meetings, parking plans, and development comments. We continue to see a great need, through equitable enforcement of our laws, for our community to come together and prevent destruction of our unique Sheepshead Bay.

### UNIQUE SHEEPSHEAD BAY

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### WHAT WE DO

**B.I.G.**'s volunteer work is evident everywhere in Sheepshead Bay. The Arts for Transit public mural at the Sheepshead Bay subway station; three Adopt-A-Highway garden sites; community events, like our annual **B.I.G.** Celebrity Caroling & Toy Drive; our **B.I.G.** Oscar Awards, which recognize outstanding community service; and of course our main event, BayFest, are all only the tip of the iceberg. As a member of the committee to rehabilitate the Sheepshead Bay subway station, **B.I.G.** has seen the \$10 million rehabilitation and opening of our subway station. We have also been active in Preserve Our Waterfront (POW), a south Brooklyn coalition organized to stop out-of-control waterfront developers.

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The Blue Meanies' tribute shows take many forms, from 50-song acoustic marathons to customized, quick, hit-filled sets at fan conventions, music academies and music festivals. Their shows combine familiar hits with deep album cuts, rare tracks (if the mood calls for it) and trivia.

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Jackie Paladino is a 22-year-old singer/songwriter who performs regularly at New York venues like The Bitter End, B.B. Kings, Pianos and The Bowery Electric. She developed her understanding of storytelling and performance through off-Broadway theater, dance competitions, and musical vocational school. At NYU's Tisch School of the Arts, "When everyone else was memorizing lines to songs and stories, I was writing my own stories through song, belting out the tunes of Etta James, Amy Winehouse, and Regina Spektor along the way." As an artist, Ms. Paladino seeks to combine her urgency to "mold the ugly into something beautiful" with the power and soul of her favorite vocalists. She is a Bloomworld Music Artist and is managed by Hakim Bell.

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## ROBERT SANTA

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Born and raised in Sheepshead Bay Brooklyn, Singer/Songwriter Robert Santa has been performing in various venues throughout the country. Cutting his teeth in local bars and clubs such as Wheelers, Captain Walters, Finnigans, Ryans Ale house and the Wicked Monk. Robert has evolved from a fresh young performer into an accomplished entertainer.

Throughout the early part of his career Robert and his band have performed in such places as The Bitter End, Studio 54, The China Club and The Stone Pony. His unique style of performing and charismatic personality quickly earned him an extensive and loyal following.

Besides his musical achievements, Robert is currently the Co-Founder/ Executive Producer of Ring Fever Productions covering sporting events throughout the country and also now enjoys promoting shows at The Strand Theater in Lakewood NJ and singing worship at Gateway City Church in BayRidge Brooklyn.

Robert has been highly regarded for his various community contributions. He had frequently volunteered his time for such worthy organizations as The Make a Wish Foundation, The Guardians of Hydrocephalus, Catholic Charities, St Jude Children Charities, and most

recently Kickin it Kids, an organization against bullying. In 1994 Robert received The Senator Halperin Founders Award that was presented to him by Sheepshead Bays Youth D.A.R.E.S Program.

A major highlight of his career was when he toured with Brooklyn comedian Andrew DICE Clay. This national tour took him across country to such places as Madison Square Garden, The Los Angeles Forum and Radio City Music hall and many other venues. Robert also appeared in and wrote the theme song "Brooklyn Bad Boy" for the movie Dice Rules and in 2003 recorded the soundtrack for Writer Denis Hamill's Last laugh.

Throughout his journey Robert has shared the stage with such music legends as: Roy Orbison, Jeff "Skunk" Baxter from Steely Dan and The Doobie Brothers, Steve Stevens, writer and guitarist for Billy Idol, Slash and Duff McKagen from Guns & Roses, American Idol's Pia Toscano and most recently with singer/songwriter Tommy James.

Robert Santa continues to play new venues, writing new songs and drawing his influences from the pioneers of rock, Robert Santa will undoubtedly remain a staple in the music and entertainment industry with his musical roots firmly planted in Rocks past and his eyes and heart focused on his future.



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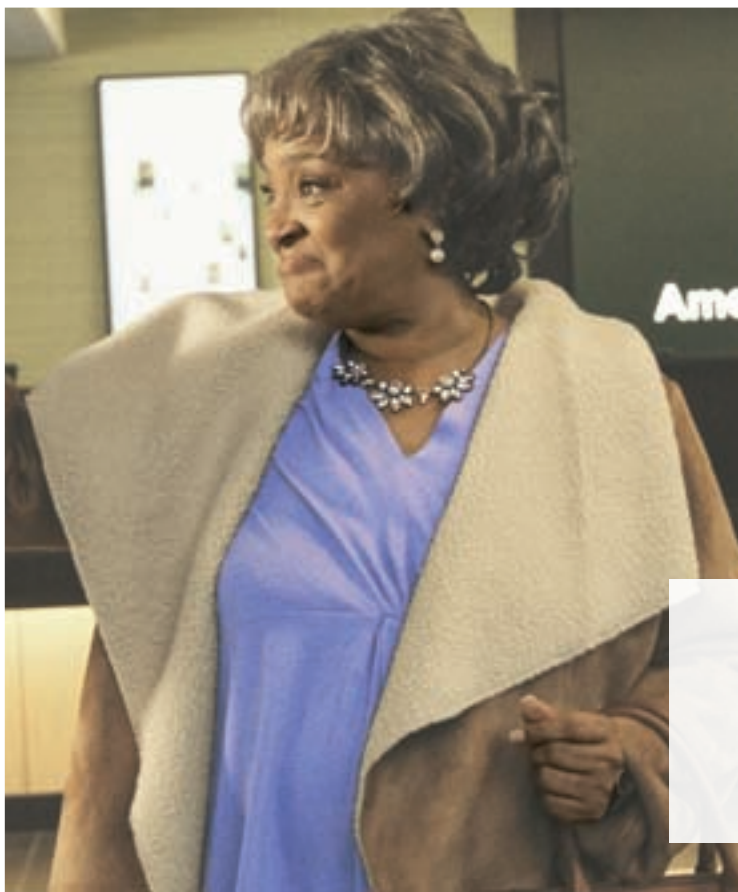


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## ELVIS TRIBUTE ARTIST

### RICHIE SANTA

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Richie Santa is a singer/Elvis Tribute Artist, who was born and raised in Brooklyn, Ny and now lives in Staten Island, Ny only twelve miles from where he initially grew up.

Being exposed to Elvis at the early age of eight, Richie was instantly a fan! As the oldest of three boys, Richie would share his love for music and Elvis with his brother Robert, who is also an entertainer. Trying to sing and move like the KING became an everyday occurrence in the Santa household.

Richie's career started in 1982 with a band called Neighborhood Jukebox. Jukebox was an oldies band and some highlights included opening up for Roy Orbison in 1984 and singing live on the Don K. Reed Do Wop-Shop Radio show on CBS's 101.1 FM.

Richie also sang the title track to a short lived TV show back in 1989 called FAST FORWARD.

It was around that time that a friend and then unknown comic from Brooklyn named "Andrew Dice Clay" had gotten his big break and asked Richie and his band to back him up at such venues as PHILI SPECTRUM, LA FORUM, NASSAU COLISEUM, etc.. Richie also got the chance to meet many stars along the way such as Jerry Lewis, Danny Aiello, Arnold Swartzenager and Rodney Dangerfield Etc..

The highlight to touring with Andrew Dice Clay came in 1990 when the movie DICE RULES was filmed at MADISION SQUARE GARDEN. Richie still remains good friends with Andrew and on occasion will still perform with him.

Singing professionally for over 30 years and with thousands of shows performed, Richie has covered many different artists such as: Frank Sinatra, Frankie Vali, Andrea Boccelli, Journey, Aerosmith, AC DC, Al Green, Michael Buble, Bon



Jovi and the list goes on and on. Although covering these artist are enjoyable and great in there own right, no one has influenced him like the "KING"

Elvis is the reason Richie became an entertainer and WHY he is still going strong today! The last six years have been exciting as Richie has been pursuing his career as a tribute Artist. Being the same height and weight as Elvis in his prime makes his show a more believable experience. Then add the power of Richie's voice and the tranformation is complete.

In the last six years Richie has performed over 350 shows as an Elvis Tribute Artist focusing on the Vegas concert years. Most of these shows have been private affairs, but just 5 years ago Richie decided to get more involved. In July of 2011 he was part of Elvis Fest at the Hilton in Las Vegas. Soon after that Richie was off to Memphis for Elvis week. While in Memphis he performed at the Cedar Hotel and at Graceland Plaza and also managed to compete in his first contest IMAGES OF THE KING where he made it to the finals. Since then Richie competed in the Pocono Mountains, Lake George and New Hampshire etc..

The Love and respect Richie has for Elvis is evident in all of his performances!

Anyone who knows about Elvis knows how much he cared about his career and how much he loved his fans and treated them with kindness and patience.

Being a personable person by nature, Richie truly enjoys all the fans he has met along the way to celebrate the KINGs music. There will never be another Elvis Presley. He lit the torch, but as long as his fans enjoy and support all the ETA's, then Richie will continue to perform his show with the passion and the commitment to the greatest entertainer ever to grace a stage!



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I've been stopped by strangers and told by almost everyone I meet how much I look like John Travolta. I'm actually a John Travolta look alike, soundalike, impersonator and have been impersonating as a John Travolta look-alike for many years. People, however have told me how much I look and sound like John Travolta almost my whole life and when I prepare myself in character it's perfection!

I'm younger than John Travolta, therefore his "Saturday Night Fever"- Tony Manero and "Grease"- "Danny Zuko" characters are my specialty. For each of these themes I offer a totally interactive show which leaves no one sitting! They are the most requested characters as a John Travolta impersonator.

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the shows which I've seen are all about the performer and if you want to sit and enjoy a performance these type of shows are for you. My shows are about the guests or the clients being the biggest part of the show. Adults and children alike are thrilled with being able to feel as if they are re-living "Saturday Night Fever" or "Grease."

John Travolta's many other characters from "Vinny Barbarino" - the sweatog" to "Pulp Fiction" or "Get Shorty" Types are also available. I work privately, with agents, DJ companies, party planners, production companies or other look-alikes such as Olivia Newton John as "Sandy" from "Grease" or



Karen Lynn Gorney as "Stephanie" from "Saturday Night Fever."

I have traveled around the globe and performed for almost every occasion as a John Travolta impersonator. I love to perform and that makes my performance enjoyable! You will love any one of Johns characters. Be sure and book early.



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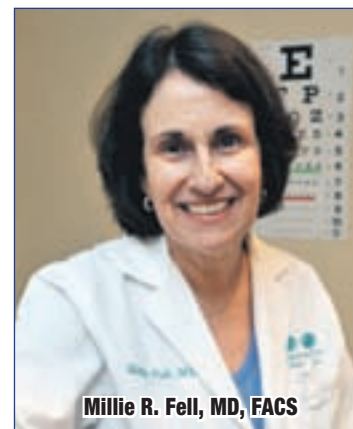
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When Sandy hit in October 2012, we were first responders, began a “No Neighbor Left Behind” advocacy program, and in the coming months will support the community’s revitalization through our new program, “Bringing Back the Bay.”

B.I.G. has presented historic talks, slide shows, and archaeological exhibitions; lobbied successfully for historic lampposts on Emmons Avenue and Sheepshead Bay

Road; and advocated successfully for the Brooklyn District Attorney’s Office to open up branch offices (the first being in Sheepshead Bay). With the help of the NYC Department of Probation’s Community Service Division and others, B.I.G. has painted over graffiti on more than 4,900 storefronts; removed graffiti over fifteen times from over 575 mailboxes (some with help from Gerritsen Beach Cares and the Coney Island-Gravesend Graffiti Task Force); painted over 500 fire hydrants; and given a fresh coat to the underpasses of the Belt Parkway and the subway line from Sheepshead Bay to Gravesend.

B.I.G. has long advocated a BID and now after Sandy we support our local businesses more than ever. We support the reemergence of the Sheepshead Bay Chamber of Commerce (including its holiday light display, missed by many along Sheepshead Bay Road); long time advocate for increased litter baskets and pickups and green solar B.I.G. Belly litter baskets; push for expanded parking; increased traffic enforcement on our main streets, support other celebrations in the community; and endorse new, exciting business development and a new park at Emmons Avenue and Brigham Street.

### HOW CAN YOU HELP? JOIN US!

We can continue this important work if people like you get involved. With over 200,000 people in the Sheepshead Bay area and more moving in all the time, if just a few dozen more took an interest in the community, the city and every individual would benefit. Only a few hours a month will make you feel good, improve the quality of life in your community, and increase the value of your investment here. Meet some great people and have fun at the same time. Ask yourself: What have I done for my community lately? Can I afford to donate as little as 50 cents a week or a few hours a month to help it? Of course you can. Step up, get involved!

Start by simply attending a meeting or paying membership dues (still only \$25 a year) to keep the B.I.G. family growing. In return, you’ll receive our B.I.G. News via mail or via email, and learn firsthand about community activities and events. Greater donations help pay for all the expenses associated with B.I.G.’s volunteer efforts done around the community and also help us continue this work. It will also give you the satisfaction of knowing that you that you are helping to support the area’s continuing recovery from Sandy and preserve this special waterfront community and its streets.

To learn more about B.I.G., our upcoming meetings and events, and how to join, visit [www.BayImprovementGroup.org](http://www.BayImprovementGroup.org), sign our email list, LIKE us on Facebook, or follow us on Twitter. As “Bringing Back the Bay” continues, let’s work together to restore the “Spirit of Sheepshead Bay!”

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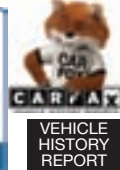
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# Board-balk! City 'sabotages' landmarking

To the editor,

I attended the City Council's hearing regarding the resolution that all 50 council members signed and the speaker supported, demanding that the Landmarks Preservation Commission grant the Coney Island Boardwalk landmark status based on its scenic and historical significance ("Tomorrow: Council hearing on Boardwalk landmarking" by Denis Lynch, online May 3).

When asked why the Commission seemed to be against this and was holding it up, the representative from the commission said that they were not against granting landmark status, but were being lobbied by the Parks Department asking them not to grant it. What an outrage! At every turn, instead of partnering with our community and working in our best interests, the Parks Department does everything it can to sabotage us.

The Landmarks Commission has a choice to make: Will it be the lapdog of the Parks Department, beholden to the notion of not going against the wishes of a sister city agency? Or will it instead be true to its mission to arrive at an unbiased decision, based solely on whether or not the Boardwalk meets the objective criteria set forth for a city entity to be granted the special status of a city landmark?

Since by any fair assessment, the Boardwalk meets the criteria for landmarking, their decision will tell us which path they have chosen to take.

**William Burg**  
Coney Island

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To the editor,

Due to illness I was unable to attend the City Council's hearing regarding its demand that the Landmarks Preservation Commission grant landmark status to the Boardwalk. But I grew up not far from Coney Island and I follow this issue closely because it is important to me.

We live in a city that is being recast block-by-block by developers, without regard to history, proportion, or neighborhood culture. The things that make New York and especially Brooklyn great are being swallowed up in the name of profit

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## SOUND OFF TO THE EDITOR

### LETTERS AND COMMENTS FROM OUR READERS

and efficiency. All the more reason to hang onto the pockets of beauty and authenticity that remain. Surely our Boardwalk falls into that category.

Why the Parks Department, which should be on the frontlines of preserving these unique places, is battling landmarking of this historic icon, is a mystery. But I am hopeful that good sense and the love of all things real and genuine prevail, and that the Commission has the courage to act accordingly.

**Alice Shechter**  
Williamsburg

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To the editor,

With so many city representatives and agencies and, most importantly, citizens in favor of landmarking the Coney Island Boardwalk, the only conclusion one can derive from the Parks Department's continuing and continued sabotage is its now years-long refusal and inability to recognize its responsibility to take care of and maintain public property.

The current state of the Boardwalk is an embarrassment of obstacles, and a betrayal by the Parks Department of the city and one of its important communities. There is no legal or ethical choice for the Landmarks Commission to make but to grant landmark status as soon as possible to the Boardwalk, so that no further attacks on its integrity can be made by its own supposed caretaker.

Any other decision should be investigated.

**Rose Cherry**  
Coney Island

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To the editor,

A proposal is presently before the Landmarks Preservation Commission to landmark the Coney Island Boardwalk and preserve it for current and future generations.

The facility has become iconic and world-renowned, offering a pleasant, healthful environment in which one may relax for hours at a time. As a life long resident of the Brighton Beach community, I know full well what this facility can offer to others and myself.

This proposal has the unanimous approval of the City Council, including the speaker, but at this time, the Landmarks Commission claims that it cannot go ahead with its designation as the jurisdictional agency, the Parks Department, is requesting that

this designation not go forward. This is clearly against the wishes of the communities affected, and in clear defiance of the council's endorsement of the proposal. Any jurisdictional agency responsible for maintaining a facility is directly mandated to serve the public that uses its facilities, to respect its public's wishes, and not to cast all this aside in the interest of serving its own agenda.

This scenario smacks very strongly of corruption, and the Parks Department should be investigated.

**William Zucker**  
Brighton Beach

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To the editor,

The landmarks commission should heed the recommendations of the entire City Council plus countless New Yorkers and others, all of whom consider this a no-brainer issue: i.e., that the historic and iconic Boardwalk should at long last be granted landmark status. This is long overdue, and very necessary and warranted.

The commission should make the obviously correct ruling, and not be swayed by interests antithetical to what is just and plain common sense.

**Name withheld upon request**  
Brighton Beach

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To the editor,

I can't possibly think of something that would be more deserving of being a city landmark than the Coney Island Boardwalk. The fact that the Parks Department can influence the Landmarks Preservation Commission to deny the bestowing of that designation shows what is truly wrong with the current political arena, where a single agency can act and influence the deciding agency against the wishes of the majority to achieve its own selfish agenda.

Let's hope that the landmarks commission will do the only true and correct thing, and designate the Boardwalk a landmark because it is one already.

**Nelson Levine**  
Midwood

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To the editor,

My favorite daily pastime for the past 20 years has been jogging on the Coney Island Boardwalk. I used to marvel at its beauty and imagine in my mind's eye the laborers who con-

structed this scenic and engineering marvel. I also proudly invited friends from around the city and country to join me for a jog. Now when I jog there, I am filled with disgust, horror, and rage.

The simple, irrefutable fact is the Parks Department has systematically neglected and destroyed the Boardwalk. Parts of it now consist of hideous concrete. Another section, which was abandoned for years, now consists of ghastly squares of blue wood. Throughout, planks are broken and nails are coming up from the wood. If we lived in a just society, where public officials were held accountable for their actions and inactions, the Parks Department would be criminally prosecuted for this sin against a city treasure.

The Boardwalk should be granted landmark status immediately — to protect it from malefactors in the Parks Department.

**Norman G. Finkelstein**  
Sheepshead Bay

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To the editor,

All 50 members of the City Council have signed on to Councilman Mark Treyger's (D—Coney Island) bill to the Landmarks Preservation Commission demanding landmark status for the Coney Island Boardwalk. I was among many locals who appeared in person at the hearing on the resolution to voice our enthusiastic support. Thousands of people from all over the world have signed a petition demanding that this beautiful and historic icon be preserved for future generations to enjoy, but according to the Landmarks Preservation Commission's own representative, they are being pressured by the Parks Department to deny the Coney Island Boardwalk landmark status — even though it meets all of the criteria. Why should one city agency be allowed to bully another, especially when the fate of one of New York's greatest historic and cultural treasures lies in the balance?

I urge the Landmark Preservation Commission to listen to the voices of the people and their elected representatives, not petty bureaucrats. The Coney Island Boardwalk is undoubtedly worth preserving. It is truly the people's landmark.

**Christianna Nelson**  
Park Slope



# Tom's eyes are opened during trip to Germany

Growing up in New York, I had a view of the world similar to the famous old New Yorker cover by Saul Steinberg: after Ninth Avenue came the Hudson, then a brief stretch of America with Japan, China and Russia in the distant horizon.

It is easy to be a myopic New Yorker and think that the world revolves around the issues that concern us.

So to get far away from the city, as I did last week, is refreshing.

Last Thursday I took an overnight flight to Munich, Germany, a beautiful city that is home to my 93-year-old uncle and a place where I spent a momentous 18 months of my childhood; I had not been back there since 1975 and, not surprisingly, much has changed.

I was struck by how much nicer the Munich airport is than rundown JFK; arriving to a new, clean facility drove home the fact that our crumbling infrastructure is a bigger problem than we acknowledge. When we talk about losing our edge in the global economic race, our subpar transportation grid is one reason.



## POLITICAL SPIN CYCLE

Tom Allon

The Lufthansa airplane that I took to Munich provided the most efficient aviation experience I've ever had. The interior was vast and the coach seats were comfortable. Bathrooms were located on a lower level and there was plenty of room to move around. With the winds at our back, the entire flight was a mere seven hours, and with an impressive menu of newly released films in my private screen, the time flew by — literally.

Munich is truly a bicyclist's paradise — the lanes for cycling are as wide as many car lanes in Manhattan, and in some places the riders outnumbered the drivers. Munich is the city we should emulate for its bike-friendly grid.

The people of Munich are incredibly helpful and friendly. The street traffic seemed orderly, the locals and tourists mixed gracefully and the city exuded a sense of calm. Maybe it was the perfect 75-degree sunny weather, but I suspect that the dog-eat-dog nature of New York is in short supply in Germany's large cities.

My cousin was my guide, bringing to the new hot spots in Munich as well as my old haunts from the mid-'70s. The outdoor dining was delectable and the omnipresent "conditoreis" — dessert stores — dotted the streets, giving the city a festive feel.

The biggest surprise for me was how much changed around the American military base on the outskirts of town; in the 1970s, thousands of American military personnel were stationed all around Germany, and now there are but a

few. In Munich, I attended the American military school in a place called Perlacher Forest. Today, there aren't any Americans there, and my old school has been converted to a German kindergarten. The housing for military personnel is now affordable units for the German middle class.

A big topic of discussion in Germany is the flooding in of Syrian and African refugees and the controversial open-door policy of Prime Minister Angela Merkel. The million refugees that are being acclimated are an expensive government project, and German citizens are concerned whether the economy and tax base can absorb this influx of needy citizens.

It is quite an ironic situation that the country responsible for much of the destruction and misery in the 20th century has become a paragon of enlightenment in the early 21st century. Germany has become the national embodiment of our Statue of Liberty's hopeful message. America has taken in fewer than 20,000 refugees (50 times fewer than Germany), and Donald Trump

is talking about deporting more than 10 million immigrants and banning an entire religion from our shores.

I never thought I'd be living in a world where America could take lessons in compassion and humanity from our Teutonic allies. When I discussed the horrors of the Holocaust with my 93-year-old uncle, a survivor of Hitler's death camps, I was overcome by the enormous burden our generation bears for trying to repair the world and ensuring that this century's history is one of hope and healing rather than war and genocide.

It was almost exactly a century ago that our European ancestors began a bloody, epochal-changing world war that set in motion the tragic events on the next four decades.

Munich may be a world away — but a quick hop over the Atlantic opened up a wide, wide world to me last week.


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# Stan talks softly and carries a big bat

I was asked to be the moderator at one of our usual current-events meetings. All I have to do is:

- 1) Call on those who want to speak
- 2) Limit their comments to two minutes, and
- 3) Be the referee in case a fist fight breaks out

In my opening comments I stated that I was okay with numbers 1 and 2, but if there should be a number 3, I introduced my dear friend Rawlings — a 28-inch baseball bat — which drew some laughter as I placed it on the desk.

Menendez, a Cuban-American, brought up the subject of the president's visit to Havana. He said that Cuba was a wonderful place before Castro took over. A neighbor who did not wait to be called on shouted, "America was a wonderful place before Obama took over."

That opened the door for the bomb throwers, which led to a shouting match between some on the right against some of their neighbors on the left. The room became quiet when I stood up, picked up Rawlings and slammed it onto the desk. In fact, it got so quiet that I think I frightened myself.

Current events these days are almost all about politics.

"Okay," I stated. "Two minutes each when you are called upon. And then quiet down so that we can hear what others have to say."

The following is a small sampling of what was said.

One Trump-nik had a lot to say on behalf of The Donald.

"I'm very much in favor of Trump, because I like what he has to say about a wall, drugs, illegal immigrants, and jobs. I wish someone else would be saying those things, but since nobody else is, I'm sticking with Donald."

"Mrs. Clinton was paid enormous sums of money for her speeches. Was it because she is such a brilliant speaker? Of course not. The big bucks came her way to buy influence. Does anybody doubt that?"

"I think you Republicans are a bunch of chil-



## IT'S ONLY MY OPINION

Stanley P. Gershbein

dren. You spend more time finding fault with Trump than you do Hillary."

"I hate it when I hear that people want a woman president. I want a competent president. We haven't had one for seven years."

One of the biggest rounds of applause came after hearing, "I teach a fourth-grade class. In my school, we took away one of the teacher's restrooms — a single stall toilet that only one can use at any time. When a transgender student finds it necessary to use the restroom, a volunteer is called to escort that student and wait outside the door for that student to exit. The volunteer then escorts the student back to the classroom."

The least amount of enthusiasm came after one woman said, "Since so many of us were Prince fans, it would be nice if we each contributed a few dollars to make a permanent plaque in honor of the entertainer to be mounted on a wall in the lobby."

That was greeted by a big round of indifference. I finally put my two cents worth in when I said, "If you want to raise funds for something, make it for a worthwhile cause which everyone would agree with. Let's put up a plaque honoring our veterans."

That was followed by several comments, all agreeing with me. With that I brought the meeting to a close. I am **StanGershbein@Bell-south.net** acknowledging those who thanked me for my participation.

# Cower-dy Arabia! Saudis in a falafel over 9-11 bill

Nearly 3,000 people died in four separate attacks on 9-11, and the subsequent, \$1.7 trillion war on terror has killed more than twice as many Americans and brought us to the brink of a global apocalypse.

But 15 years later, only one man is doing time for the crime, Americans are still in the dark about history's worst international terrorist attack, and 28 pages of a congressional report suspected of implicating the Saudis remain censored. Now the birthplace of Islam — where women are oppressed, atheists are flogged, and "Chop Chop Square" in the capital flows with the blood of public beheadings — is threatening payback if Congress passes a bill allowing 9-11 families to sue international terror mongers.

The Saudis *should* be worried, because their connection

to the mass murder has been there from day one:

• Osama bin Laden was a Saudi, as were 15 of the 19 hijackers.

• A Saudi family connected to then-King Fahd fled mysteriously from its luxury Florida digs two weeks before the attacks, leaving behind a driveway full of cars and a fridge full of food.

• Zacarias Moussaoui, the only person convicted of 9-11, testified in court he was a courier between Osama bin Laden and the Saudi royals. He also claimed top-ranking Saudi officials and members of the Saudi royal family directly funded al Qaeda.

The Saudi government claims to be a U.S. ally, but it

has spent billions of dollars exporting Wahhabism — a strict form of Islam that birthed Osama, the Taliban, and the Islamic State — and

lived up to bin Laden's wish for financial jihad against America with an estimated \$800 billion in U.S. holdings it now threatens to dump. It is also a hypocrite, condemning the Paris terrorists who slaughtered "Charlie Hebdo" cartoonists for insulting Islam, and a day later flogging a free-speech blogger in public for the same crime.

Families of 9-11 victims deserve to know if terror brokers in Islam's birthplace helped to plot and fund the slaughter of their loved ones, who went to work that sunny Tuesday never to return home.

If the Saudis are innocent, why are they getting their robes in a twist?

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## A BRITISHER'S VIEW

Shavana Abruzzo

# Prez race should not be a popularity contest

Can we get over ourselves and cut the crappola already? This whole Republican-Democratic nomination process has spiraled into a juvenile high-school election. Deciding who gets to sit in the White House for the next four years has devolved into a popularity contest.

I don't want the most popular. I want the most capable and the least corrupt (notice I said the *least* corrupt — not the one that is *not* corrupt, because that person does not exist).

I want the country to have a president that is going to do the best for the good old U.S. of A. and not what is best for Pakistan, Iran, China, Japan, North Korea, Mexico, etc.

Everybody has to stop with the labeling, name-calling, and endless trips down into the sewers of scandal. Let's get to the heart of the matter. Let's face it, Trump has a history, Hillary has a longer one, and Bernie is too old — none are the cream of the crop, but there has to be one that is at least a bit better than the rest.

Let's provide forums where the nominees actually answer



## NOT FOR NUTHIN'

Joanna DelBuono

the questions, rather than obfuscate, fling slander, and generally toot their own horns while sidestepping the issues at hand.

I want to know what candidates plan to get us out of the economic disaster we are in. I don't want my great, great grandchildren to pay off the debt that keeps on rising.

I want to know how the next president is going to bring busi-

ness and manufacturing back into the United States. How is the next president going to correct the debacle that is the North American Free Trade Agreement?

How is the next president going to combat the so-called Islamic State — not only here, but abroad?

Does the next president have a plan to improve the quality of life for all citizens?

How is the next president going to stem the tide of illegal immigration?

How does the next president plan on ending the bottomless money pit that has become our government, which gobbles up taxpayer money for wasteful entitlements.

I have more questions, but unfortunately, not the space. Not for nuthin™, but those that only believe what the spin doctors throw at us need to get a grip and face what is really at the heart of the matter before it's too late and another incompetent class president takes up residence on Pennsylvania Avenue.

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# New holidays for skipping alternate-side

There are now 34 holidays on which New York City suspends its street-cleaning parking rules, including Ash Wednesday, Asian New Year, Eid al-Adha, and Diwali. That's quite the holiday buffet.

Which is not to mention Martin Luther King Day, Abraham Lincoln's Birthday, Washington's Birthday, and Veteran's Day.

There are a bunch of standard-issue holidays, too, like Labor Day and Thanksgiving, and a bunch of Jewish holidays beyond those. Since I'm Jewish, I can confide in you: Many of us don't even know what these holidays are. Shemini Atzereth? I've got to ask Rabbi Google. (Then again, what percentage of Christians are familiar with the Solemnity of the Ascension, which was just a few days ago? That solemn day was cause for auto-owner awe as alternate side of the street parking requirements miraculously disappeared!)

Since this list seems to be growing faster than the Mon-



## RHYMES WITH CRAZY

Lenore Skenazy

day morning line for MetroCards, I couldn't help but add a few more suggestions for holiday parking consideration:

**Thigh-Knees New Year:** A holiday celebrated the first sunny day of spring, when New Yorkers suddenly realize their knees and even thighs will soon be visible in shorts. Day is devoted to squats.

**Howard Stern's Birthday:** Jan 12. Any car parked at a meter may remain there for

24 hours, but any person walking by the meter must dance around it, one leg up, and lean backwards.

**Lumpy Rug Day:** Actual holiday — look it up! It is May 3. The website Holiday Insights reports: "Lumpy Rug Day is intended to appreciate a good rug. A rug should be smooth, even, and definitely not lumpy. Many of us stretch out on a rug to watch TV, play games, and even catch 40 winks. If the rug is lumpy, you'll know it. There are a number of ways to enjoy Lumpy Rug Day:

"If you have a lumpy rug, toss it out and get a nice, lumpless rug.

"If you once had a lumpy rug, take a minute to remember the soft, comfortable feel of the new rug when it arrived.

"If you never had a lumpy rug, count your blessings. You don't know what you're missing."

I'm counting! But since that exciting day won't come around for almost another year, let's move on to:

**Sick Passenger Monday:** The first Monday after Labor

Day, when everyone has slept a little late and is rushing to get to school or work on time, shall be dedicated to the mysterious Sick Passenger who is always on the train ahead of us. Not that car drivers care. But they get the free parking day anyway. Just like the rich get richer.

**Franksgiving:** A day we give thanks for practical jokes. **Note:** Although this will appear as a holiday on city-issued alternate side of the street suspension calendars, it really *isn't* and you will be towed.

**Kwanzadanukkah:** A day that falls on Hanukkah and Kwanza, when everyone is so busy lighting candles that they can't get to their cars.

**Happy Halaladays:** Day dedicated to the Halal carts around the city, which have made lamb over rice as New York as a Sabrett's dog. Celebrated the Thursday after Thanksgiving, when people are willing to start thinking about food again.

**Too Heavy Purse Tuesday:** A day we pause to reflect

on the fact we are carrying around *way* too much junk, including candy bars, letters we keep forgetting to mail, receipts in cuneiform, and two dozen pens (one leaking). Why do we celebrate this by suspending parking regulations? How *else* would you propose we celebrate? What says "Too heavy purse" to you? Do you even *have* a purse? If you did, you'd *know*.

**All Saints Weekend:** Expansion of popular day.

**Mayor's Wild Card:** A day chosen by the mayor on which all parking tickets are torn up as soon as they are issued. Wildly popular. Often celebrated after the indictment of a crony, dis by a sitting Governor, or disconcerting New York Post cover.

**Trump Day:** Nov. 8. You wouldn't cast your vote for someone just because they're promising to give you an extra day of parking freedom, would you? *Would you?*

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# New York Harbor Watch



**TOGETHER WE STAND:** Soldiers display their Strong BANDS wristbands during the Fox Sports Midwest's annual "This One's for You" telecast to the troops on May 29 from Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo.

Megan Odonoghue

## Encouraging a healthier lifestyle

### HARBOR WATCH

The U.S. Army Installation Management Command's annual Strong BANDS campaign will return for its sixth year to 72 participating Army locations worldwide this May.

Strong BANDS — which stands for Strong Balance, Activity, Nutrition, Determination and Strength — promotes garrison fitness and wellness programs available to soldiers, families, retirees and civilians. This year's theme is "Trained. Willing. Able," which highlights how the five campaign components enhance an individual's readiness.

Launched in 2011, the events and programs encourage service members, families, retirees, and civilians worldwide to start and maintain a healthier lifestyle. Last year, more than 75,000 individuals were involved in more than 400 fitness and health activities.

The campaign features U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program soldiers Cpt. Leigh Jaynes-Provisor, wrestler; Sgt. Nathan Schrimsher, modern pentathlete; and Sgt. 1st Class Keith Sanderson, three-time Olympic pistol shooter. The soldiers were selected to be campaign am-

bassadors because the theme resonates with the physical and mental demands of their training.

"Readiness is that thing you're always chasing right before a competition," said Sanderson. "It's not just about being ready. It's about training to be ready and perform no matter what."

Sanderson, along with Schrimsher and Staff Sgt. John Nunn, three-time Olympic race walker, will represent Team USA in this year's Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from Aug. 5 to 21.

The campaign is held during National Sports and Fitness Month. Participating garrisons will plan a variety of fitness and health-related events throughout the month. In previous years, events ranged from traditional sports and fitness programming and health fairs to Youth Library StoryWalks and Run to Honor races.

Partnering with the Human Performance Resource Center and the Army Public Health Command, the campaign will have both print and online educational materials and videos available to participants at no cost. On-

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## Lending them a hand

Philippines, US armed forces practice preparedness



**ALWAYS BE PREPARED:** A member of the Armed Forces of the Philippines performs a tower rappel during an Urban Search and Rescue subject matter exchange with the Hawaii National Guard CERF-P team during Balikatan on April 11 in the Philippines.

Tech. Sgt. Andrew Jackson

### HARBOR WATCH

*Balikatan* means shoulder-to-shoulder in the Philippines. That is the goal, the theme, and the point of a series of annual exercises held during April in the Philippines. *Balikatan* is a series of preparedness exercises that are staged throughout the country, incorporating the Armed Forces of the Philippines, U.S. Army, Air Force, Navy, Marines, and the National Guard.

Hawaii National Guard Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Enhanced Response Force Package (CERF-P) team noncommissioned officer in charge, Sgt. 1st Class, Jason Kaaiakamanu stated, "Our role here is to show them (the AFP) our techniques, and procedures as far as what we do for search and extraction. Along those lines we know that they have a lot more natural disasters where they can use those techniques more than we do in Hawaii."

The Hawaii National Guard CERF-P's search and rescue team has been participating in *Balikatan* every year since 2011. The Hawaii

National Guard supports *Balikatan* through the National Guard State Partnership Program with the aim of building capability across the disaster response forces of both countries. This year, the armed Forces of the Philippines and the Hawaii National Guard are conducting an urban search and rescue interoperability exercise during *Balikatan* at Camp Capinpin, Tanay, and Rizal.

During the events at Camp Capinpin, the search and rescue soldiers from the Hawaii Army National Guard will be reviewing life-saving techniques that will include rope rescue, shoring of walls and structures, confined space, breaching and lifting of concrete, patient packaging, and decontamination principles. The event will culminate in an interoperability exercise, which will test the techniques rehearsed during the week.

"Everything we demonstrate can be used in a natural disaster, depending on the scenario. If they have to go in to villages, or do rescues of mountain sides, it can all be incorporated in to what they

have to do here on a yearly bases," said Kaaiakamanu. "It is good for us to come but we also have members of the AFP returning every year to refresh their skills and to help instruct the new students. It is about building relationships with the AFP."

One of the focuses of *Balikatan* is to build a coalition of rescue operations experts and journeymen who are versed in each others' standard operating practices so that in the event of a natural or man-made disaster there will be less confusion in the initial and follow on responses.

"*Balikatan* 2016 Urban Search and Rescue Field Training Exercise, gives more knowledge and experience to the organic personnel of the Philippine Army," said Philippine Army Major Ricardo Villaruel, 2016 *Balikatan* Field Training Exercise Liaison Officer "The Philippine Army also has a disaster response team in every unit they are here participating in the exercise. The capabilities brought by the Hawaii National Guard is very important."



# Remembering the Holocaust victims

## HARBOR WATCH

As Army units fanned out across Western Europe in 1945 toward the end of World War II, they encountered something they were not prepared for, something horrific, said Michael Rugel.

Rugel, program and content coordinator of the National Museum of American Jewish Military History, spoke at a Pentagon Holocaust Remembrance Day observance on May 5, at the Pentagon Memorial Chapel.

United States soldiers, who did not have specific orders to liberate concentration camps, nonetheless came across them, often by accident, during their drive to Berlin, he said.

During the earliest camp liberations, there were few survivors, Rugel said, just piles of bodies. The camps were essentially abandoned by the guards, who killed as many as they could before fleeing.

There were two essential things that soldiers did as they liberated these camps, Rugel said.

First, they took a lot of photographs, he said. Those photographs then went to the outside world, informing people of the extent of the horrors the Nazis had inflicted on the Jews and others in their so-called final solution.

"This created tremendous awareness that had not been there before."

The second thing soldiers accomplished — soldiers of Jewish heritage in particular — was to re-establish the Jewish community in

Europe, beginning with the survivors of these camps, he said.

Almost immediately upon entering the camps, these soldiers, many of whom spoke Yiddish, said the Kadesh prayer with the survivors, even as they took care of their immediate medical and other needs, he said.

Looking back at the Holocaust, Rugel summed up: "The National Socialists took Jewish property and lives, while America gave its Jewish soldiers weapons to fight the injustice."

America values life, human dignity, and freedom, he added.

The attendees then sang "God Bless America." Later, there was a candle lighting to memorialize those who never made it out of the concentration camps.

Six candles were lit, each candle representing approximately one million men, women, and children who lost their lives. Ruger and Jewish chaplains in attendance lit the first four and the last two candles were lit by two attendees who had lost immediate family members in the Holocaust.

Maj. Donald Ehrke, Pentagon Family Life chaplain, who introduced Rugel, said it's human nature to want to look back at good times and not want to remember something as terrible as the Holocaust.

"But this is necessary for our preservation as a people," he said. "We say 'never again,' yet we look around and see so much evil in the world today."



**READY THE BOW!** Army Reservist Chasity Kuczer aims an arrow during the Army Trials for the 2015 Department of Defense Warrior Games at Fort Bliss in El Paso, Texas. EJ Hersom

# Injuries won't stop her from aiming high

## Former Army specialist wins it all in Texas

## HARBOR WATCH

Former Army Spc. Chasity Kuczer set records at the 2015 Department of Defense Warrior Games, as the first-ever female gold medalist in archery and the highest individual scorer ever in the coed competition.

She helped her Army team earn gold in the team competition as well. She also earned gold medals in the women's seated discus throw and discus in track and field, and gold medals in team swimming and a silver medal for the backstroke. Kuczer hopes to continue her streak in archery for Team America at the 2016 Invictus Games at the ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex at Walt Disney World in Orlando, Fla.

Kuczer said she has had several surgeries since Warrior Games last year, but she's been working up her strength and shooting.

"I've been shooting considerably higher scores than last year," she said. "I want to get gold; I've been training for gold. We'll have to see how the cards fall."

More than 500 wounded, ill, and injured service members from 15 nations competed in 10 sporting events from May 8 to 12, as they were cheered on by

thousands of family members, friends, and spectators.

Growing up in Seymour, Wis., Kuczer said she practically grew up with a bow in one hand and a shotgun in the other. The locomotive mechanic said she's been shooting archery since she was 4 and grew up shooting shotguns, rifle, and skeet.

"I did archery competitions; I went to nationals in 2010 for trap skeet and sporting clays," she said. "I also went to nationals for archery in 2008. I was the top four in the state and then the top 25 percent at nationals."

For shooting competitions, she said she used 22s. She loved to shoot skeet, but now it's difficult for her because of her injury.

Kuczer works on the electric, maintenance, generators, and engines on trains for the Army.

"I know how to operate a train as well," she said with a smile.

Because of her work on the trains, lifting heavy objects and going up and down heavy steps, she obtained a bilateral labral tear and had to have surgeries to her hips.

"I have problems with my hips, sciatica, nerve damage, and problems with my lower

back," she said. The hardest part for Kuczer as she recovered from her surgeries was not being outdoors, skeet shooting.

"The surgeries kind of put me back, but adaptive sports at the [Warrior Transition Battalion] made me realize I can do other events. I can still be very active and partake in other sports," she said. "I just needed to stay strong and positive."

Kuczer said she's honored to represent the Army and America and is confident in her chances.

"At the end of the day, I want to know I did my best," she said. "I've been training extremely hard. I've been practicing shooting, along with shooting in competitions, and when I don't shoot, I weight train."

She said her dad, step-mom, and two little sisters will be at the Invictus Games to watch her compete.

"They are really proud of how I've been shooting and for what I've accomplished," Kuczer said. "They said it's great to see me smile again like I used to, to see something good coming out of something bad. It's nice seeing how I'm an inspiration to my little sisters."



**REMEMBRANCE:** Michael Rugel lights memorial candles at the annual Holocaust Remembrance Day observance on May 5. David Vergun



# Native son is Senior Sailor No. 1

## Construction mechanic first class rewarded for outstanding performance

### HARBOR WATCH

Brooklyn native Kevin Lowers was named Navy Expeditionary Command Command's Senior Sailor of the Quarter aboard the command's quarterdeck on April 29.

The Construction Mechanic 1st Class was selected due to his outstanding performance as the Navy Expe-

ditionary Logistics Support Group Table of Allowance (TOA) manager at NECC.

During the previous quarter, Lowers analyzed and identified TOA material solutions to ensure a higher level of combat effectiveness for the Navy. He helped develop the Material Readiness Assessment program, increasing

efficiency in force material readiness.

"Being selected as NECC's [Senior] Sailor of the Quarter is an honor that demonstrates our enduring Navy tradition of recognition for a job well done," said Lowers. "I am not only thankful for this award, but also grateful for the family-like atmosphere in which it was presented. My accomplishment would not be possible without the compassion and support of my N43 department family, other NECC Staff, and my hometown."

Lowers said he appreciates that the Navy provides many opportunities for personal and team success.

"This award represents that spirit of equal opportunity for individual accomplishment at the highest levels of our organization," said Lowers. "It is my hope that this success will continue to improve the future of our Navy expeditionary forces for years to come."



**MAKING HIS BOROUGH PROUD:** Brooklyn native First Class Mechanic Kevin Lowers was named Senior Sailor of the Quarter.

JG Josie Lynne Lenny

### BANDS

*Continued from cover*

line materials will be accessible at the Strong BANDS official website.

The Performance Triad, Army Medicine's comprehensive plan for improving readiness and resiliency, will be featured in the materials. The plan provides target goals people can reach for to improve their fitness, nutrition and sleep.

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the Performance Triad, then they will improve their overall health, fitness, and activity levels," said Col. Pauline Gross, command surgeon for IMCOM. "Little changes that people incorporate into their diet, sleep and activity ultimately will get them to the point where they are ready, healthier and more active."

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Extra, extra! Local historian Henry Stewart pulled harrowing headlines from the newspapers of the past for his lecture "True Crime Bay Ridge." Photo by Georgine Benvenuto

# Once upon a crime

## Wine bar uncorks Bay Ridge's bloody history

By Dennis Lynch

He is pouring over crime history! Bay Ridge was not always the peaceful neighborhood it is today. A local history sleuth will spill open the truth about some of the neighborhood's grisliest, most ghastly moments in "True Crime Bay Ridge" at the Owl's Head wine bar on May 18. The stories are sure to have your hair standing on end while you make your cautious way home, he said.

"The only thing that makes a murder story more interesting is when it's set on streets you know," said Henry Stewart. "I think people will be as fascinated as people reading the Brooklyn Eagle were in the 1930s."

Stewart sifted through hundreds of edi-

tions of that defunct newspaper — which has no relationship to the current publication of the same name — to discover clippings of crimes that could come out of a mid-century pulp fiction novel. One deadly Prohibition-era shootout took place at a bar with an eerily similar name to the one where Stewart will discuss the deadly encounter.

According to the Bay Ridge historian, two seedy groups of rival bootleggers were negotiating at the Owl's Head Tavern, which once stood on the corner of 69th Street and Third Avenue. When the deal went sour, shots rang out through the watering hole's windows. The noise attracted a plainclothes cop who charged in, his own gun blazing. When the dust

settled, said Stewart, the policeman discovered that he had shot another officer — a corrupt cop involved in the bootlegging biz!

Another bloody story occurred a decade later, when a harmless old woman rumored to be wealthy beyond imagining was murdered in her decrepit Shore Road mansion.

"She even told the Eagle that something could happen to her because of these rumors," said Stewart. "A couple years later, just before Christmas, they found her body in the cellar, her head smashed in with an axe. It was never solved."

Stewart will show off newspaper clippings, photos from the scenes of the crimes, and other historical evidence in a

slide show during the talk.

Stewart regularly hosts events at the wine bar, including telling stories for the R train's 100th anniversary, discussing the kidnapping of Charley Ross in the 19th century, and hosting regular readings from the Bay Ridge Poets Society. But his latest endeavor looks to be the most popular yet, according to the response on Facebook.

If the bar reaches capacity, as social media suggests it might, Stewart plans to repeat his terrifying tales of Old Bay Ridge in a few weeks.

"True Crime Bay Ridge," at the Owl's Head [749 94th St. between Fourth and Fifth avenues in Bay Ridge, (718) 680-2436, [www.theowlsheads.com](http://www.theowlsheads.com)]. May 18 at 7:30 pm. Free.



# A REEL WEINER

*Rooftop film series launches with Danger-ous doc*

By Tatiana Hernandez

You can get an eyeful! The Rooftop Films series kicks off its 20th season of outdoor films in Industry City on May 18 with a sneak peek at the upcoming documentary “Weiner,” about the former congressman Anthony Weiner’s 2013 mayoral campaign, and the sexing scandal that brought it crashing down. Organizers of the summer film series say this year will be its biggest yet. They made the dangerous choice to select “Weiner” to start because it speaks to the impact of politics — which anyone can relate to during a presidential election year.

“People often see these twists and turns from the outsides, and they don’t see the impact that these scandals have not only on the working lives of the candidates, but of their aides and the people around them,” said Dan Nuxoll, program director of the series. “This film really puts a human face on the candidates and their campaigns and what they go through personally when the scandal erupts.”

The rooftop venue is key to making sure that message hits, he said.

“We’re presenting movies in such a way that they’re not merely just screenings,” Nuxoll said. “It’ll be hopefully more impactful than just going to a movie theater.”

The opening night will be fol-



**Caught on camera:** This still from the film “Weiner” documents the extraordinary media attention that Anthony Weiner got after he was revealed as serial sexter “Carlos Danger.”

lowed by a discussion with “Weiner” filmmakers Josh Kriegman and Elyse Steinberg, and by a dance party sponsored by beer company Stella.

“Weiner” will open in theaters on May 20.

Nuxoll said that Rooftop Films is honoring its anniversary by making things bigger and grander than before, with screenings at four locations in Brooklyn: Industry City, Downtown’s Metrotech, the Old American Can Factory in Gowanus, and at the

Bushwick Generator.

Highlights of the series include music documentaries “Goodnight Brooklyn — the Story of Death By Audio,” about the recently closed Williamsburg music venue, and “The Music of Strangers” about cellist Yo-Yo Ma.

“Weiner” sneak preview at Industry City [220 36th St. between Second and Third avenues in Sunset Park, (718) 417-7362, [www.rooftopfilms.com](http://www.rooftopfilms.com)]. May 18 at 8 pm. \$15.



**Sing out:** Veteran cabaret performer Mark Nadler dug deep into 1920s history to find scandalous stories and songs for his show “Runnin’ Wild” on May 21. **Stephen Sorokoff**

## Wild things

*Cabaret show uncovers the scandals of the '20s*

By Carlo Bosticco

He is singing the notes on a scandal! The cabaret show “Runnin’ Wild,” at Kingsborough College on May 21, is a sizzling musical journey through the Roaring ’20s. The show’s creator and star says that it was inspired by his desire to show young people that their antics cannot live up to the scandals of their elders.

“I am at that stage in my life where young people look at me as if my past wasn’t as dangerous as the mischief they’re getting into now,” said Mark Nadler. “They have no idea the kind of trouble I used to get into! And then I started wondering how it was for my grandmother’s generation. What kind of trouble did they get into?”

The veteran cabaret performer, who says that he is afflicted with “Google-itus,” searched the Internet to unearth all manners of goodies about the decadent lives our recent ancestors were living. He put together a show about drugs, drag queens, kidnappings, and opium dens — all of it expressed through music.

“All the songs are from the age of Prohibition, and each of them is either about booze, sex, or drugs,” said Nadler.

The show has toured the world, with long stints in London and in Australia, but his upcoming show in Brooklyn makes him feel like a homecoming king.

“It is my first time performing in Brooklyn,” said Nadler. “I moved to New York City when I was 17, and my first apartment was in Park Slope!”

Nadler’s show also includes the scandalous story of Charlie Chaplin marrying his 16-year-old cousin, quotes of Mae West’s salacious ad-libs (“She was a Brooklynite too,” he points out), and a vital bit of education — the recipe for making a perfect dry gin martini.

“There’s a joke that if you are stranded on a desert island, the first thing you should do is to make yourself a gin martini, because inevitably someone will come along to tell you you’re doing it wrong,” laughed Nadler. But he is confident in his version.

“I have had a lot of practice,” he said. “What? With gin being the alcohol of ’20s, I had to research it for the show!”

“Runnin’ Wild: Songs and Scandals of the Roaring Twenties” at On Stage at Kingsborough [2001 Oriental Blvd. at Oxford street in Manhattan Beach, (718) 368-5596, [www.onstageatkingsborough.org](http://www.onstageatkingsborough.org)]. May 21 at 8 pm. \$32.

## Heeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeere’s Ike!

By Lauren Gill

It’s live from Bushwick!

Forget about turning on the television to watch some national late-night talk show — that’s what people in the suburbs do! Instead, Brooklynites can catch their own locally-sourced, hand-crafted talk show starting on May 18, when “Ike at Night” launches a three-week run at the Bushwick Starr. The show’s host says audience members can expect a night to remember, with performers as close as their television screens.

“It’s an intimate evening of entertainment and it just so happens there’s a desk and special guests,” said Brooklyn comedian Ike Ufomadu, who lives Downtown.

Each night’s show will be different from the last, Ufomadu promised, as Brooklyn artists, choreographers, and burlesque dancers plop down in the chair across from him for a grilling. And like the small-screen talk shows that inspired it, each of the live shows will include an opening monologue, a chat with a sidekick, and a musical performance.



**Desk job:** Comedian and actor Ike Ufomadu will host a live talk show in Bushwick for three weeks starting on May 18.

Photo by Stefano Giovannini

Ufomadu has been in the talk show game since 2014. He draws inspiration for his onstage persona from former “Tonight Show” host Johnny Carson, who commanded the iconic late night gig for 30 years.

“He projected a tremendous amount of confidence as a host and I think that was fascinating to watch,” he said. “He almost seemed as trusted a name in

entertainment as Walter Cronkite does for news.”

The host does not dream of taking over the small screen, he said, unless he could break the standard talk show format — then he might do it.

“If the stars aligned and it seemed like a special thing rather than just one more talk show in a sea of talk shows,” he said. “I think I’d want to feel like I was contributing something new to the stream of human culture.”

But for now, Umofadu is focused on preparing for his Bushwick run — a task that requires tons of research about each guest so he can ace the interviews. But he can never really be prepared for what’s going to happen at a live performance, and that unpredictably makes each show exciting.

“You can prepare for each show but you can’t really plan what’s going to happen — and I think it’s better that way because it’s a challenge,” he said.

“Ike at Night” at Bushwick Starr [207 Starr St. between Wyckoff and Irving Ave., [www.thebushwickstarr.org](http://www.thebushwickstarr.org), (917-623-9669)] May 18–June 4. Wed–Sat at 8 pm. \$18.



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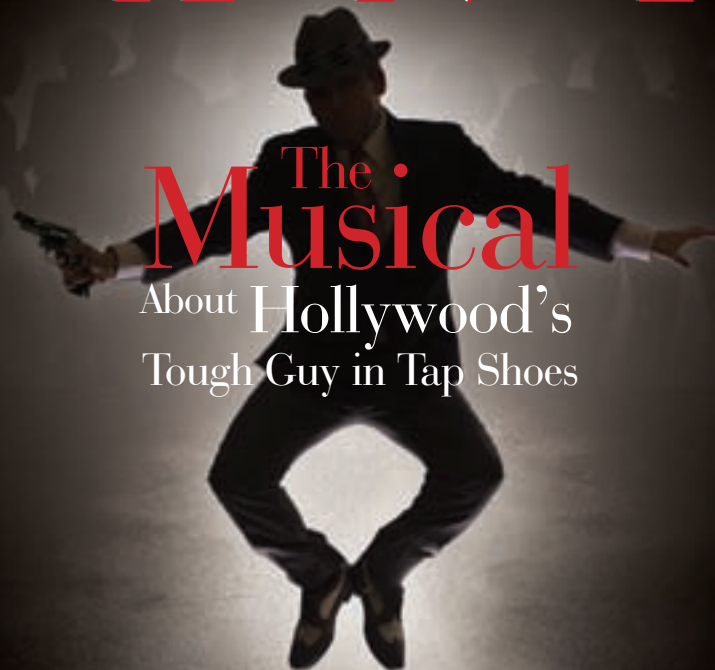
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# 24 SEVEN SIXTH SCENTS

## Cat fan lectures on the history of psychic dogs

By Julianne Cuba

They can smell the future!  
An expert in amazing animal phenomena will reveal the hidden history of dogs with mental and psychic powers in Bushwick on May 16. The stories of clairvoyant canines were too strong to be denied, said the historian.

"When I realized the depth of the topic and how it was ignored, I wanted to study the topic," said Paul Koudounaris, who has also given lectures about sea-going cats and sexy ghosts. "I started researching psychic overtones and tried to debunk them — the first thing I do is try to find a way to debunk them."

But some stories could not be debunked — and Koudounaris will share the incredible tails of some of the world's most famous clairvoyant canines, including a dachshund from late-1930s Germany named Kurwenal.

The dog would communicate by barking the alphabet — one bark for "A," two for "B," etc. — and used this talent to spell out speeches that opposed the Nazi regime, Koudounaris said.

"When Hitler came to power, Kurwenal had publicly spoken out against Hitler," he said. "Something like 70 researchers in one year went to try to debunk him and everyone came back a believer that he had genuine psychic powers of some kind."

The politically-minded pooch passed away shortly after Hitler was elected, said Koudounaris.



**Feline friend:** Amazing animal phenomena expert Paul Koudounaris with his cat Baba. The kitty-loving historian will deliver a lecture about the hidden story of telepathic terriers in Bushwick on May 16.

Katie Innamorato

"The Nazis were not initially consolidated enough in power, and they had many other pressing things on their agenda aside from talking dogs, so nothing happened to Kurwenal," he said.

Dogs are welcome at the lecture, and Koudounaris will discuss how to determine if your furry companion possesses supernatural powers. But putting your pup through rigorous psychological testing is not always the way to find out, he said.

"Honestly, you just sometimes have

to have faith," Koudounaris said. "The more rigorous the testing procedure you institute, the worse the subject does. You kind of know, I think in your heart, what your animal knows."

Despite his research on mentalist mutts, he says first love is for felines.

"I'm actually a cat guy, which is the irony of this," he said. "I'm not a dog person."

"*Psychic Dogs*" lecture at Living Gallery (1094 Broadway at Dodworth Street in Bushwick, [www.atlasobscura.com](http://www.atlasobscura.com)). May 16 at 8 pm. \$18.

## Vikings are invading Bay Ridge

By Dennis Lynch

Resistance is futile!  
Vikings are taking over the Ridge this week, so we are dedicating this Bay Ridge Nights to our new Scandinavian overlords.

Start your Saturday by sailing to the Viking Fest at **Owl's Head Park** (68 Colonial Rd. between 68th and Senator streets). The festival will transform the park into a viking village from 10 am until 5 pm, complete with a replica Viking longboat. Quake in fear as re-enactors demonstrate their combat skills, and thrill to performances from Irish dancers and Celtic bagpipe bands — representing other lands the Vikings conquered before Bay Ridge.

Then continue to the **Bean Post Pub** (9525 Fifth Ave. between 76th Street and Bay Ridge Parkway), where seven bands — including Norwegian coastline kings Lords of the Fjords — will play from 4:30 pm to 9:30 pm, and a DJ will spin all night. A 50-50 raffle will



raise money for military families.

The Norwegian-American 17th of May Parade starts at 1:30 pm on Sunday — which is the 15th of May, but a little thing like the calendar will not stop these Norwegians from cel-

ebrating the 202nd anniversary of their Constitution. You can also start celebrating early with a visit to the **Salty Dog** (7509 Third Ave. between Bay Ridge Parkway and 76th Street), where the pre-parade party starts at 11 am. Meet Miss Norway of Greater New York, chat with the parade's Honorary Marshal, Earling Dugan, and buy a Norwegian flag to wave during the parade.

That parade starts at **80th Street and Third Avenue**, running up the latter, turning right on Bay Ridge Avenue, left onto Fifth Avenue, and finally right onto 67th Street to the review stand between Sixth and Seventh avenues.

You can keep the Scandinavian action going after the parade at the **Swedish Football Club** (725 65th St. between Seventh and Eighth avenues), where squeezebox maestro Ellen Lindstrom and her band the Swedish Meatballs will keep toes tapping with traditional tunes until 7 pm.



The best reads  
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### Greenlight Bookstore's pick: "I Hotel" by Karen Tei Yamashita

From 1968 to 1977, the International Hotel in San Francisco was the epicenter of what is known as the "Yellow Power" movement. In the 10 novellas that make up "I Hotel," one for each year Yamashita illustrates how this umbrella term does not do justice to the complexities, similarities, and differences between the movement's ethnic groups and individuals. A political powder keg of a novel, at turns explosive and poignant, and altogether triumphant.

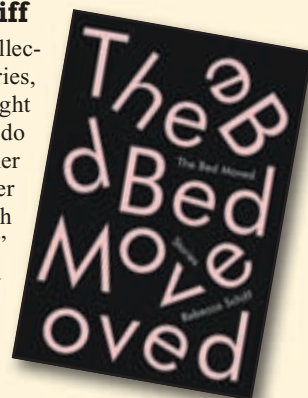
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### Word's pick: "The Bed Moved" by Rebecca Schiff

Glancing at this collection of 23 short stories, you may have thought to yourself, "God, do we really need another hilarious Jewish writer writing about death and Jewishness?" Apparently, God thought we did. She writes about other topics, too, including sex, death, and family relationships, but no matter the subject, Rebecca Schiff is brilliant.

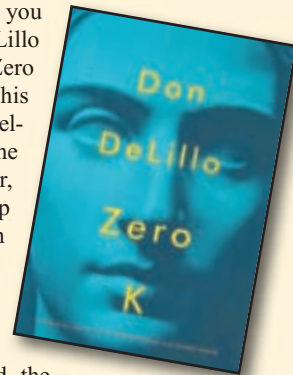
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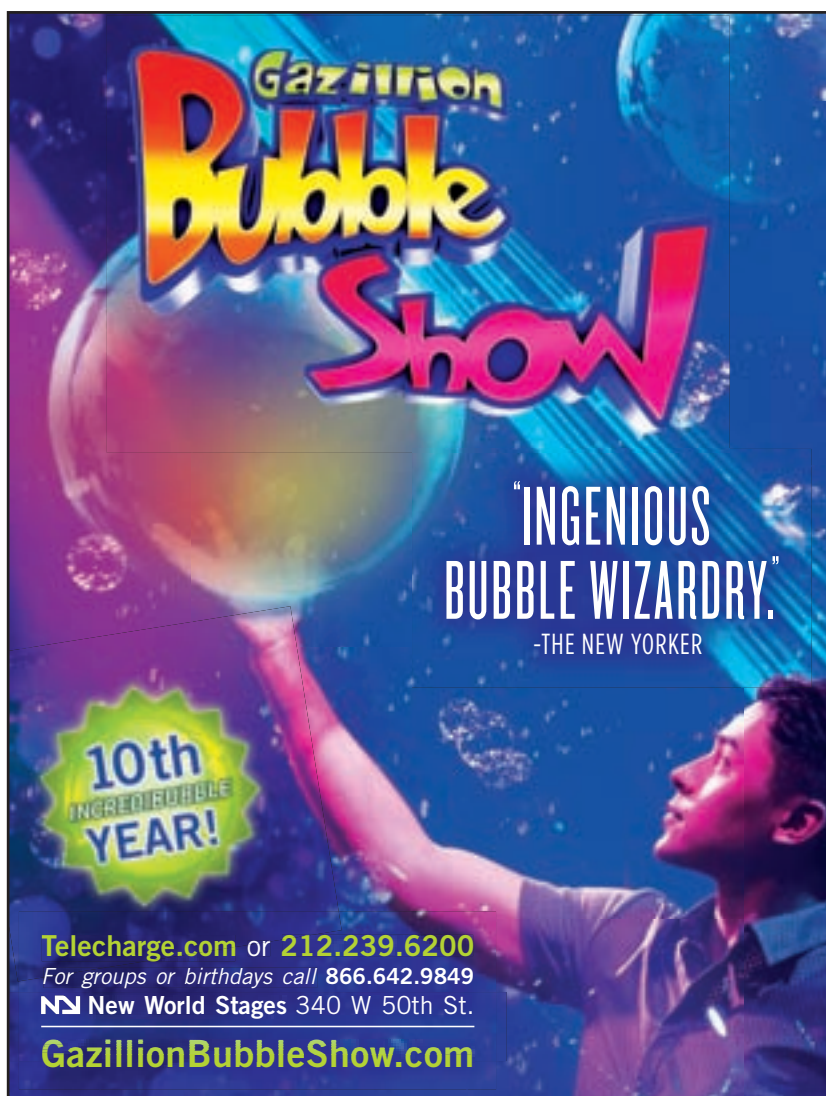
### Community Bookstore's pick: "Zero K" by Don DeLillo

No matter where you stand, a new Don DeLillo novel is an event, and "Zero K" stands as the best of his recent work. Great novelists tend to write about the same issues over and over, and DeLillo takes back up his preoccupations with language, technology, and death in this startling story about environmental devastation and life extension. And the sentences... The intense, penetrating DeLillo sentences are still here, but now with a touch of Beckett to wax their warp. DeLillo turns 80 in November, and "Zero K" is still years ahead of the rest of us.

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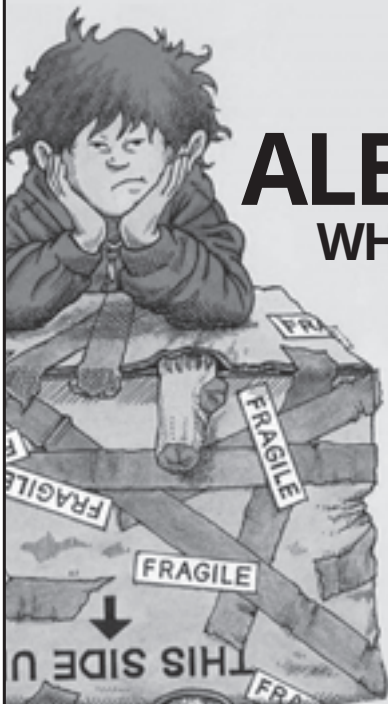
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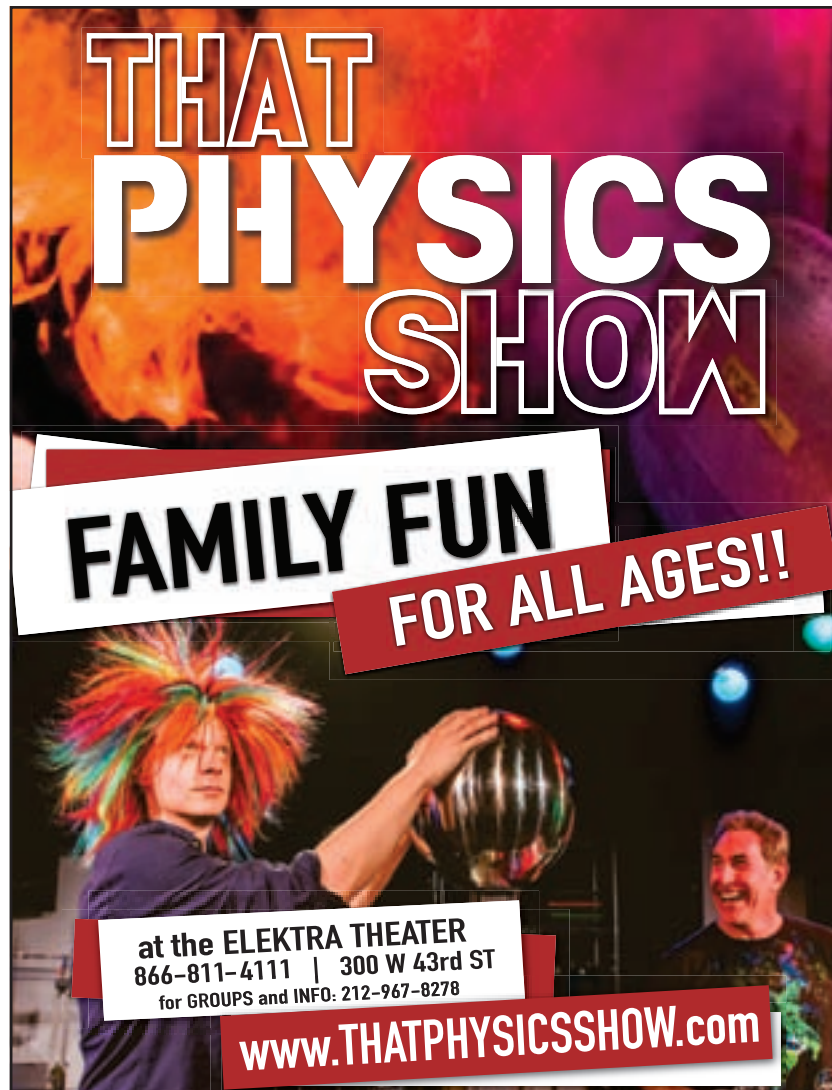
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### SAT, JUNE 11

MUSIC, NEW YORK SALSA FESTIVAL: With Willie Colón, Jerry Rivera, Sonora Ponceña, Tito Rojas, Los Adolecetes, and more. \$70-\$130. 8 pm.

### TUE, JUNE 14

MUSIC, FLORENCE AND THE MACHINE: \$50-\$130. 7:30 pm.

### WED, JUNE 15

MUSIC, FLORENCE AND THE MACHINE: \$50-\$130. 7:30 pm.

620 Atlantic Ave. at Pacific Street in Prospect Heights (917) 618-6100, [www.barclayscenter.com](http://www.barclayscenter.com).

### FRI, MAY 13

**ART, DISGUISE — MASKS AND GLOBAL AFRICAN ART:** This exhibit connects work from 25 contemporary artists with historical African masquerade. \$16 suggested donation. 11 am-6 pm. Brooklyn Museum [200 Eastern Pkwy. at Washington Avenue in Prospect Heights, (718) 638-5000], [www.brooklyn-museum.org](http://www.brooklyn-museum.org).

**MUSIC, BAYOU 'N' BROOKLYN MUSIC FESTIVAL:** An amazing line-up of Louisiana musicians in three days of music, dance, workshops, community jam sessions, and food. \$25-\$60. Noon. Jalopy Theatre [315 Columbia St. between Hamilton Avenue and Woodhull Street in Red Hook, (718) 395-3214], [www.jalopy.biz](http://www.jalopy.biz).

**SCIENCE FAIR:** District 22 presents students with science projects. Free. 3:30-5 pm. Carmine Carro Community Center [3000 Fillmore Ave. at Marine Parkway in Marine Park, (718) 968-6117].

**ART, CAT AND PUG SHOW OPENING RECEPTION:** Artists Deth P. Sun and Gemma Correll display their adorable cat and dog drawings, respectively. Free. 7-9 pm. Grumpy Bert [82 Bond St. between Atlantic Avenue and State Street in Boerum Hill, (347) 855-4849], [www.grumpybert.com](http://www.grumpybert.com).

**MUSIC, ALL THAT JAZZ:** The Israeli 12th Night Jazz Quartet take a celebratory journey through jazz, with standards, hidden treasures, and improvisation. Wine and cheese included. \$40. 7 pm. On Stage at Kingsborough [2001 Oriental Blvd. at Oxford Street in Manhattan Beach, (718) 368-5596], [www.onstageatkingsborough.org](http://www.onstageatkingsborough.org).

**SWINGADELIC:** Get a one-hour dance lesson at 7 pm, then swing the night away. \$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, (917) 292-1404].

**THEATER, "HELLO DOLLY":** Students put on the musical about matchmaker Dolly Levi, who visits a "well-known unmarried half-a-millionaire." \$12-\$15. 7 pm. Joseph Papp Theatre at Edward R. Murrow HS [1600 Avenue L in Midwood, (718) 258-9283], [www.ermurrohs.org](http://www.ermurrohs.org).

**COMEDY, COMEDY AT POSTMARK CAFE:** Every Friday night is comedy night at Postmark! 7:30 pm. Postmark Cafe [326 Sixth St between Fourth and Fifth avenues in Park Slope, (718) 768-2613].

**DREAMLAND ROLLER DISCO'S "STARMAN FOREVER":** Roller diva Lola Star hosts a skating dance party for grown-ups. Tonight focuses on the music of David Bowie. \$6. 7:30-10 pm. LeFrak Center at Lakeside [171 East Dr. at Ocean Avenue in Prospect Park, (718) 462-0010], [www.lakesidebrooklyn.com](http://www.lakesidebrooklyn.com).

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# EVENTS



**Another fish in the sea: Pirates and mermaids will perform at the sixth annual Mermaid Lagoon Ocean Benefit, a night of performance, dance, games, revelry and song at the House of Yes on May 15.**

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**THEATER, "THE JUDAS KISS":** Rupert Everett plays Oscar Wilde at two pivotal moments, one before and one after the acclaimed writer was convicted for sodomy. \$30-\$125. 7:30 pm. BAM Harvey Theater [651 Fulton St. at Rockwell Place in Fort Greene, (718) 636-4100], [www.bam.org](http://www.bam.org).

**THEATER, THE IMAGINATIVE SPACE OF THE AFRICAN HORIZON:** A multimedia performance about two young Africans now living in New York City, who reveal their past regrets and current pains. Suitable for all ages. \$20 (\$15 students and seniors). 7:30 pm. Harry Warren Theatre [2445 Bath Ave. at Bay 38th Street in Bath Beach], [africanhorizon.brownpapertickets.com](http://africanhorizon.brownpapertickets.com).

**THEATER, "IN THE HEIGHTS":** The Gallery Players performs the vibrant musical about the changing cultural landscape of Washington Heights in Manhattan. \$18 (\$15 seniors and students). 8 pm. Gallery Players [199 14th St. between Fourth and Fifth avenues in Park Slope, (212) 352-3101], [www.galleryplayers.com](http://www.galleryplayers.com).

**THEATER, "KILLING REPUBLICANS — A ROCK OPERA":** A musical about three first-class passengers who drink, talk politics, and sing about the history of assassination attempts on Republican presidents. \$15. 8 pm. Sideshows by the Seashore [1208 Surf Ave. between W. 12th Street and Stillwell Avenue in Coney Island, (718) 372-5159], [www.coneyisland.com](http://www.coneyisland.com).

**MUSIC, "FIRST GLIMPSE" OPERA CONCERT:** American Opera Project presents a concert of songs from nine artists coming up in the world of contemporary opera. \$25 (\$20 seniors and students). 8 pm. South Oxford Space [138 South Oxford St. between Hanson Place and Atlantic Avenue in Fort Greene, (718) 398-4024], [www.aopopera.org](http://www.aopopera.org).

### SAT, MAY 14

**BROOKLYN BIKE RAVE:** Bездazzle your bike, put on your craziest outfit, and take a glowtastic night ride along the Brooklyn Waterfront Greenway, from Greenpoint to Red Hook. \$35. 7 pm. Newtown Barge Playground (Commercial Street at Dupont Street in Greenpoint), [www.brooklynbikerave.com](http://www.brooklynbikerave.com).

**MUSIC, BAYOU 'N' BROOKLYN MUSIC FESTIVAL:** Noon. See Friday, May 13.

**MUSIC, UNPLUGGED IN RED HOOK:** David Segal and Seth Fahey play jazz at the Waterfront Arts Coalition show. Free. 1 pm. Brooklyn Waterfront Artists Coalition [499 Van Brunt St., near Reed Street in Red Hook, (718) 596-2506], [www.bwac.org](http://www.bwac.org).

**MUSIC, PUCCINI'S "MANON LESCAUT":** Regina Opera Company presents the Italian opera, with subtitles in English. \$25 (\$20 seniors, \$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.reginaopera.org](http://www.reginaopera.org).

**FUND RAISER, SPRING FUNDRAISER FLEA MARKET:** Lots of great stuff at great prices. Raising funds to help purchase chairs for the community room. Free. 9 am-4 pm. Pope John Paul II House (255 Ovington Ave. between Third Avenue and Bay Ridge Place in Bay Ridge).

**BROOKLYN BIKE JUMBLE:** Find a used or new bike, buy accessories and more at the flea market. Rain or shine. Free to browse. 10 am-4 pm. Old Stone House (336 Third St. between Fourth and Fifth avenues in Park Slope), [www.nybikejumble.com](http://www.nybikejumble.com).

**MARKET, NARROWS BOTANICAL GARDENS SPRING PLANT SALE:** A selection of greenhouse specialties and seasonal selections at the perfect time for spring planting. 10

am-3 pm. Narrows Botanical Garden (Shore Road between 69th and 71st streets in Bay Ridge).

**VIKING FEST 2016:** Hosted by the Scandinavian East Coast Museum this yearly event celebrates the Scandinavian culture and Viking heritage with performances by accordionist Ellen Lindstrom, Viking-themed activities, re-enactments of medieval sword play, food, and more. Free. 10 am-5 pm. Owl's Head Park House (69th Street at Colonial Road in Bay Ridge), [www.scandinavian-museum.org](http://www.scandinavian-museum.org).

**"PUSS IN BOOTS":** The CityParks PuppetMobile presents the tale of a young man and his faithful, well-dressed cat. Free. 10:30 am. Wingate Park (Brooklyn Avenue at Fenimore Street in Flatbush), [www.cityparksfoundation.org](http://www.cityparksfoundation.org).

**MARKET, BULLETIN MARKET:** This outdoor market features local works of ceramics, prints, decor, accessories, jewelry and textiles, along with music from a DJ, snacks, and a full bar. Free. 11 am-7 pm. Lot 45 (411 Troutman St. between St. Nicholas and Wyckoff avenues in Bushwick).

**"HOPE AND A FUTURE" CELEBRATION OF HAITI:** This event will include live performances, an open marketplace, an outdoor water walk, family fun and much more. Free. Noon-5 pm. BRIC Arts Media House [647 Fulton St. at Rockwell Place in Fort Greene, (718) 683-5621], [www.bricartsmedia.org](http://www.bricartsmedia.org).

**FUND RAISER, BUCKLEY'S-KENNEDY'S 5K CHARITY RUN REGISTRATION PARTY:** Register for the charity race, which happens on May 15. \$20 registration (\$10 teens). 2 pm. Buckley's Restaurant [2926 Avenue S at Nostrand Avenue in Sheepshead Bay, (718) 422-3347 x3283], [www.buckleyscaters.com](http://www.buckleyscaters.com).

**FLEECE FUN:** Visit and see how wool was used on a Flatbush farm. You can brush the wool with carding paddles, spin yarn using a drop spindle, and even make a felt ball to take home with you. Free. 2-4 pm. Lefferts Historic Homestead [452 Flatbush Ave. between Empire Boulevard and Eastern Parkway in Park Slope, (718) 789-2822], [www.prospect-park.org](http://www.prospect-park.org).

### SUN, MAY 15

**MUSIC, BAYFEST 2016:** Celebrate Sheepshead Bay and South Brooklyn with the 25th annual Bayfest. This year's event will feature live bands, arts and crafts, tabling by local community organizations, raffle, and much more fun for the whole family. Free. Noon-6 pm. (Emmons Avenue at East 27th Street in Sheepshead Bay), [www.bigbayfest.com](http://www.bigbayfest.com).

**MUSIC, UNPLUGGED IN RED HOOK:** Rome 56 plays at 1 pm, and Jim Petrie plays at 3 pm. Free. 1 pm and 3 pm. Brooklyn Waterfront Artists Coalition [499 Van Brunt St.,



near Reed Street in Red Hook, (718) 596-2506], [www.bwac.org](http://www.bwac.org).

**MUSIC, KINGSBOROUGH MUSICAL SOCIETY CHORUS SPRING CONCERT:** The chorus will perform a medley from "Fiddler on the Roof," along with other favorites. Free. 2 pm. Kingsborough Community College [2001 Oriental Blvd. at Oxford Street in Manhattan Beach, (718) 368-5000], [www.kbcc.cuny.edu](http://www.kbcc.cuny.edu).

**MUSIC, BELLA VOCE SINGERS 15TH ANNIVERSARY SPRING CONCERT:** \$15 (\$11 students and seniors). 3 pm. Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd [7420 Fourth Ave. at 75th Street in Bay Ridge, (718) 745-8520], [www.goodshepherdbayridge.org](http://www.goodshepherdbayridge.org).

**FUND RAISER, BUCKLEY'S-KENNEDY'S 5K CHARITY RUN:** A 5K run to raise money for Heartshare, in memory of Brian Monaghan. Race is followed by a Family Fun Day Picnic, with music from Head Over Heels, games, and rides. \$25 (\$10 picnic only). 9 am. Army Reserve Center [Rockaway Point Boulevard between Barret and Hero roads in Breezy Point, (718) 422-3347 x3283], [www.buckleyscaterers.com](http://www.buckleyscaterers.com).

**MIRACLE MILK STROLL:** Participants will stroll to help save the lives of premature and fragile babies by increasing awareness of and access to a mother's own milk and donor milk in the neonatal intensive care unit (NICU). 10 am. Marine Park (Avenue S at East 32nd Street in Marine Park), [www.miraclemilk.org](http://www.miraclemilk.org).

**MARKET, FAD WEEKEND MARKET AND FLEA:** A pop-up fashion, art and design market. Free. 11 am-6 pm. Issue Project Room [22 Boerum Pl. at Livingston Street in Downtown, (718) 330-0313], [www.issueprojectroom.org](http://www.issueprojectroom.org).

**BASIC CANOEING:** Trained Urban Park Rangers will lead you on a canoe adventure. For ages 8 years and older. Free. 11 am. Prospect Park Audubon Center [Enter park at Lincoln Road and Ocean Avenue in Prospect Park, (718) 421-2021], [www.prospectpark.org/audubon](http://www.prospectpark.org/audubon).

**FILM, "SPEEDY" SILENT FILM:** In Harold Lloyd's last silent comedy, he visits 1927 Coney Island and drives Babe Ruth to Yankee Stadium. With live piano accompaniment by Bernie Anderson. Free. 12:30 pm. Brooklyn Public Library's Central branch [10 Grand Army Plaza, between Eastern Parkway and Flatbush Avenue in Prospect Heights, (718) 230-2100], [www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org](http://www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org).

**FILM, "THIRSTY FOR DEMOCRACY":** A free screening of the documentary about the Flint, Michigan water crisis. Free. 1 pm. Bay Ridge United Methodist Church [7420 Fourth Avenue at Bay Ridge Parkway in Bay Ridge, (718) 238-4517], [www.brumc.net](http://www.brumc.net).

**FUND RAISER, MERMAID**

**LAGOON OCEAN BENEFIT — ROYAL OCEANIC REVIEW:** The sixth annual night of nautical performances from circus pirates and burlesque mermaids will benefit the Orca Network and the Billion Oyster Project. Oceanic attire encouraged! \$15 (\$10 in advance). 8 pm-2 am. House of Yes [2 Wyckoff Ave. at Jefferson Street in Bushwick], [www.houseofyes.org](http://www.houseofyes.org).

## MON, MAY 16

**TALK, JUBILEE SENIORS TELL ALL:** A diverse group of Brooklyn seniors tell real life stories. Free. 1:30 pm. Catholic Charities St. Charles Jubilee Senior Center [55 Pierrepont St. between Hicks and Henry streets in Brooklyn Heights, (617) 686-1709].

**COMEDY, "ASK ME ANOTHER":** Hosted by Ophira Eisenberg, this rambunctious hour blends brainteasers and local pub trivia night with comedy and music. \$25 (\$20 in advance). 7:30 pm. Bell House [149 Seventh St. at Third Avenue in Gowanus, (718) 643-6510], [www.thebellhouseny.com](http://www.thebellhouseny.com).

**COMEDY, COMFORT ZONE:** Comedian Brooke Van Poppelen and singer-songwriter Julian Velard perform a new, original musical comedy number, and host performances from Giulia Rozzi and Jordan Carlos. \$12 (\$10 in advance). 8 pm. Union Hall [702 Union St. at Fifth Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 638-4400], [www.unionhallny.com](http://www.unionhallny.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](http://www.freddysbar.com).

## TUES, MAY 17

**MUSIC, "CARMINA BURANA":** Two orchestras combine to perform Carl Orff's classic. \$5. 7 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](http://www.brooklyncenter.org).

**READING, REV. BILLY PRESENTS "THE EARTH WANTS YOU":** The activist and preacher discusses his call to environmental action. Free. 7 pm. Community Bookstore [143 Seventh Ave. between Carroll Street and Garfield Place in Park Slope], [www.communitybookstore.net](http://www.communitybookstore.net).

**THEATER, "A SEAT AT THE TABLE":** An original, interactive performance by Brooklyn based youth ensemble "Act Like You Care," designed to pose questions and provide insight into hidden biases. \$5-\$50 suggested donation. 7:30 pm. Brooklyn Commons [388 Atlantic Ave. between Hoyt and Bond streets in Boerum Hill].

## WED, MAY 18

**READING, LINDY WEST:** The cultural critic reads from her collection of essays "Shrill: Notes from a Loud Woman." Free. 7 pm. Word Bookstore [126 Franklin St. between Milton and Noble streets in Greenpoint, (718) 383-0096], [www.word-brooklyn.com](http://www.word-brooklyn.com).

**MUSIC, CHRIS ABRAHAMS:** The celebrated pianist makes a rare New York solo performance. \$20. 8 pm. Issue Project Room [22 Boerum Pl. at Livingston Street in Downtown, (718) 330-0313], [www.issueprojectroom.org](http://www.issueprojectroom.org).

**A DRINKING GAME PRESENTS GHOSHBUSTERS (GENDER-SWAPPED):** A live stage reading "Ghosts-busters," with all the dudes played by ladies, and vice versa. Every time certain words and characters appear, take a drink! \$8-\$10. 8 pm. Littlefield [622 Degraw St. between Fourth and Fifth avenues in Gowanus, (718) 855-3388], [www.littlefieldnyc.com](http://www.littlefieldnyc.com).

## THURS, MAY 19

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

**NIGHTSHUL ADULT LEARNING COMMUNITY, MAY SESSION:** New three-week classes start this week: Kosher Korean Cooking, Rashi and His Methodology, Selected Shorts from the Tanakh taught by Rabbi Sue Oren, Lev Tahor: Mindfulness Practice in Jewish Culture. \$15 (one session) \$35 (full class). 7 pm. East Midwood Jewish Center [1625 Ocean Ave. between Avenue K and Avenue L in Midwood, (718) 338-3800], [www.nightshul.org](http://www.nightshul.org).

**DANCE, "MISCHIEF, MISCHIEF AND MORE MISCHIEF":** Gelsey Kirkland Ballet presents a night of drama, sensuous acrobatic ballet and hilarious comedy. \$25. 7:30 pm. GK ArtsCenter [29 Jay St at John Street in Dumbo], [www.GKArts.org](http://www.GKArts.org).

## FRI, MAY 20

**DONATE YOUR HAIR DAY:** Get a free cut and style when you donate eight or more inches of hair to made into wigs for cancer patients. Free. 9 am-7 pm. Pilo Arts [8412 Third Ave. between 83rd and 84th streets in Bay Ridge, (718) 748-7411].

**GOSPEL SHABBAT:** The Brooklyn Interdenominational Choir combines gospel singing and Jewish tunes at the Bay Ridge Jewish Center's Friday night service. All are welcome. Refreshments follow. Free. 7 pm. Bay Ridge Jewish Center [8025 Fourth Ave. between 80th and 81st streets in Bay

Hill, (718) 836-3103], [www.brjc.org](http://www.brjc.org).  
**DREAMLAND ROLLER DISCO'S "HIP-HOP HOO-RAY":** Roller diva Lola Star hosts a skating dance party for grown-ups. Tonight's show focuses on 1990s hip-hop. \$6. 7:30-10 pm. LeFrak Center at Lakeside [171 East Dr. at Ocean Avenue in Prospect Park, (718) 462-0010], [www.lakesidebrooklyn.com](http://www.lakesidebrooklyn.com).

## SAT, MAY 21

**NYC BEACH BUS SUMMER KICK-OFF BBQ:** A party with food, drink, great music, and more. Free. Noon-4 pm. RentRideReturn [514 Atlantic Ave. between Nevins Street and Third Avenue in Boerum

Hill, (917) 574-2421], [www.nycbeachbus.com](http://www.nycbeachbus.com).  
**MUSIC, A MORRISSEY BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION:** Smith tribute band the Sons and Heirs performs, with Police cover band New York's Finest. \$20 (\$15 in advance). 9 pm. Bell House [149 Seventh St. at Third Avenue in Gowanus, (718) 643-6510], [www.thebellhouseny.com](http://www.thebellhouseny.com).  
**MUSIC, DISNEY PROM FEATURING THE LITTLE MER-MEN:** The Little Mermen, the city's premiere Disney cover band, invite you to have the prom you always wanted. Costumes encouraged! \$20 (\$15 in advance, \$30 premium seating). 10 pm. The Hall at MP [470 Driggs Ave. between N. 10th and N. 11th streets

in Williamsburg, (718) 387-4001], [thehallbrooklyn.com](http://thehallbrooklyn.com).  
**"PUSS IN BOOTS":** Presented by CityParks PuppetMobile. Free. 10:30 am at Ennis Playground (11th St. between Second and Third avenues in Park Slope), [www.cityparks-foundation.org](http://www.cityparks-foundation.org).  
**DINING, BROOKLYN CRUSH WINE AND ARTISANAL FOOD FESTIVAL:** Taste a curated selection of 175 wines, along with hors d'oeuvres, cheese and cracker selections. Live jazz performances. \$65. 2 pm and 7 pm. Factory Floor at Industry City [233 37th St. between Second and Third avenues in Sunset Park], [www.newyork-wineevents.com](http://www.newyork-wineevents.com).

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● 'They'd walk into school all sad, but finally it's a relief that it is all over.'

— Nazareth's Mike Toro on two basketball players' college commitments

● 'It was a good job that we did that today.'

— Xaverian's Danny Ryan on stealing bases to beat strong pitching

## XAVERIAN STEALS A WIN

### Clippers snag victory swiping Holy Cross bases in wet weather

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Talk about a slippery team.

Stolen bases in a rainy game helped Xaverian seal a 3-1 win over visiting Holy Cross in Brooklyn-Queens Catholic school baseball on May 4. Playing to the team's strengths — particularly base-running — was crucial in poor weather and with Knights ace Patrick Morrissey on the mound, one player said.

"Off a good pitcher like that we aren't going to get many hits," Clippers center fielder Danny Ryan said. "The field is muddy, it's windy, it's bad. It was a good job that we did that today."

The club got just four hits and seven base runners in five innings against the hard-throwing right-hander, who had already beat the team



**SAFE!** Xaverian's Phoenix Hernandez slides home safely to score the first run of the day against Holy Cross.

Photo by Steve Schnibbe

once this season.

But Phoenix Hernandez got Xaverian on the board first, singling to right and stealing second and third before coming home on a Ryan sac fly to center.

The first-place Clippers (11-3) added two insurance runs in the fifth against Morrissey. Joe Gallo, who walked, stole second and third before coming home on an errant throw. Chris Monti was hit by a pitch, stole second, and came home on a single by Joseph Scaramuzzino to make it 3-0.

The win was all about forcing blunders out of Holy Cross, Xaverian's coach said.

"I figured: Try to put the pressure on them a little bit more," said skipper Frank Del George. "Let's see if we

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## He's pitching in

### Grand Street slugger makes move to mound, rides arm to majors

BY THOMAS JOYCE

A hometown hurler's rise continues.

On the final day of Spring Training in 2014, Boston Red Sox prospect Williams Jerez received a phone call that would change the course of his career — he was told to meet with director of player development Ben Crockett.

The Grand Street Campus alum — considered the top New York City outfield prospect since Manny Ramirez — had struggled to hit pro pitching. He had yet to progress above short-season A ball and owned a .221 batting average with a .529 on-

base plus slugging in three pro seasons.

Even so, he was not nervous about the meeting.

"They told me, 'We are not here to release you. We are here to make a change for you,'" Jerez said. "They said they were going to convert me to pitcher. I was going to pitch."

The 23-year-old Jerez had primarily been a hurler growing up in the Dominican Republic. But when he and his sister moved to the United States at 17 years old to be with their parents, he took the opportunity to try the outfield full time.

"When I was younger, I was pitching," he said. "But I decided to play outfield because, as a young guy, you have more activity in the outfield. Pitching is different. You pitch one day and then you wait like two or three days more to pitch again."

The Red Sox decided his arm strength would best serve the team on the mound — and it appears the organization was correct.

He was their minor-league pitcher of the year in 2015 after posting a 2.54 earned run average with 86 strikeouts in just under 89 innings between single-A Greenville, high-A Salem, and double-A Portland in 2015.

The southpaw, who is currently with Portland, started the week with a 3.68 earned run average in eight outings. He has been especially tough on left-handed hitters,

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**THINKING BIG:** Former Grand Street pitcher Williams Jerez recently joined the Red Sox's 40-man roster.

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# Worth the wait

Nazareth duo commits to colleges after long hunt

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

The were no more sad faces for Medgar Evers high-school seniors Alisicia Machado and Mikala Casimir — only big, wide smiles.

The stress of the recruiting process was wearing down the girls' basketball stars during their 6-8 season in league play this season, but they signed on to colleges on May 6, and now things are going smoother, their coach said.

"They'd walk into school all sad, but finally it's a relief that it is all over," headman Mike Toro said.

The 6-foot-2 forward Machado is headed to Grambling State University, and Casimir will go to Dowling College.

Machado said the decision means the recruiting burden has been lifted.

"It's like a weight off my shoulders," she said. "It was stressful, because I've seen a lot of my former teammates get signed and everything. I was wondering when it was going to be me, and today is finally the day."

Grambling showed interest in Machado mid-season after Toro told the team's new assistant coach Isayra Diaz



**SMILING DAY:** Medgar Evers girls basketball stars, left, Alisicia Machado and Mikala Casimir are overjoyed to sign with Grambling and Dowling, respectively. Photo by Joseph Staszewski

about her. Machado checked out the school, met with head coach Nadine Domond, and decided the program was for her.

"It's a very family-oriented place," Machado said. "That is what I was looking for when picking and choosing where to go to college."

Machado worked diligently over the summer with Toro and her New Heights travel team to expand on her offensive game. And she further adjusted to playing top-level competition after transferring from Seward Park — a

class-A school — to Class-AA Medgar Evers as a junior. She averaged 13.5 points and eight rebounds this season.

"She has matured a lot," Toro said. "I've seen some of the most maturity come out of her than any of the kids I ever coached."

Machado also had interest from Long Island University, Stony Brook University, and Rider University.

And Casimir suffered additional anxiety during the year, because she wanted a specific major coupled with

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## Carolina a 'perfect' fit for Nazareth's Russell

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Erykah Russell nearly made a rush decision she was going to regret.

The Nazareth girls' basketball forward had to wait to complete the recruiting process as she finished earning academic clearance. Russell committed to Fairleigh Dickinson after her visit in early March, but a few schools kept courting her, and suitor Western Carolina proved it was everything she was looking for.

"Everything just fell right into place," Russell said. "It just seemed perfect."

The school offers Russell's desired speech pathology ma-



Photo by Ken Maldonado

**SOUTHBOUND:** Nazareth's Erykah Russell recently signed to play basketball at Western Carolina.

jor, will allow her to travel away from home, and boasts a playing style that fits her skill set. She made it official recently, signing a National Letter of Intent to join the Catamounts next season.

"It just seemed like everything I was asking for, that's what they had," Russell said. "I was really excited."

Russell heads to a program looking to rebuild under first-year head coach Stephanie McCormack. The program's transition period will ease Russell's own change-over.

"It's kind of exciting, because it feels like everyone is going through it with you,"

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## Lincoln long-shot Williams get second chance with Giants

Isaac Williams's football career nearly ended in disgrace.

The former Abraham Lincoln and Notre Dame defensive lineman had to sit out his senior season in South Bend last year after being one of five players suspended from the team for alleged academic fraud. Williams was already around 270 pounds after bulking up in the offseason, according to former Lincoln coach Shawn O'Connor, and his weight ballooned while he was navigating the appeals process.

He could have never played football again after that, and no one would have thought twice about him — just another over-hyped high-school All-American who didn't make it.

Williams refused to be that guy.

"He never blamed anybody [else]," O'Connor said. "He took the consequences. He didn't take it as a negative."

The 23-year-old Williams continued to work out at Notre Dame, trimmed down his 6-foot-4 frame to 253 pounds, and made the most of his long-shot tryout with the Giants at its rookie mini-camp last weekend. Giants officials were so impressed that they extended him a three-year contract, which he signed on May 9.

"Dreams really do come true, and hard work pays off," Williams posted on his Instagram account on Saturday. "I'm thankful that the Giants organization believed in me and can't wait to show them they made a great decision."

Anyone who knows Williams and his game already knows that to be the case. O'Connor could sense a familiar hunger in Williams, one the lineman displayed before the junior season that catapulted him up the recruiting board. Williams didn't want to be remembered as a failure after four tough years at Notre Dame that never saw him live up to his promise. The last



**JOE KNOWS**

by Joe Staszewski

time he played for the Fighting Irish was 2013.

"His thought process was that he had something to prove, because he felt he was a good player and not getting to fulfill all that hype coming out of high school, missing out on his senior year," the coach said.

The pass-heavy National Football League might just be better-suited for Williams's versatile game. He is a natural pass-rusher, who will have even more opportunities to get to the quarterback. His slimmed-down frame and athletic ability make him far from a liability if he fails to get there.

"He brings lot to the table, because he is a guy who can rush the passer, and he is also a guy who can drop [back in coverage]," O'Connor said. "He's not your typical defensive lineman. He's got a lot of things he can do."

He showed the Giants all that and more, and now he will get the opportunity to do it in front of the rest of the world on Sundays for his hometown Big Blue. His former coach plans a celebration with Williams now that he is back in training.

"Now I'll take him out to eat, because there is a lot less food to eat," O'Connor said. "The next one he will treat me hopefully — his next contract hopefully."



# RUSSELL

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Russell said. "Everything is new for everybody."

McCormack runs a system that will allow Russell, a big, to utilize her perimeter skills. It's something she believes will bring out the best in her.

"Everyone can play every position, so it is very versatile," Russell said. "I really like that, because I'm a giver who can play like a guard and get to the basket. It will help me expand on my game so that I am not just one position."

Russell, who helped the Lady Kingsmen win at state Federation Class-A championship as a junior,

was an All-Brooklyn Honorable Mention selection by Courier Life Publications this season. She averaged 8.9 points, 10.4 rebounds, and 2.3 steals per game last season.

"Erykah has proven that she is a clutch player in big moments and has such a passion for winning that she refuses to accept any alternative," McCormick said.

Russell is thankful she accepted nothing less than the best fit when it came to college. The stress of watching other seniors committing while she had to hold off was worth it, because of where she finally landed.

"I'm very happy with where I ended up," Russell said. "This felt like it was perfect. It was a good thing that I waited and didn't rush into anything."

# JEREZ

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and his excitement about his new opportunity is still evident.

"I enjoy it," Jerez said. "There is a lot of good competition there. I just want to do the best I can. I'm just trying to put the hitters in a difficult position and make it look easy. But it's not easy. You have to try to make it look easy. But it's not easy."

Jerez's fastball is in the low 90s and tops out at 97 mph, and he has some natural movement. He also mixes in a slider with a sharp break

and a changeup that is still a work in progress. The scouting report compliments his work ethic and desire to learn.

This past offseason, the Red Sox added Jerez to the team's 40-man roster. Jerez won't just get a salary increase — he is now just a phone call away from the big leagues.

"I did not expect it," he said. "But I was happy. I was really happy. When they tell me that, I said I was going to work harder now. So I'm trying to be better and better. I'm trying to be consistent. I'm here, trying to be the best I can. And you know, one day, I'll probably be up there."

# XAVERIAN

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can force an error."

Xaverian starter Christian Allegritti worked his way in and out of trouble for just under three innings, stranding three base runners. He was listed with two outs in the third — with runners on second and third — when his control started to falter.

Sophomore Shamus Connelly, in his first relief appearance of the season, came on to strike out Matt Morgan and end the threat. He got his cutting fastball and curve working and was able to toss just over three innings of scoreless relief. Connelly, who has impressed Del George with his poise, allowed just one hit, struck out four, and was aided by sparkling defensive play from third baseman Pedro Fortoso.

"I was confident coming in," Connelly said. "I had three nice bullpens throwing strikes."

Holy Cross (7-6) got the tying run on first and the go-ahead run to plate against Alex Passarella with two outs in the top of the seventh, but it could not bring the boys home.

Holy Cross's lone run came when refs called a catcher's interference, forcing in pinch runner Charlie Peponaki from third. Passarella got Knight star Shawn Harrison to pop



**TOUGH CONDITIONS:** Starter Christian Allegritti battled against a steady drizzle and muddy mound. Photo by Steve Schnibbe

out on the first pitch to end the game.

Del George was happy with his team's ability to gut out a tough win, but there would have been more base-stealing had players seen his overtures.

"Last year we stole 100 bases," Del George said. "I was sending them, but they weren't seeing it."



**GOOD EYE:** Abigail Fogliano drove in a run during a three-run fourth inning against St. Francis Prep on May 10. Photo by Steve Schnibbe

# Terriers out-slug Fontbonne Hall

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Fontbonne Hall is not letting a forgettable performance wrest its focus from the greater goal.

The Bonnies had an opportunity to storm into a regular-season finale and claim the Brooklyn-Queens regular-season title — instead two Fontbonne pitchers combined to give up 15 hits, and the team suffered a 15-11 loss to St. Francis Prep at Dyker Beach Park on April 10. A six-run top of the sixth broke open the game at 15-7. The loss leaves first place still in Fontbonne's grasp, but the team will need help from St. Francis.

"It's not over," Fontbonne coach Frank Marinello said. "If they lose to Molloy and we beat Mary Louis we are in first place."

His club tried to slug its way to another win after falling behind 4-0 by the bottom of the third — its largest deficit of the season. Fontbonne got right back into the game at 4-3 that frame — thanks to a three-run homer from Samantha Marletta — but St. Francis Prep scored twice in the fourth against reliever Gabby Casagrande to grab a 6-4 advantage.

Fontbonne responded again. Abigail Fogliano and Natalie LaCognata both drove in runs during a three-run fourth that put their team ahead 7-6. LaCognata went 3-for-4 with a triple. Emily Monti collected two hits and

scored twice. And Elizabeth Tesoriero added three hits, batted in a run, and scored two herself. Marinello was happy with the way his team hit Terriers ace Monica Zhivanaj.

"We did a lot of good things today," Marinello said.

But the good feelings didn't last long.

Casagrande, who relieved Bianca Marletta, appeared ready to wiggle out of trouble in the fifth, but two walks, a wild pitch, and a pass ball opened the door for the Terriers (4-4) to score three times in the frame and take a 9-7 lead it would not relinquish. The squad added six more runs in the sixth, including two runs that Sarah Williams batted in (she had four total).

"That inning with all the errors was really hard to bounce back from," Samantha Marletta said. "Though we have done it in the past, it is hard in the present to comeback."

The Bonnies (4-4) did attempt a comeback. Bianca Marletta smashed a three-run blast in the sixth, and Tesoriero plated a run in the seventh, but that was all the Bonnies could muster. The game was just a reminder of how tight the division is right now.

"It's an even division," Marinello said. "On any given day, anybody can beat anybody. That's how it's been all year, so why would it change?"

# NAZARETH

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her basketball opportunity.

Casimir has her heart set on studying chemical engineering and was impressed with how hard Dowling coach Suzi Fregosi worked to make sure the school could provide an equivalent in applied mathematics.

"That meant a lot to me," Casimir said. "She would research. She would ask the admissions people.

She would be annoying. That really showed that she really wanted me to come to the school."

The Golden Lions are getting a player who averaged 10.1 point per game last season. Toro sees the two as a great match, because the team needs a guard, and Casimir will get to stay close to home at the Long Island school.

"They needed a guard, so it actually worked out really well," Toro said. "It's Long Island so she will be at home with mom, and mom will be still be able to watch her."



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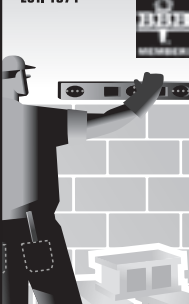
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