



Over and out

Fooled you! Sure, Paul Martinka is a great photographer, but that doesn't mean he captures a car flipping on the Belt Parkway as it happens – or does he? To find out how things really went down, **see page 2**.

Photos by Paul Martinka



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SPLASH OF CASH

EPA: Money to keep Gowanus Canal cleanup going is found!

BY LAUREN GILL

Just in the nick of slime.

The federal Environmental Protection Agency says it has rustled up the money to keep the cleanup of the sludgy Gowanus Canal running full steam ahead — just days after project honchos told locals that they were about to run out of cash.

“Work on the Gowanus is expected to continue using funding that the EPA already has,” said agency spokeswoman Mary Mears.

Project manager Christos Tsiamis on March 28 told the project's community advisory committee that he'd need to cut his team and the cleanup would slow down significantly if the Feds didn't cough up more cash by mid April, but claimed his requests for more moolah had fallen on deaf ears.

“The silence has been deafening,”

he told the group.

Two days later, the agency announced that it has found the cash to keep detoxing the notoriously filthy waterway until the project's lawyers reach a settlement with the waterway's polluters to cover the costs sometime in the next 6-12 months, according to Mears — by using money the local region already has in its coffers.

Mears refused to say how much that is, but Tsiamis had told residents he'd asked for \$400,000-\$500,000.

The agency had been working on getting the funding before Tuesday night's meeting, but just hadn't finalized everything yet, Mears claimed.

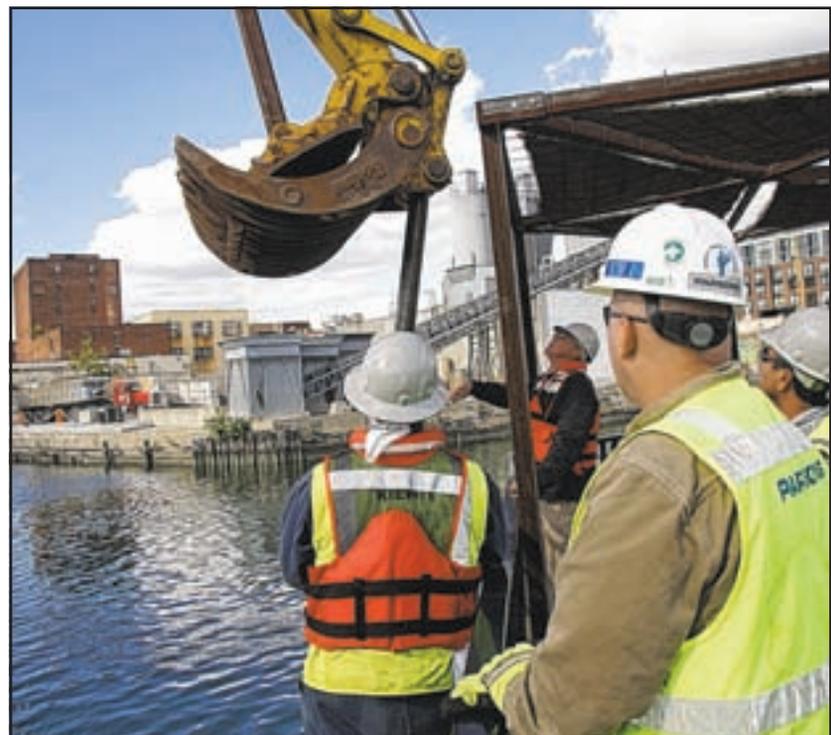
Questions over the cleanup's future under the Trump Administra-

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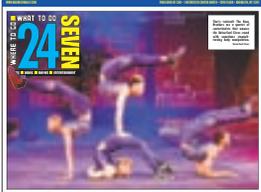
EPA: Canal cleanup is out of \$\$\$

BY LAUREN GILL

FLASHBACK



DETOX: Workers started cleaning up the fetid canal last year. File photo by Stefano Giovannini



Kings in the ring

Circus show is not for the faint-hearted

The circus show is not for the faint-hearted. It's a high-wire act of danger and excitement that has captivated audiences for generations. The show features a variety of acts, including acrobats, jugglers, and clowns. The acrobats perform daring stunts, balancing on thin wires and performing complex maneuvers. The jugglers keep a steady stream of balls in the air, while the clowns entertain with their humor and antics. The show is a true test of skill and courage, and it's a sight that will never be forgotten.

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Flip ya for real

A car flipped over on the Belt Parkway on March 30, sending two people to the hospital and causing traffic to back up for hours.

The 40-year-old driver of a sports utility vehicle was in the middle lane heading towards the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge near Bay Parkway at about 1 pm when he claims another car cut him off, causing him to lose control and slam into the guardrail, then flip over, according to authorities. But the driver was likely speeding, police said.

At left, police study the scene after flipping the car back on to its wheels, which they started doing on page one of this newspaper – just not in the order you saw it.

Twenty-five for fighting!

Activists: Ocean Parkway speed-limit hike will kill people

BY JULIANNE CUBA

They feel the need — the need to regulate speed.

State lawmakers must put the brakes on a bill to raise the speed limit on Ocean Parkway by 5 miles per hour or they'll be signing a death warrant for motorists and pedestrians on the Kensington-to-Brighton Beach boulevard, say hundreds of residents in a new petition.

"It makes a big difference when drivers need to react to the unexpected, and it can mean the difference between life and death if a crash can't be avoided," said Paul Steely White of anti-car group Transportation Alternative, whose online petition against the speed hike has racked up more than 680 signatures in just a few days.

Mayor DeBlasio reduced the speed on all of the city's roadways to 25 miles per hour in 2014. But now, state Sen.



Photo by Georgine Benvenuto

NO HIGHER: Transportation Alternatives executive director Paul Steely White is steadfast against state Sen. Simcha Felder's legislation to raise the speed limit on Ocean Parkway to 30 miles-per-hour.

Simcha Felder (D-Midwood) is pushing legislation to boost the limit on the state-controlled thoroughfare up to 30 miles per hour. Assemblyman Steve Cymbrowitz (D-Sheep-

head Bay) is sponsoring the bill in the lower chamber.

Felder says he'd actually be happy to add another 10 miles per hour — five is just a compromise — arguing that low-

ering the speed limit doesn't actually do anything but generate extra cash through speed-cameras, and what the stretch really needs is more police on patrol.

"Lowering the speed limit does not equal safety — it does equal the ability to raise revenue for speeding past 25," Felder said. "If cops give out tickets and if people know it could happen any time, that is what brings safety."

It's nearly impossible to travel under 30 miles-per-hour, say Felder's supporters.

"I think that 30 miles per hour on Ocean Parkway is very, very reasonable," said Assemblyman Dov Hikind (D-Midwood), who supports the hike. "I looked at my odometer and was going 25, and every single car just about passed me."

But the activists argue the 5-mile difference has saved lives. Before the speed-limit

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Musical planters!

Jay Street blockers in a new place everyday!

BY LAUREN GILL

It's the Jay Street Shuffle!

Someone — or *someones* — has been moving car-blocking planters the city has placed on Jay Street to fend off scofflaw parkers as if they were chess pieces, reorganizing them almost every day to make sure he or she can leave his or her car on the busy block.

The heavy planters, which were installed last month, have been moved by muscle-bound drivers to a number of different places along the street, including inside the bus lane, inside the bike lane, and, most perplexingly, within a legal parking space — where they were found Monday morning.

This week alone, the planters, which take the strength of at least two men to move — were found in two different places on Monday and Tuesday, only to be put back where they belong — inside a pedestrian safety zone between the bike lane and bus lane — by Tuesday night.

It is unclear where the planters will be at the time you are reading this story.

A Department of Transportation spokeswoman told this paper last week that no matter how often the planters are illegally moved, they will be relocated to the proper place as soon as possible.

For updates on where the planters are, check BrooklynDaily.com as often as you can.



ON THE MOVE: They Jay Street planters can turn up anywhere, depending on the time you visit. Community News Group / Vince DiMiceli



Anne Levin

HAPPY KITTY: Suzy BQE enjoys being wrapped in a towel inside the vet's office, instead of sitting outside in the rain on the highway.

Another Levin saves another cat from the BQE

BY LAUREN GILL

This one goes up to e-Levin!

A Brooklyn Heights animal lover named Anne Levin saved an injured cat huddled on the side of the Brooklyn-Queens Expressway last Tuesday — making her the second Levin to save a distressed feline from the roadway in recent years, after Councilman Steve Levin made a similarly heroic effort in 2015.

The pair are not related, but are nevertheless united in their passion for keeping cats safe and off busy interstates, she said.

“He seems to be a very strong supporter of animal welfare,” said Anne Levin, who is president of animal activist group the Brooklyn Bridge Animal Welfare Coalition, best known for running the Cat Cafe on Atlantic Avenue.

Anne Levin bravely ditched her car underneath the Brooklyn Heights Promenade in evening rush-hour traffic while hunting for the distressed mouser after receiving a tip-off — easier said than done, because the forlorn furball was in such bad shape that it just looked like a pile of trash, she said.

“She looked like debris because she was so wet and huddled against the brick,” said Anne Levin.

She eventually spotted the animal and was able to wrap a towel around it and get it into a carrier, while peak-hour motorists politely gave the pair a wide berth.

“Everyone was being really understanding and no



Anne Levin

ANIMAL HERO: Anne Levin braved the Brooklyn-Queens Expressway to rescue a cat last Tuesday.

one was honking, they just quietly went around us,” Anne Levin said.

She immediately brought the furball — now named “Suzy BQE” — to the Park Slope Veterinary Center, where doctors found the cat’s fur had been scraped off her tail and feet, injuries probably sustained after being dragged underneath a car.

Really, the 1-year-old puss is lucky to be alive, Anne Levin said.

“Of all the things that could have potentially happened, she’s very fortunate,” she said. “She’d been out there awhile, she was pretty cold.”

Loretta, the cat rescued by Steve Levin (D-Boerum Hill), was equally beat up — *Continued on page 16*

Developer plans super tower for B’Hill

BY LAUREN GILL



SHINY AND NEW: The 74-story 80 Flatbush tower Alloy is proposing will be amongst the tallest in the borough. Alloy Development

Luxury developers revealed this week a plan to construct towers of 74 and 38 stories on the eastern edge of very low-rise Boerum Hill — a proposal of unprecedented density that neighbors will likely fight.

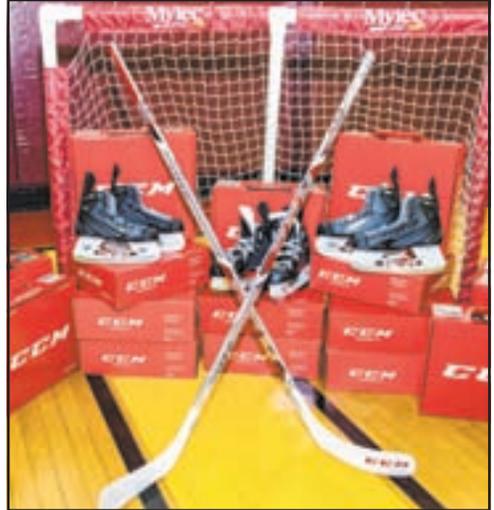
“It’s a massive project,” said Howard Kolins, president of the Boerum Hill Association. “Virtually nothing [in the proposal] is a benefit for people living there. You have to brace yourself for a large high-rise that you’d rather not be there.”

Alloy Development — which bought up the existing buildings on the block bounded by Third Avenue, Flatbush Avenue Extension, and State

Street, but was cagey on the details last year — disagreed, citing 200 units of below-market-rate housing in the 900-unit mixed-use complex, which will also feature retail and two new schools — one a 350-student elementary facility and another a new building for the Khalil Gibran International Academy, which will be able to expand from 160 to 350 students.

The plan would allow the Gibran Academy to move from its current, dilapidated space inside a 19th-century former Civil War infirmary, which would then be preserved as a cultural space, though Alloy did not reveal details.

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LaFontaine scores for kids

BY CAROLINE SPIVACK
 Call it an ice gesture.
 New York Islander legend Pat LaFontaine surprised hockey-loving tweens with high-end gear at the Madison Square Boys and Girls Club in Flatbush on March 29. More than 100 burgeoning athletes got the new sticks and skates to help sharpen their skills and spark the next generation of Brooklyn hockey greats. It was a heart-warming event that brought some heat to the chilly sport, said LaFontaine.
 "I remember the first pair

of skates I ever got, and to see these kids have that same opportunity is really special," said LaFontaine. "I couldn't be more excited for the kids at Madison to receive this donation from CCM."
 LaFontaine, CCM Hockey, and Brooklyn Sports and Entertainment donated more than \$30,000 worth of gear to the Madison Square Boys and Girls Club, which connects youth with activities their families typically can't afford.
 Kids will enjoy the gear as

part of the Islanders' Sticks and Skates program, which offers free ice skating and hockey clinics for all ages. The program also gives tykes a chance to glide around the rink free of charge each Monday from 4 to 5:30 pm at the Lakeside Ice Skating Rink in Prospect Park.
 It's a great opportunity for kids to learn their way around the rink, and the sports gear is a sorely needed addition that will help junior hockey-fans enjoy the sport first-hand, said one pint-sized player.

LIVING LEGEND: (Above) Former New York Islander Pat LaFontaine dropped in on students in the Madison Square Boys and Girls Club to present them with (center) new equipment that will help the kids hone their craft. (Left) The students lost it when LaFontaine told them they were getting the free gear. Photos by Caleb Caldwell

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The City of New York's Department of Housing Preservation and Development intends to exercise its renewal option with Church Avenue Merchants Block Association (CAMBA) for the provision of Eviction Prevention Services for Section 8 Tenants, Boro-wide, in Brooklyn and Queens. CAMBA is located at 2244 Church Avenue, 4th floor, Brooklyn, New York 11226. The term of the renewal is from 07/01/2017 to 06/30/2020. The E-PIN Number for this renewal is 80613P0001001R001. The proposed dollar value of this renewal is \$780,000. CAMBA provides a comprehensive program of support/intervention to prevent the incidence of homelessness in the Section 8 population. Services include, in part, short term/crisis intervention/case management and general services to prevent Section 8 families from risk of homelessness due to Section 8 voucher loss; provision of short term financial assistance for rent, mortgage or utility payments; provision of voucher recertification workshops; informational sessions on voucher compliance; housing court workshops; and on-going case management services to elderly, disabled and non-English speaking participants.

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Parachute Jump gets lit for autism

BY CAROLINE SPIVACK

It was an illuminating evening.

The Coney Island Parachute Jump glowed electric blue on April 2 in honor of World Autism Day. The lighting was preceded by an event aiming to shine a light on the developmental disorder and its stigma, said an organizer behind the event.

“Events like this are important because with more autism awareness comes more acceptance,” said Coney Islander Veronica Droz, who has an autistic 16-year-old daughter, and runs the Coney Island Autism Angels. “People who aren’t aware think our kids are spoiled and are just misbehaving, and when you have events like this they see the different levels of autism, and accept our children and stop judging the parents.”

Autism spectrum disorder refers to a variety of developmental disorders with a wide range of symptoms, such as difficulty communicating and interacting with others or performing repetitive tasks, according to the National Institute of Mental Health.

The condition is often misunderstood, but Droz’s group seeks to foster an accepting environment with a weekly “Different Not Less Social Group” — which meets Mondays at the Coney Island YMCA from 6:30 to 8 pm — where kids do arts and crafts and enjoy free pool play.

Councilman Mark Treyger (D-Coney Island) helped put on the event, which marked its fourth anniversary, and featured Disney characters, face painting, and stands hawking chocolate lollipops. It was the largest turnout yet, said a spokeswoman for the councilman.

“This year was the biggest by far,” said Samantha Ross, who coordinated



BIG BLUE: Coney Island’s Parachute Jump lit up blue for autism awareness on April 1.

Photo by Georgine Benvenuto

the event. “Even some people from Jersey showed up.”

The event also honored a trio of 60th Precinct police officers who helped rescued an autistic boy who had wandered off from school and waded through Coney Island Beach’s waters last spring.

The night culminated in a countdown that lit the towering structure to the tune of “We are the World.” It was an uplifting moment, said Ross.

“It was a beautiful night, and all for a good cause,” she said. “Next year will be even better.”

High-end stroller is stolen in Fort Greene

BY LAUREN GILL

Call it a nursery crime!

Police are hunting for a literal cradle snatcher who stole a luxury stroller and fancy baby accessories from in front of a Fort Greene brownstone on March 30.

The scoundrel lifted the high-end Uppababy Vista carriage containing an Infant-brand blanket and warmer — a combined value of \$1,030 — from the stoop between Carlton and Wiloughby avenues at 12:30 pm, accord-

ing to a report.

Security footage shows a rogue in blue jeans and a black hoodie jumping out of his gray four-door sedan to check out the goods, then return later with his hood up to swipe it.

Cops say their suspect is around 25 years old, 5-foot-10, and 170 pounds.

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Think I better dance, now!

Pols fight for right to party!

BY LAUREN GILL

They can dance if they want to!

Two hard-partying Brooklyn councilmen are backing a bill that will free bars and restaurants to let patrons get their groove on without the threat of being targeted by the city's dance police.

Councilmen Rafael Espinal (D-Bushwick) and Antonio Reynoso (D-Bushwick) say they are tired of an antiquated city law that bans dancing in bistros and dives without a hard-to-get cabaret license, while revealing that they are the ones cutting a rug.

"I've probably danced illegally more than anyone in this room, it's what I do," said Reynoso at a standing-room-only meeting on the law last Thursday at the Market Hotel in Bushwick. "It's what I have a passion for, so you'll catch

me dancing illegally in other places until we get this law gone from the book."

Espinal added that he enjoys getting down too, telling the crowd that he went on an OkCupid date eight years ago during which he danced all night at the same hotel while drinking 40 oz. of malt liquor he bought at the bodega downstairs.

That isn't allowed thanks to the controversial Prohibition-era cabaret law, which some say was put in place to target black jazz clubs, that sics cops on venues that allow people to boogie without a license. It was revved up back in the 1990s when then-Mayor Rudy Giuliani used the law to put nightclubs out of business, and the pols say it has since wreaked havoc in Brooklyn, where inspectors frequently cite people for not obeying the law with fines up to \$3,000 for



MAKE IT LEGAL: Right now it is illegal to dance in a bar or restaurant that doesn't have a so-called cabaret license, but two Bushwick councilmen want to change that. Associated Press / Ringo Chiu

the first offense.

Activists claim Brooklynites are going to get down no matter what, and the law is forcing them into unsafe spaces — like the Oakland, Calif., warehouse that burnt down with dozens of revelers inside — so they can move freely.

Espinal said repealing the

law is one of his top priorities right now, and he is trying to drum up support for the issue amongst his fellow Council members in the coming weeks.

But he thinks some pols might not get on board because they fear scrapping the law will impede on safety and

serenity in the neighborhoods where people are dancing.

"I think there's a lot of hesitation because they believe the law is in place to protect public safety and improve quality of life in communities," he said.

Espinal added he is in the process of crafting legislation that will repeal the law.

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Wasted

Police caught a green-thumb who allegedly stole a woman's composting bin from President Street on March 21.

The victim left her brown can out near Eighth Avenue around 10 pm for pickup and when she went to go bring it inside the next day around 8 pm, she discovered it was gone.

Roof jumper

Cops cuffed a guy who they say trespassed in a Prospect Place building by jumping roofs to get onto the property on March 22.

The suspect hopped onto the roof of the building near Carlton Avenue around 4 pm and entered the residence through an unlocked roof door before police arrested him, according to a report.

Park plunder

Officers nabbed a man who broke into a car as it was parked on Flatbush Avenue and allegedly stole its owner's paperwork on March 20.

The man broke the car's passenger-side window while it was in Prospect Park between 2:30 pm and 6:30 pm, authorities said.

Friend faux pas

Authorities arrested a woman who they say refused to give her friend's phone back after she left it at her Sterling Place apartment on March 19.

The victim told police she was visiting her friend near Sixth Avenue and left her phone there by accident around 5:30 am. She asked for it back several times, but the frenemy told her she was not going to give it back, according to a report.

Daytime break-in

Cops slapped cuffs on a guy who broke into a 13th Street apartment and stole a woman's wallet on March 22.

The suspect plowed through the locked front door of the residence between Third and Fourth avenues while its tenant was out for the day and lifted the wallet, which contained her credit cards. Later, police found the suspect in possession of the same wallet, authorities said.

— *Lauren Gill*

76TH PRECINCT

CARROLL GARDENS-COBBLE HILL-
RED HOOK

Random attack

Three bruisers punched a guy in the face on Baltic Street on March 30, police said.

The 41-year-old victim told police the three unknown curs came up to



POLICE BLOTTER

him between Bond and Hoyt streets at 3:10 pm and started punching him repeatedly, causing a swollen forehead. But he refused medical attention, officials said.

It was lit

Cops cuffed a guy for having marijuana on him and then trying to hide the evidence on Nevins and Butler streets on April 1.

Police saw the 25-year-old suspect in possession of lit pot at a little before 8 pm, and then he crushed it under his foot, according to cops.

Sick bandit

Officers nabbed a guy for swiping cold medicine from a Smith Street store on April 3.

The suspect tried to leave the store between Warren and Baltic streets at about 9:55 am with multiple bottles worth of cold medicine, officials said.

Hubcap bandit

Police arrested a guy who they say stole four hubcaps off a parked car on Baltic Street on April 2.

A witness spotted the suspect grab the plastic caps off the silver 2005 Toyota Corolla parked between Smith and Hoyt streets at about 5:10 pm, according to authorities. The 55-year-old suspect also had an active warrant, police said.

In a split second

A jerk swiped a guy's wallet he had left on a counter in a store near Lorraine Street on April 3, police said.

The guy told police he went to buy something in the store near Columbia Street sometime between 6:45 am and 8:15 am and walked out without his wallet, but when he went back inside, it was gone.

The sneak fled with his wallet containing two credit cards and a driver's license, according to cops.

Missing money

A malefactor swiped a wad of cash from a Court Street spa on April 1, police said.

The baddie took off with \$398 from a drawer inside the store between Degraw and Douglass streets at about 6 pm, police said.

Gunning for him

Cops cuffed a 17-year-old man for having a loaded gun and narcotics on him near Baltic and Nevins

streets on April 1.

The teen had a loaded 357-Magnum revolver on him at about 8:45 pm, along with narcotics, prescription medicine, and counterfeit bills, police said. And the suspect had stolen the gun, according to cops.

Stolen identity

Police arrested one of several guys who were depositing stolen checks at a Court Street bank on March 31.

The 22-year-old suspect, along with two sneaks who were not apprehended, cashed in 14 payroll checks for a total of \$4,126 in the financial institution between Union and Sackett streets at about 8:15 pm, according to authorities. Police charged the suspect with grand larceny, identity theft, and forgery, officials said.

— *Julianne Cuba*

84TH PRECINCT

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Unanswered prayer

A sneak lifted a backpack containing 50 pens and markers and a concealed carry license from a Monroe Place church on March 27.

The victim told police he put his knapsack with its six credit and debit cards, Samsung tablet, folder with taxes, 14 key rings, writing utensils, and the gun license on a coat rack inside the house of worship near Pierrepont Street at 6 pm and returned to discover a snake had taken it.

'A' for arrest

Cops cuffed a guy who was allegedly feeling up straphangers on a Manhattan-bound A train at the Hoyt-Schermerhorn station on March 27 to see if they had anything he could steal.

The suspect was entering and exiting the crowded blue bullet multiple times and touching passengers' pants pockets and bags in an attempt to take property around 8:45 am before police arrested him, according to a report.

Icy

A brute hit a guy and his vehicle with a car ice scraper on Warren Street on March 31.

The bruiser smashed his victim in the face with the ice removal tool near Nevins Street around 1:20 pm and then wreaked havoc on his

nearby car, authorities said. The scraper damaged the car in excess of \$250, said a report.

Cut

Some slasher cut a guy's face with a knife on Schermerhorn Street on March 30.

The guy got into a dispute with four punks by Bond Street at 3:20 pm and one lout pulled out the knife and ran it across his face, cops said. The victim was taken to Methodist Hospital, where he was treated for the laceration, but refused to give any information about his attackers, according to a report.

Plunder and punch

Police arrested a guy who they say stole \$20 worth of food from a Gold Street shop on March 31 and then punched a workers who tried to stop him.

The suspect attempted to steal sweets from the store between Tillary and Concord streets around 7:15 pm, but when he was detained, retaliated by punching the shop's owner and clerk, authorities said

— *Lauren Gill*

68TH PRECINCT

BAY RIDGE-DYKER HEIGHTS

Bad night

Four ruffians robbed a man at gunpoint in his home on 96th Street on April 2—and got away in his luxury car.

The victim told police that he was hanging out with two women in his apartment between Third and Fourth avenues at 2 am when one left for a smoke. When the woman came back she brought two more goons with her who began punching the victim in the face and chest, police said.

Then the baddies pulled out black handguns and held one to the victim's head, stating "Don't f----- look at me," according to a police report.

The other brute demanded cash and his car keys, but when the man refused, they forced him to lay down on the floor while they ransacked his apartment, making off with his Lexus car key, \$1,450, the man's passport, and a fan, according to a police report.

The men fled in the victim's white Lexus, police said.

Construction caper

A baddie busted into a subway construction site at 62nd Street and Fort Hamilton Parkway on April 3 and swiped welding gear.

A construction worker told police that the man hauled the heavy equipment away at roughly 2:30 pm.

Police are unsure how the man gained entry to the construction site, but a worker noted that a vehicle gate was left open that night, officials said.

— *Caroline Spivack*

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Dough! Kids make matzoh

BY JULIANNE CUBA

They kneaded that!

Kids prepping for Passover had the unleavened experience of a lifetime when they got a chance to make their very own matzoh — at the Jewish Children’s Museum in Crown Heights on April 2. But getting a taste of the beloved bread wasn’t even half as fun as playing with it, said Bergen Beacher Alex Mermelstein, who made the dough with his wife and 10-month-old.

“It was a lot of fun, my son was very excited to play

with the rolling pan and all the tools we got to use, and of course the dough itself,” he said. “The museum staff was incredible, they did everything they could to make the kids have a lot of fun and the adults had a lot of fun, we had a great time.”

The Shorefront Y in Brighton Beach hosted the event for about 10 families to make the trek to Crown Heights as part of the organization’s “Shabbat Your Way” programming for families and children, said coordinator Veronica Volpert.

The youngsters learned the history of the holiday and food — and of course got to sample it right out of the oven, said the museum’s Meyer Rodal, who taught the kids in the museum’s model bakery.

“We talked about the upcoming Jewish holiday, talked about why we eat matzoh, the history of it and then how to make it,” said Rodal. “We made flour, made the dough, every kid got a chance to roll out his own matzoh, then put in the oven, and were able to taste it.”

MMMM, MATZOH!: (Above) Bergen Beachers Alex and Joy Mermelstein and their son Charlie enjoyed kneading the dough to make matzoh at the Jewish Children’s Museum on April 2 ahead of Passover. (Left) Meyer Rodal bakes the dough in the museum’s oven in its model bakery.

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HOT DIGGETY!

Feltman's returns to the Coney Island

BY CAROLINE SPIVACK

This underdog is making a comeback!

Feltman's of Coney Island is returning to the People's Playground, where the restaurant's founder invented the hot dog 150 years ago. The original Feltman's closed in 1954, but a historian-turned-restaurateur has resurrected the brand and is bringing it back to Coney to keep the founder's story alive.

"I always wanted to bring back the original Coney Island hot dog, and I want to make sure everyone knows who Charles Feltman is," said Michael Quinn, who revived the recipe used by founder Charles Feltman — the man who taught a young bun slicer named Nathan Handwerker everything he knew about franks. "I want to bring this obscure figure back to light — he was a very

important player in Coney Island. He believed in Coney Island before anyone else did."

Feltman's will return to its birthplace this summer, replacing the shuttered Cyclone Cafe and White Castle at W. 10th Street and Surf Avenue on land that is now owned by Luna Park. The park is leasing the lot to Quinn, where he'll fling franks for customers at the sit-down hot dog stand and through a kiosk in the back. Feltman's only other location is on the distant isle of Manhattan, though the brand ships across the country.

The 8-inch dog is made out of uncured beef with Feltman's secret spice blend. And the succulent sausage comes in a smaller, skinless version for kids — to eliminate the choking hazard of a casing. The old world

taste is even preferred by prolific Nathan's hot dog muncher Takeru Kobayashi, said Quinn.

"Kobayashi loves us. He said it tastes just like steak," said Quinn. "It has an Old World German spice blend to it — no nitrates are added."

But today, Feltman's serves more than classic Coney dogs. The "Al Capone" is also on the menu, which Quinn invented — a hot dog smothered in Michael's of Brooklyn vodka sauce and sprinkled with shredded Parmesan cheese in honor of the Brooklyn gangster who used to stop by for a frank before heading to work as a bouncer at Coney Island's Harvard Inn. It adds to the grub's exciting history, said Quinn.

"There's nothing better than going up to the counter and saying, 'Can I have an Al Capone?'"



GET YOUR RED HOTS!: Historian turned restaurateur Michael Quinn is bringing Feltman's of Coney Island back to the People's Playground. Photo by Georgine Benvenuto

said Quinn. "It gives them a sense of empowerment."

Quinn has yet to determine how much the Al Capone will go for, but customers can purchase a classic hot dog for \$4.25 — in the ballpark of his competition down the block. The restaurateur resurrected the wholesome original hot dog as a high-quality alter-

native to franks like Nathan's Famous, but as far as a hot dog rivalry goes, Quinn feels he doesn't have a dog in that fight.

"I'm not going to name names, but most hot dog brands use lower-quality meat, and for a lot of places, their secret spice is a ton of garlic powder," said Quinn. "I honestly believe we have a superior product, but as far

as a rivalry goes, that's up to them. We're focused on what we're doing — on bringing back the original hot dog."

Feltman's brick-and-mortar Coney Island home will officially open its doors on Memorial Day, but Quinn will set up a kiosk after noon on April 9 for the amusement district's opening day.

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Three volts to borough daughter **Candice Tsay**, a researcher and senior planning analyst in Demonstration Projects, at **Consolidated Edison**, for winning the Technology Transfer Award from the **Electric Power Research Institute**.

Standing O pal Candice was part of a three-member team that worked with the institute to determine the value distributed energy resources — such as solar, wind, combined heat and power, and storage — can have in helping Con Edison keep service reliable in areas where the need for power is growing.

Con Edison provided the findings in a proceeding before the New York State Public Service Commission. That proceeding resulted in a commission order that seeks to determine how much money the owners of certain distributed energy resources should receive for the benefits they provide to the electrical grid, reliability, and the environment.

Candice has worked for the energy giant since June 2014.

Joining her on the research team were **Tom Mimmagh**, department manager of Utility of the Future, and **Steve Wemple**, general manager in Utility of the Future.

Standing O says, “Thanks a watt.”

They're playing in 'Big Joe's' honor

SHEEPSHEAD BAY

More than one hundred **St. Edmund Preparatory High School** faculty, alumni, and students met on March 26 for the fourth annual **Joe Romano Memorial 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament**. The event pays tribute to the man who spent many hours in the gym and on the field mentoring hundreds of **Eagles**. “**Big Joe**” **Romano** was a dedicated coach



of both baseball and basketball at the school for more than 15 years until he lost his fight with pancreatic cancer in August 2013. The funds raised by the tournament support the annual **Joe Romano Memorial Scholarship**, which is awarded each spring to a rising senior.

Joe Romano, Jr., who teaches history at the school, succeeded his father as the varsity baseball coach and also assists with junior varsity boys basketball.

Present at the tribute were Alumni Division Winners: **Jamel Gist, Nolan Adams, '99; Brian Shea, '07; and Tommy Guerin, '05**. Student Division Winners: **Joe Castello, '17; Conor Leon, '18; and Richie Simon, '18** (Richie is also the recipient of the 2017 Joe Romano Memorial Scholarship). This team was sponsored by **Andy Louison, '03**.

In the women's division, the winners were **Nina DiCioccio, '16; Kelly O'Donnell, '17; Ryann Duffy, '17; and Jordan Lauderborn, '19**. This team was sponsored by the school's faculty member **Jillian Banilover, '09**.

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EAST FLATBUSH

It's Kristal clear!

Kristal Auto Mall is getting a big Standing O for its season-long partnership to aid the **Joe Torre East Highway Little League** organization. In the spirit of community collaboration and teamwork taught through youth sports, the auto giant is supporting the ball team through the **Chevy Youth**



STYLIN': The stylists and women from the Brooklyn Community Transitional Living Community after their makeover spa day at the Headchop Salon. Rachel Elkind

Golden scissors to these stylists

WILLIAMSBURG

Cheers to the snippers at **Headchop Salon** for supplying makeovers, new 'dos, and pampering to the ladies from **Brooklyn Community Services' Transitional Living Community**. The whole shop shut down to provide a little tender loving care in honor of International Women's Day to provide six lucky gals who have reached their housing milestone services and will soon leave the shelter for their own apartments. Amenities on spa day included professional hairstylists, makeup artists, and a photographer to document the makeovers.

The Transitional Living Community program in East New York supports women who are temporarily in the shelter system and are re-

covering from severe trauma, such as domestic violence, sexual assault, and mental health conditions and are seeking secure, safe, and permanent housing.

“The impact that a beauty makeover has on TLC women that are close to permanent housing is amazing,” said **Adrienne Terry**, program director at the agency. “Not only does the makeover provide them a sense of normalcy, it is an ultimate reward for all the hard work they accomplished that led up to obtaining permanent housing.”

Standing O gives a great big O to the staff at Headchop Salon and a big high-five to the women who are starting on the next part of their journey, “Good luck ladies.”

Headchop Salon [86 Berry St. in Williamsburg, (347) 844-9635].

Baseball Program. The dealership is hitting the ball out of the park with this sponsorship, which includes monetary and equipment donations during the present youth baseball season.

Chevy Youth Baseball is a grassroots initiative that establishes a positive relationship between local dealers and the community.

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“We are looking forward to a great season with Joe Torre East Highway Little League that will be filled with exciting games and an enhanced experience for the teams through the equipment and cash donations” said **Phil Spoto** of Kristal. “Chevy Youth Baseball is just one example of how

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BAY RIDGE

Ten and counting

Standing O wishes **Father Gerasimos Makris** of **Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church synxaphthpia** (congratulations) on his 10th year serving the church and the community.

Standing O pal **John Quaglione**, aide-de-camp to state Sen. **Marty Golden** (R-Bay Ridge), congratulated

and presented Father Makris with a New York State Senate Resolution on his behalf.

“I was truly honored to represent Senator Golden in presenting a New York State Senate Resolution to Father Gerasimos Makris on the occasion of his 10th anniversary of service to Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church. Father Makris is truly an extraordinary individual who has made many contributions in faith and service to so many. Senator Golden and I wish him much continued success in the future,” John said.

Standing O says to Father Makris, “*Efcharisto poli* (thank you) for your service.”

Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church [8401 Ridge Blvd. at 84th Street in Bay Ridge, (718) 836-3510].

Rebounding from a late start to retirement savings

Some people do not have the ability to begin saving for retirement early on. Others may have brushed retirement savings aside for so long that they are now worried that it's too late to begin socking away money for retirement.

While it's best to start saving for retirement as early as possible, the good news is that it's never too late to start planning for retirement. If your 40th birthday has long passed and you're finally thinking ahead to retirement, consider these catch-up strategies.

- Research tax-advantageous retirement savings plans. A financial planner can point you in the right direction, or consult with your employer about employee programs. Deposit money into a 401(k) or 403(b) plan or another retirement vehicle. Jump on any opportunities when your employer matches invested funds. Investigate an IRA and find out if there are any government incentives. Depending on your age, you may be able to deposit more money into such accounts than other investors.

- Cut back on expenses. Cutting back on unnecessary expenses is a great way to save more money for retirement. Fig-



ure out where you can save some money you can then allocate to retirement savings. Maybe you can reduce insurance coverage on an older car or raise your deductible? Downsize cable packages or skip that costly cup of coffee on the way to work. Perhaps it's time to look for a smaller, less expensive home or a compact car instead of an SUV. Any money saved now will benefit you when the time comes time to bid farewell to the workforce.

- Delay your retirement. Many peo-

ple who retire find themselves bored and looking for ways to fill their time, and as a result more and more people are delaying their retirement, which also gives them more time to save for that day when they do call it quits. If you want to work less, discuss and negotiate a phased retirement with your bosses that allows you to stick with your employer but gradually work fewer hours until you retire completely. You may be able to work part-time for several years and retire when you're most comfortable.

- Consider more aggressive funds. Even if you are 50 you still have a few decades before retirement, which leaves lots of time to grow your retirement savings. But you may want to consider more aggressive funds that can help you catch up more quickly than less aggressive investments. Just know that aggressive funds may also leave you susceptible to substantial losses.

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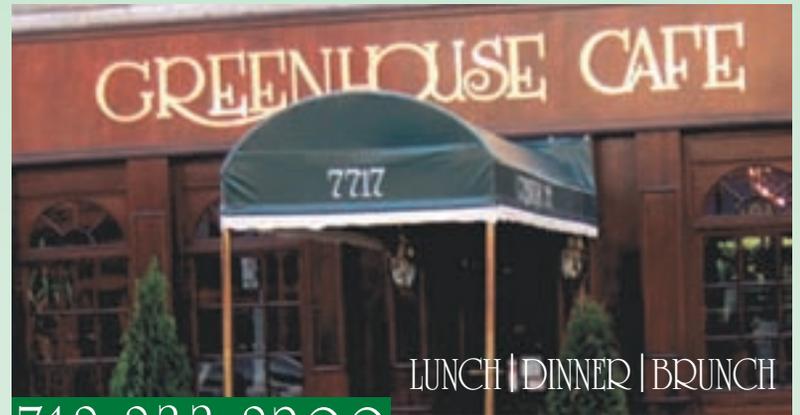
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Well, he’ll certainly get a dialogue, thoughtful or otherwise. After all, Alloy’s proposal is huge — a whopping 50 percent bigger than current zoning allows. Overall, the project calls for a floor-area-ratio — which is a measure of a project’s size relative to the lot size — of 18, even though the current city cap is 12.

Last year, a developer tried to rezone a Downtown lot to the same 18 floor-area ratio, but that bid was shot down, as members of the City Council did not want to set a precedent that would open the door to massive development. That company, Savanna, eventu-

ally downsized the plan and got its rezoning.

But Alloy’s effort to break the ultimate glass ceiling might succeed, said the local pol whose voice will carry weight among the full Council, which typically defers to the member who represents the affected neighborhood.

“It’s a little bit different than a regular private development going for 18 FAR in that it’s got two schools,” said Councilman Steve Levin (D-Boerum Hill). “There’s a significant public benefit associated with it that isn’t associated with every private development project.”

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drop, crashes on the strip killed three people and injured 137 pedestrians between Nov. 6, 2012 and Nov. 6, 2014, while in the two years following the change, collisions there killed one person and injured 102 pedestrians, according to Transportation Alternatives’ own data.

“It’s not about revenue,” said Steely White. “It’s about lives.”

The state recently banned drivers on Ocean Parkway from turning onto Avenues J, Avenue P, and Kings Highway — as well as making left-hand turns onto Avenues I and U — as part of what the state called a safety overhaul. But some locals, including Hikind, say they’ve actually made things less safe because people aren’t consistently observing the new rules.

On March 24, a driver jumped the curb and collided into a pillar outside an Avenue J home after he allegedly tried

to speed up and cut off another motorist in the intersection. With that kind of recklessness going on, it would be irresponsible to allow people to go even faster, said one resident.

“It’s hard to argue for higher speed limits when we cannot show the city that driving has gotten better,” said Midwood man Simon Gifter.

City pols and officials are also against the change — Councilman Brad Lander (D-Kensington) called it “myopic, faux-populist overreach” in an impassioned Facebook post which likened the proposal to Albany overruling his plastic-bag fee. Meanwhile, DeBlasio vowed to fight it.

“I think it would make people less safe, and we’re going to fight against any measure that would make New Yorkers less safe,” he said at a press conference last week.

However, DeBlasio also tried to halt the recent changes on Ocean Parkway, and the state just ignored him.

CANAL

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tion have been making headlines all year. The Donald wants to gut \$330 million from the Superfund program, and state Attorney

General Eric Schneiderman and other local pols last week warned the cuts would reduce oversight and ultimately hold up the scrub.

But others dismissed that as fearmongering, arguing the whole thing will ultimately be paid for by the polluters and the

project is already well underway.

Workers began preparing the canal for dredging last year and are set to start scooping up sludge later this year, but the entire cleanup won’t be completed until at least 2022.

RESCUE

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he found it bullet-ridden and pregnant on a Williamsburg stretch of the roadway.

Vets will need to amputate

Suzu BQE’s mutilated tail eventually, but she isn’t yet strong enough for the surgery.

The cat will go up for adoption once she recovers, and Anne Levin is banking on finding a safe home where she’ll have many more of her nine lives left to live.

“We’re hoping to find her a home where she’ll stay off freeways,” she said.

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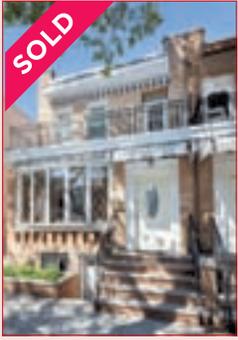


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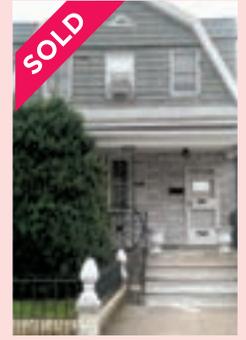
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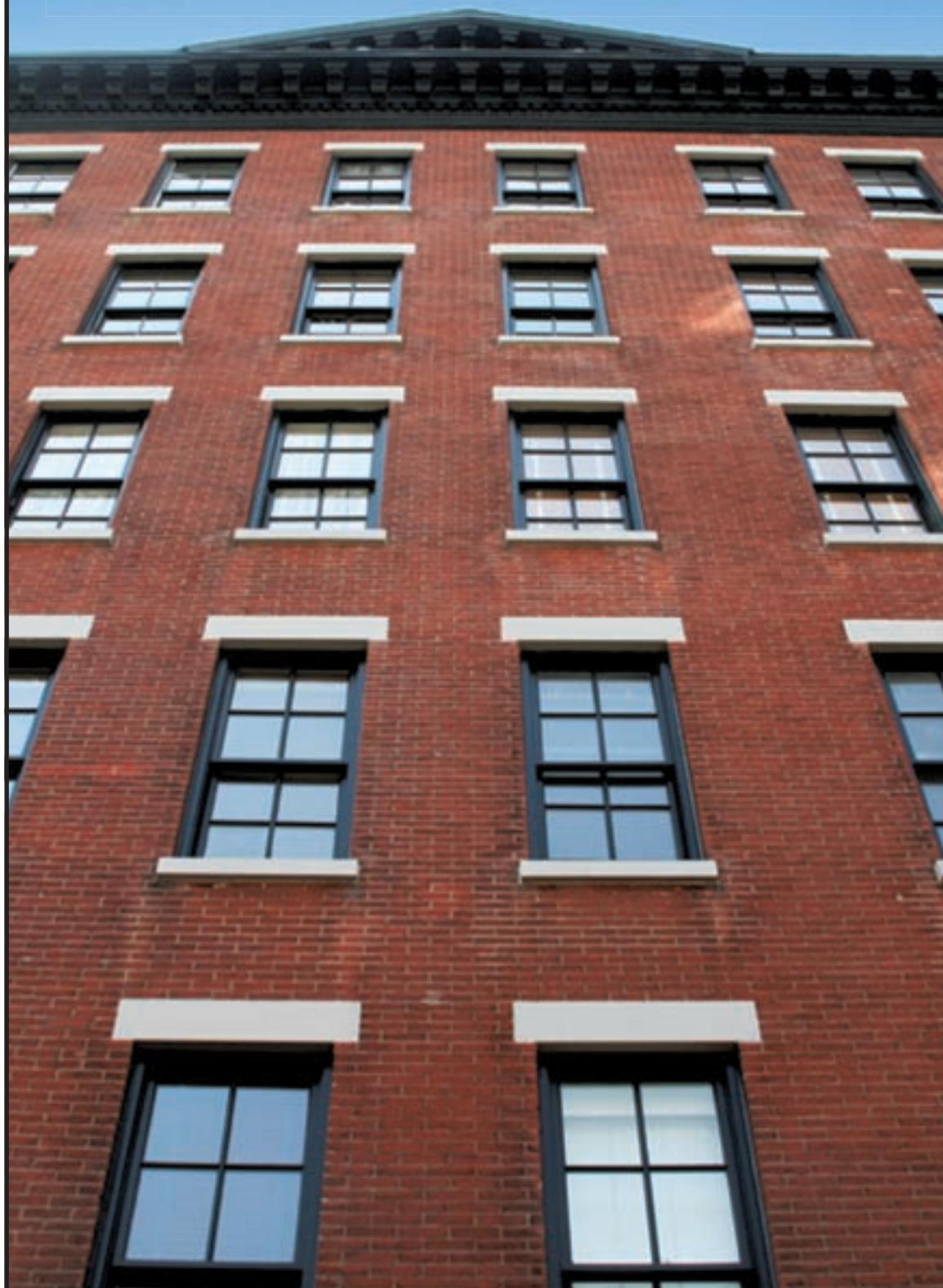
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Tall story: Readers weigh in on tower

A developer of luxury properties this week revealed a plan to build towers that will rise 74 and 38 stories on the eastern edge of very low-rise Boerum Hill—a proposal of unprecedented density that will surely bring pushback from locals (“Unprecedented! Developer seeks super tall tower for Boerum Hill block,” by Lauren Gill, online April 5).

Howard Kolins, president of the Boerum Hill Association, called it “a massive project” in which “virtually nothing is a benefit for people living there. You have to brace yourself for a large high-rise that you’d rather not be there.”

Alloy Development — which bought up the existing buildings on the block bounded by Third Avenue, Flatbush Avenue Extension, and State Street, but was not totally forthcoming on specifics last year — disagreed with the project’s critics, citing 200 units of below-market-rate housing in the 900-unit mixed-use complex, which will also feature retail and two new schools. And Councilman Steve Levin (D-Boerum Hill) noted that the fact that two schools are factored into the development plan means “There’s a significant public benefit associated with it that isn’t associated with every private development project.”

Nevertheless, Alloy’s proposal is 50 percent bigger than current zoning allows. It calls for a floor-area-ratio — which measures the size of a project relative to the size of the lot it’s on — of 18, even though the current city cap is 12. Predictably, interest in the proposal among our readers was high:

Since when did we decide that developers are responsible for building schools? Where is the school construction authority? That is their job and our taxes go to pay for them, as they always have. Our elected officials should not be shaking down developers to build infrastructure — unless of course, they see campaign funds from these deals like what DeBlasio did with CFONY. We all lose in that equation.

Deb from Brooklyn

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LETTERS AND COMMENTS FROM OUR READERS

I am in favor of new schools but do we need 70 stories plus to build them? This is a monstrosity. Godzilla moving in. Reminds me of what happened to the hutungs in Beijing. They better have a Fresh Direct receiving room. Dangle a school — catch a council member.

Sid from Boerum Hill

These affordable units are a swindle. They only rent below market once. If the renter makes even a dollar more than they should, they get evicted. The apartment then flips to market rate. The developer keeps the tax breaks. I got this info directly from Acadia of City Point when I went to an application seminar. If this development is going to happen it would be wise for residents to push for less residential space and more office space. The benefits of office space are that workers spend on local businesses in the morning and at lunch then leave after 5. They don’t compete for resources or overcrowd an already overcrowded neighborhood.

David D from Bensonhurst

We do not need this ridiculous building. There is an over-supply of housing in the area from all the other unnecessary buildings that have been built, which has been widely reported.

Steph from Clinton Hill

Has anyone read about over-supply of housing in Downtown? Does anyone know what the status of the Bossert Hotel is on Montague Street? I haven’t seen any work being done for months. Expect the next bubble to burst.

ujh from Downtown Brooklyn

I’m certainly not opposed to focusing massive development on the transit-rich Flatbush corridor as we’re seeing — but that has to come with recognition that our transit system is creaking under the weight of heavy 24/7 usage and criminal under-investment from our friends in Albany.

And folks, there’s not an over-supply of housing. There’s an “overpricing” of housing. When developers price to the market and not to their wet dreams, you’ll find that there are literally millions of people who’d like to live here. Why is Nashville’s alt-rock culture exploding? Because young creative people can’t afford to move to Brooklyn.

Boeingsandbikes from Park Slope

I am living next door to this proposal and do not look forward to the

loss of light nor to the crowds of people joining the impossible traffic along Third Avenue.

I am mostly concerned about the fact that for the now approximately 7,000 families moving within four blocks of my home there is no supermarket, tailor shop, deli, dry cleaner, shoe repair, greengrocer or other shop-keeper planned or made available. Not everyone wants to have food delivered by refrigerated truck or wants to live on take-out.

Eric A from Boerum Hill

This will end badly. Accepting that project renderings can be deceptive, the taller of the two is way too tall for the zone. ULURP will apply so the neighbors will have some control. But please remember that the birds need somewhere to land in the new Downtown. Starting to look like Las Vegas around here lately.

Blogger Bill from Boerum Hill

Seeking the truth

To the editor,

The fool in the White House who, in my opinion, is our make-believe President, lied about his tax return. He should release all his tax returns like all the other commander-in-chiefs. It is time to get to the truth about this information.

He lied about former President Obama hacking in Trump Towers. He lied about former Manhattan U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara when he said he would keep him on.

Trump and the Republican Congress lied about healthcare. Why can’t we the people get the same health care that Congressmen and Senators get? We the American taxpayers are paying for Senators’ and Congressmen’s health insurance. Trump also lied about the Russian meddling in the American election.

Trump’s Republican slaves (especially House Speaker Paul Ryan, who originally didn’t want Trump to be President) should know better. They should tell the truth that they in fact do not care about low and middle income people. They just care about themselves and the very wealthy.

Robert W. Lobenstein Marine Park

Take a close look

To the editor,

In her April 4 op-ed (“Linda Sarsour: NYC’s Queen of Hate”) in the New York Post, Lahav Harkov, The Jerusalem Post’s senior Knesset correspondent, takes on Linda Sarsour

for preaching hatred as she portrays herself as a champion of equality. Ms. Harkov is right on target. Sarsour’s hateful rhetoric, her support of far-left causes, and her belief in Sharia law are well known in the communities of Bay Ridge and Dyker Heights that she calls home.

In short, Ms. Sarsour is radical and wrong in her views. As Harkov says in her piece, this past week Sarsour shared a dais with Rasmia Odeh who “was convicted in Israel of killing two Hebrew University students in a 1969 terrorist attack and of planning an attack on the British Consulate ... Odeh has become a leftist hero. Sunday night she and Sarsour embraced, and Sarsour gushed to the audience about feeling ‘honored and privileged to be here in this space, and honored to be on this stage with Rasmia.’”

Ms. Harkov also briefly cites Linda Sarsour’s activities as executive director of the Arab-American Association of New York (AAANY). This organization is worth a far closer look. The New York Post reported on March 13 that the nonprofit hosted political functions for the Muslim Democrats and a phone-bank used by Sen. Bernie Sanders during his bid for president; violations of both state and federal laws!

On March 20, I sent a letter calling on New York State Attorney General Eric Schneiderman to investigate the AAANY, Ms. Sarsour, and its treasurer, Khader El-Yateem to see, if in fact, taxpayer dollars were used to promote political activity. To date, the attorney general’s office has not replied. Significantly, Mr. El-Yateem is a Democratic candidate in Brooklyn’s 43rd City Council District, and Sarsour is his biggest supporter, who emceed his campaign kickoff announcement. Sarsour stated: “If you elect Khader El-Yateem you will have better than the first Arab-American into the City Council. If you get him you get all of us into the City Council.” Brooklyn does not need someone who represents Linda Sarsour’s views in City Hall.

I hope readers would join me in calling for this investigation. This is America, Linda Sarsour is allowed to spew all the hate she wants, but she can’t use our hard-earned tax dollars to help finance her far-left friends.

Bob Capano Bay Ridge

Bob Capano is a Republican candidate for Council in the 43rd District, covering Bay Ridge, Dyker Heights, Bath Beach and Bensonhurst.

TOP DRIVER DISTRACTIONS

Using mobile phones

Leading the list of the top distractions behind the wheel are mobile phones. Phones now do more than just place calls, and drivers often cannot pull away from their phones, even when driving. According to the California Department of Motor Vehicles, studies have shown that driving performance is lowered and the level of distraction is higher for drivers who are heavily engaged in cell

phone conversations. The use of a hands-free device does not lower distraction levels. The percentage of vehicle crashes and near-crashes attributed to dialing is nearly identical to the number associated with talking or listening.

Daydreaming

Many people will admit to daydreaming behind the wheel or looking at a person or object outside of the car for too long. Per-

haps they're checking out a house in a new neighborhood or thought they saw someone they knew on the street corner. It can be easy to veer into the direction your eyes are focused, causing an accident. In addition to trying to stay focused on the road, some drivers prefer the help of lane departure warning systems.

Eating

Those who haven't quite mastered walking and

chewing gum at the same time may want to avoid eating while driving. The majority of foods require a person's hands to be taken off of the wheel and their eyes to be diverted from the road. Reaching in the back seat to share some French fries with the kids is also distracting.

Try to eat meals before getting in the car. For those who must snack while en route, take a moment to pull over at

a rest area and spend 10 minutes snacking there before resuming the trip.

Reading

Glancing at an advertisement, updating a Facebook status or reading a book are all activities that should be avoided when driving. Even pouring over a traffic map or consulting the digital display of a GPS system can be distracting.

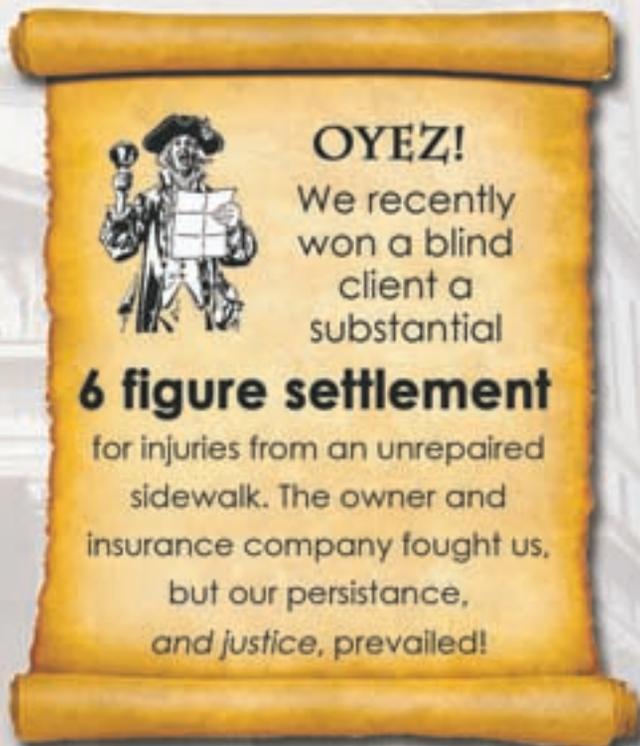
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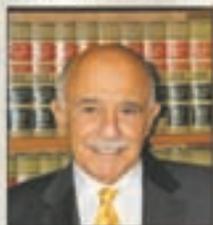
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That's because this airport is the jewel in the crown of Gulliver's Gate, a mind-boggling scale model of the world, unlike anything I'd ever seen (including that cool model of New York City at the Queens Museum).

Buildings the size of luggage, paperclip-high people, dogs no bigger than jellybeans, and hats the size of cake crumbs — the place is a riot of minutiae. But equally thrilling is the fact that as you walk through this world in miniature you take a couple of steps to tour Grand Central Station (peering at the 4, 5, and 6 subways underneath), then a few feet later you're in Paris, with a stopover in Rome. Then it is on to Beijing, Buenos Aires, Stonehenge, and Angkor Wat. Can the Pyramids be far behind?

Of course not. They're right across from the Red Square.



RHYMES WITH CRAZY

Lenore Skenazy

And all along the way, jokes and juxtapositions await anyone who looks a little closer: Who is crossing London's Abby Road? Four mini moptopped musicians. And look over there, below sea level: a yellow submarine!

The exhibit, the size of a city block, opened on April 6 and represents the work of 600 artists. It is expected to welcome up to 4,000 people — real ones, life size — daily, and take 90 minutes to walk around.

The adult ticket price becomes \$36 after about a month of previews, with the place poised to become a Times Square attraction every bit as quintessential as a Broadway show, or hug from a slightly drunk Elmo.

"And all the while, things are happening," said Gulliver's marketing director, Jason Hackett, as he toured me around the world, still being assembled. "Lights and bells — constant motion — it's an amazing symphony of interaction."

Cars honk and trains toot above the hum of ambient sound recorded in whatever country you're looking at. And then there are 137 different keyholes you can put your key in to make something else happen: Your face appears in the pounding water of Niagara Falls, or a volcano erupts. What's more, if you want to add yourself as a citizen of the world, you can have an itty-bitsy 3D print of yourself placed in one of 15 crowd scenes — for instance, in front of the Louvre.

The day I visited, two sculptors were busy carving a mountain for Guang-

zhou, China, while boxes of parsley-sized trees were being unloaded into Europe. South America had been held up at customs — all the overseas countries were actually made overseas. And Melanie Jelacic, a model maker, was working on the airport.

"We want it to look very modern," said Jelacic, who'd previously created window displays at stores including Macy's and Tiffany's.

The Gulliver airport is hyper-realistic. That means that in the shops you can see — if you squint — there's candy, cosmetics, souvenirs, and even a rack of neck pillows.

"Each pillow is so tiny, smaller than a sequin," said Jelacic. And then there are the Gulliver's Gate mugs. "They're smaller than an ant — they're like the back end of an ant. A lot of the times, if you drop them on the floor, they just disappear. I've dropped chairs, which are a little easier to find, but I also dropped a tray of vases that just rolled onto the floor and I lost them."

Although we're talking about a scale model airport, it is still bigger than most Man-

hattan apartments — 2,000 square feet, with 11 workers weaving around each other.

"Our team has to climb under and over the table," said Jelacic. "That's a knee-killer. It's a big dance trying to stay out of engineering and electrical's way."

Inside the airport, there will be mini people sleeping in chairs, re-charging their phones, and, of course, racing to catch their planes. To add to the real-feel, the model makers even built an art deco abandoned terminal, surrounded by a pockmarked roadway and dead grass. Meantime, the "in use" tarmac will be buzzing with luggage trucks, and littered with tire rubber from the planes constantly taking to the sky.

Even after the exhibit opens, Jelanic and crew will be adding, tweaking, fixing, perhaps forever. Visitors will be able to watch it change.

Which is pretty much how it works in the actual size world, too.

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Exercise is an important component of a healthy lifestyle. Daily exercise can improve mood, promote an active lifestyle, and reduce a person's risk for a host of ailments, including diabetes and heart disease.

Despite the importance of exercise, many people live sedentary lifestyles into their golden years. Seniors who want to embrace a healthier way of life and get more physically active should first consult with their physicians before beginning an exercise regimen. Certain medications may limit just how far

seniors can push themselves, while preexisting conditions may make specific types of exercise off limits. After discussing their limitations with their physicians and developing a safe exercise routine, seniors can heed the following tips to avoid injury but still get healthy:

Pick a partner. Whether it's a spouse or a friend who is physically active or wants to be, try exercising with a partner, at least initially. Doing so can provide the motivation you need and partners can serve as safety nets should you need assistance completing an

exercise or suffer an injury and require medical attention. Personal trainers can serve as your partner, and many gyms offer discounts to seniors on personal training services.

Start slowly. Seniors who have not been physically active for some time should take a gradual approach to exercise. Instead of heading right for the treadmill, exercise bike, or elliptical machine, start walking every day. When it rains, find a treadmill you can walk on. The American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons recommends seniors begin by determining how many

steps they can take in a day and then gradually working toward 10,000 to 15,000 steps per day. Utilize step counting apps on your smartphone to track your progress. Apply the same slow approach to strength training exercises, lifting only very light weights at first before gradually increasing weight as your body acclimates to the exercises.

Stretch. Bodies that have been inactive for lengthy periods of time are inflexible, and lack of flexibility increases your risk for injury. The Academy recommends that seniors warm up their bodies before

stretching with five to 10 minutes of low-intensity activity such as walking. Then stretch gently, remembering to relax and breathe during each stretch.

Switch things up. When strength training, do not work the same muscle group two days in a row. Muscles need time to recover. If you prefer circuit strength training where you exercise various muscle groups in one day, do not strength train on back-to-back days, leaving at least one day in between strength training sessions so muscles have ample time to recover.



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How to protect seniors from scams

Last month in Care Chronicle, we explored some of the most common scams that impact the lives of vulnerable New York seniors. As the number and type of these schemes grows, it's essential for older adults and their caregivers — especially for those dealing with dementia — to be informed and careful. This month, I'm sharing tips on how to protect yourself and others, and what to do if you think you or someone else has fallen victim to fraud.

First and foremost, as a caregiver, you must remain vigilant and aware of your family member's finances. It's an added responsibility, yes, but one that can save you from future heartache and even financial ruin.

Your trash is a fertile hunting ground for people looking for personal information. Always shred documents that could be useful to criminals. These include bank statements, credit cards, bills, and other documents that contain personal details. Tax returns should always be stored away securely. Keep a watchful eye on incoming mail. Be on the lookout for suspicious letters or solicitations.

If you become aware that the person you're caring for is receiving fraudulent telephone solicitations, add the phone numbers to the national Do-Not-Call Registry — and, if you do get one of these calls, don't engage in conversation. Hang up right away. Never give out personal information or agree to give money over the phone.

As my own father's dementia progressed, my mom and I learned too late that he wrote checks to questionable "charities." The lesson? Create a written "giving plan" that lists organizations you and your family members support and stick to it. Keep in mind that legitimate charities are registered



Care Chronicle

Lou-Ellen Barkan

with the state's attorney general.

Watch for unfamiliar individuals who take interest in an older adult's life. Lonely or isolated seniors may be vulnerable to criminals who befriend them. Someone with Alzheimer's or dementia is particularly vulnerable to strangers.

"Phishing" is a nefarious computer practice that tricks you into giving passwords or credit card numbers to someone who pretends to be from a legitimate company. A good rule of thumb is to never provide personal information in response to unsolicited e-mails or internet messages. Create strong passwords for the person in your care.

Even the most careful person can become the victim of financial fraud. If you suspect that you or someone else is a victim, contact local law enforcement as soon as possible.

You may need documentation for credit bureaus, creditors, debt collectors, or other companies to support your claims. If you are unable to obtain a copy of the police report, be sure to get the report number.

If you notice that any account has been altered, or opened without consent, close it immediately. Call each bank or company and then follow up in writing to its fraud department. If you open new accounts, be sure to create new and different PINs and passwords.

For questions, call CaringKind at (646) 744-2900 or visit www.caring-kindnyc.org.

Eldercare attorneys make great assets

Few people want to imagine growing old, but a time comes in every person's life when he or she must begin planning for the golden years, including making arrangements regarding healthcare and housing. Elder planning can be confusing, but having an experienced, knowledgeable person on your side can make all the difference.

Eldercare attorneys can offer expertise in areas of managed care and government plans that can help individuals retain more of their personal assets, even when their ability to control those assets is compromised. Any lawyer can create a will and draw up an estate plan. Elder lawyers are well-versed in programs such as Medicare and Medicaid and can help clients navigate their way through other potentially complex issues and programs as well.

These attorneys and those who specialize in estate planning may have specific knowledge of any or all of the following areas:

- Social Security and disability claims and appeals.
- Preservation of assets.
- Tax planning.
- Conservatorships and guardianships.
- Elder abuse and fraud recovery.
- Housing issues and nursing home placement.
- Estate administration.
- Managed care.

According to the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys, Inc., finding an eldercare or special-needs attorney can take a little research. Specialized senior groups like AARP or groups advocating for certain diseases may be able to offer information regarding local attorneys.

You also can consult with an attorney you trust and



Elder care attorneys can help seniors and their heirs navigate the confusing waters of estate planning and managed care.

ask for a recommendation. You may want to choose a NAELA Member Attorney so you can rest easy knowing the attorney is meeting national standards. You may also seek referrals from friends or family members.

If finances are a concern, address these concerns with the attorney. Some will charge hourly or offer a flat fee. Rates may be negotiable, and keep in mind that the money spent on retaining an attorney may pale in compar-

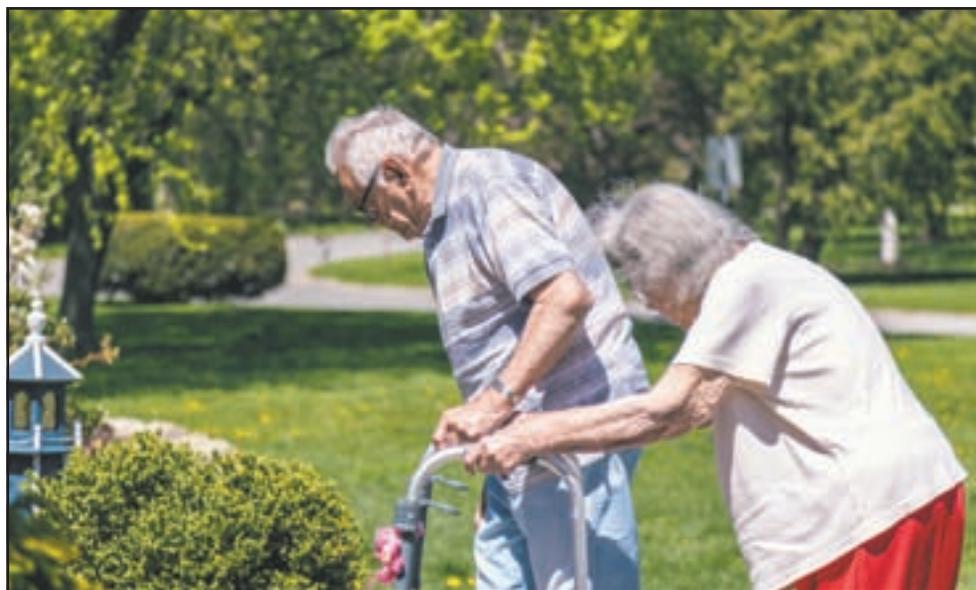
ison to finances that could be wasted by going through the legal process alone.

Eldercare attorneys can help seniors and their heirs navigate the confusing waters of estate planning and managed care.

Adult Spinal Deformity: A Minimally Invasive Treatment

Adult spinal deformity (ASD) — or irregular curvature of the spine — is a common condition affecting people over the age of 60. The condition can have a significant impact on quality of life, causing pain and/or reduced mobility. Lateral access spine surgery is a recently developed, minimally invasive technique that can effectively treat this condition.

Visible signs of ASD include a forward-bending posture and increased hunching of the upper back. Symptoms of ASD may include back and neck pain and numbness in the limbs. The outward signs of ASD are often mistaken for those of osteoporosis, a condition where bones lose mass and become weak. However, “in older patients, ASD is usually caused by gradual degeneration of the spinal joints and discs resulting from years of everyday use,” said Alexandros Zouzias, M.D., neurosurgeon at NewYork-Presbyterian Brooklyn Methodist Hospital. “Through lat-



eral access spine surgery, we can correct ASD efficiently and with minimal risk.”

The lateral access technique involves making a small incision on the patient's side to reach the spinal column. The surgeon uses a monitoring device which sends electrical pulses that accurately locate and avoid

the nerves surrounding the spine. The surgeon can then remove the damaged disc that is causing the deformity, and replace it with an implant called a “cage.”

While traditional “open” spine surgery can take up to five hours, lateral access spine surgery can be completed in as little as an hour.

That means the patient is under general anesthesia for less time. In addition, the lateral access procedure avoids cutting sensitive back muscles and tissues, and because fewer tissues are disturbed during the procedure, there is quicker healing and minimal scarring following the surgery.

“This procedure has many benefits,” said Dr. Zouzias. “Lateral access spine surgery is associated with a shorter hospital stay, lower risk of infection and less postoperative pain. I almost always have my patients who undergo this procedure up on their feet and working with a physical therapist the very next day.”

The technique can also be used to treat other spinal conditions, such as tumors, traumatic injuries and spinal stenosis, a narrowing of the spaces in the spine that puts pressure on spinal nerves. “The lateral access approach has made it easier than ever for patients with spinal problems to seek the treatment they need,” said Dr. Zouzias.

To schedule an appointment with a neurosurgeon affiliated with NewYork-Presbyterian Brooklyn Methodist Hospital, call 866-DO-NEURO (866-366-3876), or go to the Find a Doctor tile at nyp.org/Brooklyn.

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How seniors can preserve their brains



Doing jigsaw and crossword puzzles can keep the brain sharp.

Physical activity and proper diet and nutrition can help people age 50 and older maintain their physical health. But there are also ways aging men and women can preserve brain health in an effort to prevent or delay the cognitive decline that affects millions of seniors across the globe.

It's easy to overlook the importance of keeping the brain healthy. However, a decline in brain function can result in poor concentration, memory loss, and a host of other issues. Sometimes, by the time symptoms present themselves, it may be too late to reverse any damage.

Research suggests that a combination of nutrition and mental, social, and physical activities may have a greater impact with regard to maintaining and improving brain health than any single activity. Harvard Medical School also states that volunteering, caring for others, and pursuing hobbies may benefit the brains of older adults.

A study published in the Archives of General Psychiatry found participants who reported higher levels of purpose in life exhibited superior cognitive function despite the accumulation of abnormal protein depositions (amyloid plaques and neurofibrillary tangles) in the brain, a hallmark of Alzheimer's disease. Having a purpose also may help those who do not have Alzheimer's disease.

In addition to the suggestions mentioned above, those who want to boost brain health can consider these strategies:

Start exercising the brain early on. A study published in 2012 in the British Medical Journal ex-

amined cognitive function in people ages 45 to 70. Researchers found evidence of cognitive decline in the 45-year-old participants as well as the older participants. It's never too early to put a brain health plan into motion.

Read more books. Reading can open individuals up to new vocabulary and scenarios that promote a stronger brain and recall ability. Enrolling in an education course at a local college, community center, or online also may be beneficial.

Hit the gym. Several studies suggest an association between physical activity and reduced risk of cognitive decline. This could be because exercise elevates heart rate, which pumps more blood to the brain and body.

Supplement with DHA. DHA is an omega-3 fatty acid that is dominant in the brain. Adhere to a Mediterranean diet, which is generally high in natural sources of omega-3, including fish and mono-unsaturated fats from olives, olive oil, nuts, and seeds. Supplements also may help, but individuals should consult their doctors about which products to take.

Challenge the mind. Men and women can engage in challenging activities that stray from their routines. Puzzles, strategic games, jigsaw puzzles, or difficult hobbies can benefit the brain.

Keep a close-knit group of friends. Regular conversation and social interaction is a key component of any brain health wellness plan.

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Debunking myths surrounding nursing homes

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On March 19, at the New York City Elder Care Expo held at the Kingsway Events Center, Centers Health Care offered a presentation that was eye opening, to say the least. The theme was "Debunking the Myths of Post-Acute Health Care." In other words, nursing homes and home care today are a lot different than what most people think of them.

Shandel Richter, a hospital liaison for Centers Health Care, surprised the attendees by first explaining that in most cases, nursing homes and rehabilitation facilities are the exact same thing. If you need to go to a rehabilitation facility following a stroke, a cardiac event, or some sort of surgery, you're most likely going to a nursing home. And that means that there are a lot of residents in nursing homes who are considerably younger than you might think. It also means that many, many people only spend a few days or a few weeks there. And that was Richter's next surprise; in some facilities, as many 30 percent of the residents are there for a short period of rehabilitation. What's more, the length of time it takes a Centers facility to get a short-term resident ready to go home has gone down from 30 to 60 days in 2010 to just 7 to 14 days today.

The lifestyle in a skilled nursing facility was another topic of surprise. According to Richter, people who visit one of Centers' facilities prior to being admitted are always pleasantly surprised by how active the places are. Like most nursing homes, each facility has a full staff of activity coordinators whose sole job is to fill the days with as many new activities as possible. And while bingo is popular, the breadth of activities spans a wide range of interests from technology and computer classes to yoga and dancercise, and countless scheduled trips.

Of course, quality of care was addressed and Richter stressed the stringent oversight that each nursing facility in the state is subjected to. Nursing homes are inspected by the state at least once each year. Inspectors arrive unannounced and immediately



begin examining all areas of the facility — the physical plant, record keeping, training, medication management, communication, and more. Complaints are carefully documented and the facility is required to put in place a written plan of remediation for any deficiencies that are noted during their inspection. The results of those inspections can be found on the Medicare website, Medicare.gov, where facilities are ranked from one to five stars, with five being the highest level of achievement. Of the three Centers Health Care facilities in Brooklyn, all of them are rated five stars by Medicare.gov.

Also presenting was Howard Aryeh, who was there to

share some surprising facts about home health care. A representative from Centers Home Care, he started by informing the audience that the role of nursing homes and home care has changed dramatically in the past 15 years. Current thinking is driven by a combination of advanced medical protocols and improved training, a wealth of data showing that where possible, people tend to fare better in their own homes than in hospitals or nursing homes, and of course by insurance companies who are increasing pressure on the hospital industry to discharge patients sooner than ever before. Aryeh noted that no longer do people need to go to a

hospital before they transfer to a skilled nursing or rehab facility. Many are now able to bypass the hospital and get the precise treatment they need at the most appropriate location, whether that's a skilled nursing facility or in their own homes.

But his biggest surprise was explaining that while Centers Health Care is the largest group of nursing and rehabilitation facilities in the state, its real mission is keeping people OUT of nursing homes until it's most necessary. He explained that skilled nursing facilities today work closely with home care companies. The goal is to help those companies provide care to people in their own homes, which of

ten includes a short stay in a nursing home for specific rehabilitation. He then went on to explain the vigorous training and background checks that are required to receive a license in New York State to provide home care services, and the wide range of services that home care companies provide. And therein was another surprise — the services provided by home care companies are much more far-reaching than ever before. These include helping people with certain activities of daily living, such as cooking, bathing, or getting back and forth to the doctor; homemaking is frequently approved as a necessary part of home care as is simple companionship and of course, personal care, medical services provided by a skilled nurse and even various types of rehabilitation and other therapies. All of these services and more are usually covered by either Medicare, Medicaid, or private insurance. He even explained how people can choose their own care giver — a sibling or a relative or friend — and that person can receive compensation through a Medicaid program called Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Program (CDPAP). According to Aryeh, thousands of people who were caring for a loved at home have registered as home aides through the program in last two years and now receive regular weekly paychecks through this Medicaid-approved program.

The remainder of the Centers' presentation focused on Managed Long Term Care, and that topic generated the most audience questions while correcting a lot of misconceptions. For example, many attendees didn't realize that you don't need to be 65 to qualify for Medicare. Medicare is also available to veterans and people with work-related injuries of any age. Many people questioned Medicare coverage and were surprised to learn that it does not cover vision, dental, hearing, or certain other medical services, and that it is not free; there are premiums, deductibles, and co-pays.

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Is New York an age-friendly city?

BY JOANNA R. LEEFER

New York City prides itself on being "age friendly." The city boasts that it provides seniors with extended times for street crossings, has added more benches for tired seniors, and has even designed age-friendly sections of parks. The preliminary New York City fiscal budget for senior services tells a different story. The 2017 fiscal budget for aging services was \$330.8 million. This is less than one percent of the total city budget. In comparison, the 2017 budget for Youth & Community Services was \$727.5 million, more than twice that of aging services. The preliminary budget for 2018 looks even less promising. Every year the Department for the Aging develops a preliminary budget to fund essential senior services. These funds oversee the operation of senior centers, home-delivered meals, social and legal services, home care, and case management. It also provides programs for the families of older adults by offering respite services and education.

The department is requesting \$306.4 million for these essential programs for 2018. Fifty-six percent, or \$171.8 million, of these funds will go towards New York City's 250 senior centers. These centers provide education programs, nutritional meals, health services, exercise programs, and recreational programs in community-based settings. Next year another \$1.6 million is being requested for a "sixth weekend congregate meal." This extra meal will be given to seniors to take home for the weekend. It is often the only balanced meal some older people receive on Saturday and Sunday.

Other department funds provide caregiver support programs, social work services, elder abuse assistance, and social day care services. Social day care services are day programs for people with dementia and Alzheimer's disease. These programs offer activities tailored to people with dementia and respite services for the caregivers.

The fiscal budget for the Department for the Aging is derived from three major sources: the city, the state, and the federal government. The city contributes 62 percent, the state 14 percent, and the federal gov-

ernment another 24 percent.

Much of the state's 14 percent funds come from a Title XX grant. This is a federal block grant that is provided to states to improve services to children, youth, families, and vulnerable populations like seniors.

For the past several years, New York State has allocated \$17 million of its Title XX funds to support the city's senior centers. This year Gov. Cuomo is considering taking away these funds and adding them to children's services. If this happens, approximately 30 percent — or 65 — neighborhood senior centers will be forced to close. This will impact 6,000 seniors who will lose their local senior center and access to vital nutrition, socialization, and health programs.

One of the most outspoken advocates for senior services is LiveOn NY, an advocacy organization for New York's aging population. Founded in 1979, the organization is committed to insuring that New York City's seniors receive adequate funding for services.

Bobbie Sackman, associate executive director of Public Policy at LiveOn NY, is one of its most outspoken advocates. Shortly after Gov. Cuomo proposed cuts to city senior services, she organized a letter-writing campaign urging older people to write him and request he reverse his decision. Within two weeks the Governor's office received more than 17,000 letters. Sackman has also organized campaigns that more than tripled city funding for elder abuse prevention services.

Seniors are the fastest growing population segment in New York City. It is estimated that by 2040 one in every five New Yorkers will be 60 years of age or older. Despite this burgeoning population, senior services are still considered of secondary importance. Individuals and eldercare advocacy organizations are a constant reminder of the need for these valuable services.

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That's twisted!: The Bone Breakers are a quartet of contortionists that amazes the UniverSoul Circus crowd with sometimes stomach-turning body manipulation.
 UniverSoul Circus



Kings in the ring

Circus show is not for the faint-hearted

By Alexandra Simon

This show is a scream!

The UniverSoul Circus, playing at Floyd Bennett Field through April 16, is a non-stop, energetic thrill ride of terror, wonder, and hilarity, as I discovered this past Sunday.

As a circus newbie, I recruited an experienced and opinionated circus expert to join me — my 9-year-old nephew Marquise. He was immediately taken by the hipness of the advertised performers, who hail from Ethiopia, Peru, and China, among other countries.

"There's a lot of cool different acts and there are a lot of different countries," he said. "When I was at Big Apple Circus they didn't have anyone but Americans there. I think that's why this is called universal."

This show has no organ music piping away with the "Baby Elephant Waltz" — instead it starts off with viral dancers the

Fresh Clownsss kicking it to the rap hit "Juju on that Beat." The pumped-up music had us dancing in our seats, and Lucky the ringmaster kept us moving throughout the night, wrangling a dance line for grown-ups in the crowd and ending with a dance contest for kids.

The performers wasted no time shocking and awe-ing. The most eye-popping and entertaining act of the show was a quartet of contortionists doing unimaginably horrifying things with their legs, arms, and torsos. The incredible display was almost vomit-inducing to watch, but no one could look away as the flexible fellows spun their hips through multiple boneless revolutions. My nephew was both fascinated and sickened by the display.

"I really like the people that kept twisting their bodies — I think it was so cool they could actually do that," said Marquise. "But I think it's gross because I don't think that's how the body is sup-

posed to work."

My favorite act was a trio of acrobats performing death-defying stunts on an enormous hamster wheel suspended high in the air, vaulting in and out of the wheel while doing jaw-dropping twists and heart-stopping lands. The audience shrieked with terror as one performer jumped rope on the spinning ring, and at this point my nephew had to look away.

"I was scared for him because I imagine myself up there jump roping and getting afraid," he said. "It wonders me how they can do that. He was doing a good job but I don't want to see anyone fall or die. I've seen it in games but this was real."

My turn to hide my face came whenever the Hilarious Sifiso walked into the stands to find audience members to spotlight and embarrass in truly hilarious ways, using only a whistle and body language to entertain.

UniverSoul is one of the few circuses

to still use animals in their show, and the atmosphere changed — in more ways than one — when the whips cracked above the heads of the horses, camels, zebras, elephants, and one adorable pony. From the back row, one viewer shouted "Don't whip the pony!" and the otherwise lively crowd gave muted reactions during the animal acts. The animals also have a distinct odor, and sensitive smellers might want to avoid seats in the front row!

But overall, the UniverSoul Circus show was a thrilling two hours, mixing circus tricks with music and comedy. I laughed so much, I left the show with a migraine. Not because I was sick — I was thoroughly entertained, and so was my nephew.

UniverSoul Circus at Aviator Sports and Events Center [3159 Flatbush Ave. at Floyd Bennett Field in Marine Park, (718) 440-3358, www.universoulcircus.com]. Tue-Sun at various times through April 16. \$16-\$40.

CONEY IS BACK!

People's Playground re-opens Sunday

By Caroline Spivack

The Cyclone is now a 90s kid!

Brooklyn's beloved wooden roller coaster will celebrate 90 years in operation this weekend, and its birthday party on April 9 at 10 am will kick off the Coney Island season. One of the iconic coaster's biggest fans is thrilled with the landmark anniversary — but said he is looking forward to a bigger party down the road.

"A 90th anniversary is great! It's hard to believe that we own one of the oldest roller coasters in the world," said Erik Knapp, known as "Mr. Cyclone" because of his dedication to the ride. "I personally can't wait until we hit 100 — then I'm going to get my tattoo of the Cyclone redone with 100 on it! But 90 years is not bad, not bad at all."

The Cyclone celebration will start at 10 am, with a morning extravaganza of games and giveaways, including free samples of Brooklyn Seltzer Boys classic egg creams — although we suggest you wait until after taking a spin on the Cyclone! The first 100 people in line will get a free ride when the historic coaster sets off at noon. But you need to get up pretty early to beat Knapp to the front of that line — the Cyclone booster from Beshonhurst routinely takes the first spot.



Welcome to Coney! Coney Island will rumble back to life on April 9, with the blessing of the rides at 11 am, free turns on the Wonder Wheel for those who show up early, and a glimpse into the past at the Coney Island History Project. *Jim McDonnell*

Coney's other iconic ride — Deno's Wonder Wheel — will have its own party that morning. Join brothers Dennis and Steve Vourderis — who own the wondrous wheel — for the 32nd annual "Blessing of the Rides" at 11 am. With the ceremony complete, the Vourderis brothers will officially open Deno's Wonder Wheel Amusement Park, and the first 97 revelers can score a free ride on the

Wheel, in honor of its 97 years of spinning glory.

Once you have returned to the ground, head to the Coney Island History Project on W. 12th Street, just outside the entrance to Deno's Wonder Wheel, for a look at historic artifacts, photos, and films chronicling the colorful past of the People's Playground. Among the treasures on display are an

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Finally! Smorgasburg newcomer Pop Pasta is serving spaghetti in the form of donuts. *Photo by Caleb Caldwell*

Spaghetti O's Pasta donuts and more debut at Smorgasburg

By Lauren Gill

It's a brand new pasta-bility!

Visitors to this weekend's outdoor food market Smorgasburg can pick up — literally — a brand new portable pasta dish in the shape of a donut. The mad genius behind the fried spaghetti circles said that they combine the flavor of one of Italy's most famous dishes with the convenience of New York's favorite glazed treat.

"We wanted to create something you can carry around and it's not messy — we were thinking of it as pasta on the go," said Brooklyn Heights resident Luigi Fiorentino, who co-owns Pop Pasta. "It's almost like slow food meets fast food."

The spaghetti donuts — which come in several flavors, including traditional red sauce and carbonara — were inspired by the traditional Neapolitan dish spaghetti pie, said Fiorentino. That dish take leftover noodles, coats them with egg and fries them into a pie that can be cut into slices, but Fiorentino chose to mold the noodles into a donut shape

because it is a popular food that everyone loves, he said. Fiorentino hopes that his spaghetti donuts will catch on and become a new staple of the American diet.

"We see these as a new fast food concept," he said. "We want to have kids love it. It can be at games, a school food — it can just be something else in addition to the slice of pizza, the hot dog, and these items that

everybody already knows."

Pop Pasta is one of 24 new vendors at Smorgasburg this year, selected from about 300 applicants, said Smorgasburg co-founder Eric Demby.

Among the other new vendors putting exciting twists on classic tastes is John's Juices, whose slogan is "All juice, no cups." The stand blends fresh juice on the spot, and serves it in a container made of that same fruit.

The business is helmed by Manhattan's John DeWindt and his fiancé August Major, who first saw the creations on a trip to Japan. They bought a special machine that drills a hole in the fruits and grind the insides into juice and brought it back to the States, fashioning drinks out of pineapple, oranges, dragonfruit, and tiny watermelons. Drinkers can also spice up their juice selection by adding fresh ginger, agave, or sparkling water.

The colorful fruits are sure to be a social media favorite, said Major, but it is also a great way to sip something from the earth.

"It's not just about the novelty factor, we also promote having a juice that's all natural," she said.

Try a spaghetti donut or juiced fruit at Smorgasburg: Saturdays at East River Park (90 Kent Ave. at N. Eighth Street in Williamsburg), Sundays at Prospect Park's Breeze Hill (East Drive at Lincoln Road in Prospect Lefferts Gardens, www.smorgasburg.com). 11 am–6 pm. Free.

Flute and holler!

By Alexandra Simon

He's all flute, no suit!

A Park Slope flutist is hoping to change the image of his instrument! At his concert at the Brooklyn Conservatory of Music on April 7, David Bertrand plans to don a cool, casual outfit and demonstrate that the silvery woodwind can take a leading role in a jazz quartet. The Trinidadian musician plans to use his talents to elevate the status of the flute compared to other popular jazz instruments, he said.

"The stigma is very much still there and the flute has had a hard time because of physics — it doesn't play as loud as a trumpet or a saxophone," said Bertrand. "Many bands didn't have flute players and very often the folks doing solo on flutes were saxophonists."

The lack of trained flutists created a false view of the instrument and its place in jazz music, he said. "As a result there was a lot of bad

flute playing and people's opinions were shaped by people that weren't invested in flute," said Bertrand.

At the show, which celebrates his upcoming album "Palmyra and Other Places," Bertrand will play flute alongside his bassist, guitarist, and drummer. The quartet plan to drop the usual stiff suits in favor of a more approachable style, said Bertrand.

"Jazz was known to be played by people who wear suits — and coming out of post-Colonialism, the men who wore suits are the guys you don't trust," he said. "But basically we're just guys playing jazz wearing sweaters — not against wearing suits, but working out what it means to be modern jazz musician."

He is looking forward to playing at the historic Park Slope building and showcasing his jazz style to his neighbors, he said.

"Being able to play in a building that is over 100 years old — it's



Bearing flute: Trinidadian jazz flutist David Bertrand will play at the Brooklyn Conservatory of music on April 7. *Juhui Kwon*

an old building and I'll be playing with people I love to play with," said Bertrand. "I try to make the music I'm writing honest and lovely, and even if you are not a fan of jazz music, you'll dig it."

David Bertrand at Brooklyn Conservatory of Music [58 Seventh Ave. between Lincoln and Saint John's places in Park Slope, (718) 622-3300, www.bkcm.org]. April 7 at 7 pm. \$15.

FRI, APRIL 7

DANCE, "WEATHER (OR NOT)": The Cynthia King Dance Studio's annual spring production examines the current climate. \$33-\$40. 7 pm. Kumble Theater at Long Island University [DeKalb and Flatbush avenues in Downtown, (718) 488-1624], www.kumbletheater.org.

DANCE, COUNTERPOINTE: The fifth annual performance series celebrates new ballet work by women. \$25. 7:30 pm. Actors Fund Arts Center (160 Schermerhorn St. between Smith and Hoyt streets in Downtown), www.brooklynballet.org.

MUSIC, NEW WORLD TRIO: The Toronto chamber music trio makes its Brooklyn debut. \$15. 7:30-9:30 pm. The Old Stone House [336 Third St. between Fourth and Fifth avenues in Park Slope, (718) 768-3195], theoldstonehouse.org.

DANCE, "ALBUM": An autobiographical solo performance by Mariana Valencia that includes text, song, dance, and vampires. \$16. 8 pm. Brooklyn Arts Exchange (421 Fifth Ave. between Seventh and Eighth streets in Park Slope), www.bax.org.

MUSIC, THE BUDOS BAND, DEAD HEAVENS: \$20. 8 pm. Brooklyn Bowl [61 Wythe Ave. between N. 11th and N. 12th streets in Williamsburg, (718) 963-3369], www.brooklynbowl.com.

THEATER, "THE PANELS": This play envisions an America where the government sends its teenagers to camps to undergo rigorous education in sexual experience. \$18. 8 pm. Jack (505 Waverly Ave. between Fulton Street and Atlantic Avenue in Clinton Hill), www.jackny.org.

MUSIC, SPECTRAL DENSITY: An evening of performances dedicated to Tony Conrad, who passed away in 2016. \$15. 8 pm. Issue Project Room [22 Boerum Pl. at Livingston Street in Downtown, (718) 330-0313], www.issueprojectroom.org.

NIGHTLIFE, LUXOTICA LOUNGE CABARET: A circus-tinged burlesque show featuring stunning striptease talent, set to exotic original tunes performed live. \$15. 10 pm. Coney Island USA [1208 Surf Ave. at W. 12th Street in Coney Island], www.coneyisland.com.

FUND-RAISER, LADIES FIRST: A dance party to celebrate the badass women of music and benefit Planned Parenthood. \$10 (\$7 in advance). 10:30 pm. Littlefield [622 Degraw St. between Fourth and Fifth avenues in Gowanus, (718) 855-3388], www.littlefieldnyc.com.

SAT, APRIL 8

FUND-RAISER, PURPLE STRIDE 5K: A fun and family-friendly walk to raise cash for the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network. Plus children's activities,

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The painted lady: In the one-woman show "Fragmented Frida," opening at BAM Fisher on April 11, Andrea Dantas portrays Mexican painter Frida Kahlo as she recovers from a near-fatal bus accident and throws herself into her work.

music, and refreshments. \$35. 10 am. Prospect Park Audubon Center [Enter park at Lincoln Road and Ocean Avenue in Prospect Park, (718) 287-3400], www.prospectpark.org.

TALK, TROLLEY TOUR OF BROOKLYN'S BREWING HISTORY: Explore the borough's beer connections with Green-Wood historian Jeff Richman and beer historian Chris Heuberger. \$30. 2 pm. Green-Wood Cemetery [Fifth Avenue and 25th Street in Greenwood Heights, (718) 210-3080], www.greenwood.com.

THEATER, "WACKY OF WALLABAZOO": Yo-yo expert Justin Weber stars in a fairytale adventure about a boy who ventures to the City of Dreams and is confronted with masked enemies. \$15 (\$12 for kids). 4 pm and 8 pm. Coney Island USA [1208 Surf Ave. at W. 12th Street in Coney Island, coneyisland.com].

MUSIC, CARLOS PAVAN IN CONCERT: The classical guitarist plays tango and folklore music from Argentina. \$10 suggested donation. 6 pm. Park Slope Community Church [251 12th St. between Fourth and Fifth avenues in Park Slope, (347) 409-8347], www.carlospavan.info.

MUSIC, ROMAN BORGMAN OPERA THEATRE MEMORIAL CONCERT: The theater company honors founder Roman Borgman. Free. 7 pm. Trinity Lutheran Church (9020 Third Ave at 91st Street in Bay Ridge), www.rbopera.com.

MUSIC, "JUSTICE FOR ALL" BENEFIT CONCERT: The Brooklyn Women's Chorus and guest gospel singers

raise money for the Brooklyn Defense Committee. \$20 suggested donation (\$5 for teens & kids). 7 pm. Brooklyn Friends Meetinghouse (100 Schermerhorn St. at Boerum Place in Downtown), www.riseupand.org.

MUSIC, BARAJI: The unique Korean band incorporates folkloric music, singing, dancing, and costumes. Free. 9 pm. BAM Cafe (30 Lafayette Ave. between Ashland Place and St. Felix Street in Fort Greene), www.bam.org.

MARKET, BENSONHURST CLOTHING SWAP: Bring clean, reusable clothes you no longer need and take home an outfit new-to-you. Free. Noon-3pm. Brooklyn Public Library New Utrecht Branch (1743 86th St. between Bay 16th Street and 18th Avenue in Bensonhurst).

ART, "VIA DOLOROSA": Resurrection Brooklyn Arts Ministry hosts an exhibit of art works depicting the path Jesus walked towards crucifixion. \$5 suggested donation. 6 pm. Resurrection Brooklyn (367 Jay St. between Wolloughby Street and Metrotech Plaza in Downtown).

THEATER, THE BREMEN TOWN MUSICIANS: A Russian-language adaptation of the fairy tale about a troupe of animals. \$25-\$75. 6 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.

SUN, APRIL 9

FAMILY, MAGIC AT CONEY: A magical variety show featuring illusionists, escape artists, mentalists, and magician comedians from around the world. \$10 (\$5 for kids). Noon. Coney Island USA (1208 Surf Ave. at W. 12th Street in Coney Island), www.coneyisland.com.

MUSIC, BROOKLYN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: The orchestra plays Stravinsky's "Firebird Suite" and Korsakov's "Scheherazade." \$25 (\$20 in advance). 2 pm. Brooklyn Museum [200 Eastern Pkwy. at Washington Avenue in Prospect Heights, (718) 638-5000], www.brooklynmuseum.org.

THEATER, "WACKY OF WALLABAZOO": 2 pm. See Saturday, April 8.

FILM, SEVENTH HEAVEN: This silent 1927 romance, which won three trophies at the very first Academy Awards, is presented with a live piano soundtrack. 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.

OUTDOORS, SCAVENGER HUNT: Join the Urban Park Rangers for an afternoon of family fun as we go on a scavenger hunt. Bring your own digital camera or smart phone. Free. 1-2:30 pm. Sunset Park Recreation [43rd St. and Seventh Avenue in Sunset Park, (718) 421-2021], www.nycgovparks.org.

READING, FAITH ERIN HICKS: The cartoonist discusses her graphic novel "The Stone Heart," the second book in her "Nameless City" trilogy. Free. 6 pm. Community Bookstore [143 Seventh Ave. between Carroll Street and Garfield Place in Park Slope, (718) 783-3075], www.communitybookstore.net.

MON, APRIL 10

OUTDOORS, BUG EXPLORATION: A family-friendly, guided hike filled with entomological learning activities. Free. 1 pm. Marine Park Jewish Center [33rd Street and Avenue U in Marine Park, (718) 421-2021], www.nycgovparks.org.

MUSIC, FAST FORWARD: Experimental composer and multi-instrumentalist Fast Forward performs work on bicycle handlebars and steel pan, along with ensemble work. \$20. 8 pm. Roulette [509 Atlantic Ave. at Third Avenue in Boerum Hill, (917) 267-0363], www.roulette.org.

COMEDY, SIDE PONYTAIL COMEDY: With Dan Perlman, Erik Monical, Julia Solomon, and Rosebud Baker. Free. 8 pm. Friends and Lovers (641 Classon Ave. between Dean and Pacific streets in Crown Heights), www.fnlbk.com.

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You wouldn't like him when he's angry: Pearl Jam's Eddie Vedder is unlikely to Hulk out at the Barclays Center on April 7, since his band is being inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame that night. Associated Press / Drew Gurian

COMING SOON TO BARCLAYS CENTER

FRI, APRIL 7

MUSIC, ROCK AND ROLL HALL OF FAME INDUCTION CEREMONY: \$55-\$505. 7 pm.

SAT, APRIL 8

SPORTS, BROOKLYN NETS VS CHICAGO BULLS: \$49-\$3,000. 5 pm.

SUN, APRIL 9

SPORTS, NEW YORK ISLANDERS VS OTTOWA SENATORS: Rally towel giveaway. \$tba. 5 pm.

FRI, APRIL 14

SPORTS, JORDAN BRAND CLASSIC: \$15-\$75. 1 pm.

SAT, APRIL 15

COMEDY, KATT WILLIAMS GREAT AMERICA TOUR: \$57-\$181. 8 pm.

FRI, APRIL 21

MUSIC, RUFF RYDERS AND FRIENDS: With Eve, DMX, Swizz Beatz, The Lox, and Drag-On. \$40-\$260. 7:30 pm.

SAT, APRIL 22

SPORTS, PREMIER BOXING CHAMPIONS: Andre Berto vs Shawn Porter. \$107-\$299. Time tba.

MON, APRIL 24

MUSIC, CHRIS BROWN: With 50 Cent, Fabolous, O.T. Genasis, and Kap G. \$20-\$475. 7:30 pm.

SAT, MAY 6

MUSIC, BARBRA STREISAND: \$126-\$1,200. 8 pm.

SAT, MAY 12

MUSIC, MOTHER'S DAY GOOD MUSIC FEST: With Tyrese, Anthony

Hamilton, KEM and Brandy. \$65-\$355. 8 pm.

SAT, MAY 19

MUSIC, FUTURE: With Migos, Tory Lanez, Kodak Black and Zoey Dollaz. \$49-\$625. 7 pm.

SAT, JUNE 3

MUSIC, AN EVENING WITH VICTOR DROBYSH AND FRIENDS: \$55-\$395. 7 pm

TUE, JUNE 6

MUSIC, THE WEEKND: \$59-\$521. 7:30 pm

WED, JUNE 7

MUSIC, THE WEEKND: \$59-\$521. 7:30 pm

FRI, JUNE 9

MUSIC, SOULFRITO URBAN LATIN MUSIC FEST: With Meek Mill, Fetty Wap, Young M.A., Uncle Murda, and more. \$65-\$166. 8 pm

SAT, JUNE 10

MUSIC, 33RD NEW YORK SALSA FESTIVAL: With Willie Colón, Eddie Palmieri, Tito Nieves, Eddie Santiago, and more. \$70-\$230. 8 pm

FRI, JULY 21

MUSIC, IRON MAIDEN: \$69-\$190. 7:30 pm.

SAT, JULY 22

MUSIC, IRON MAIDEN: \$69-\$190. 7:30 pm.

FRI, JULY 28

MUSIC, QUEEN AND ADAM LAMBERT: \$49-\$505. 8 pm.

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

LIZARD OF HA'S!

Comedy show blows lid off reptile conspiracy

By Julianne Cuba

It's the comedy show Big Lizard doesn't want you to know about!

The creators of the Lizard People of New York Facebook page are spilling the beans about our secret reptilian overlords at a monthly comedy show, next happening on April 15 at the Tender Trap bar. The parody account — and the show — mashes up the wholesome “Humans of New York” photo series of everyday urbanites with the conspiracy theory that shape-shifting lizard people are in control of all world events. And the last presidential election has made the idea that politicians are secret reptilians seem almost plausible, said one of the show's co-hosts.

“Lizard People is sort of tied into politics and pop culture inherently. We're not huge political comedians but just by the nature of the topic, we end up talking a lot about Donald Trump,” said comedian Jeremy Kaplowitz, who lives in Manhattan. “Unfortunately, I'd rather it not.”

At each show, Kaplowitz and co-host Mike Amory invite a Lizard Person Correspondent, played by Liam O'Malley, to give the lowdown on the latest happenings in the world of the cold-blooded conspiracy — which seems to be getting wilder by the day.

“Things have gotten so crazy in the world that lizard people can kind of do anything they want with reality,” said Mike Amory, who lives in Park Slope. “Before they had to be careful, because if they did anything



Tails to remember: Comedians Mike Amory and Jeremy Kaplowitz — and lizard person Liam O'Malley — will give the scoop on the reptilian revolution at the Tender Trap in Greenpoint on April 15.

Photo by Stefano Giovannini

too outlandish people may catch on — but now with how crazy the news is, they can do whatever they want.”

The show also features a scripted sketch, usually featuring leaders of the lizard people, including Mike Pence, Ben Carson, or President Trump. The show may have a political bent, but the point is really to bring fans of the silly conspiracy theory together under one roof, said Amory.

“We have political sketches, so obviously you have a little bit of an underlying agenda about why you're making certain jokes, but I would

say the number one thing is we want to entertain people and make them laugh,” he said. “I really like the idea of forming communities around a shared enjoyment of something. The more you come to the show, the more you get to know us and get to know these crazy things we find interesting.”

Lizard People Comedy Show at the Tender Trap [66 Greenpoint Ave. between West and Franklin streets in Greenpoint, (347) 763-1825, www.tendertrapbk.com]. April 15 at 8 pm. Free.



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

Word's pick: “Exit West” by Mohsin Hamid

“Exit West” is the love story that we desperately need right now. In a war-torn, religiously oppressive country, Nadia and Saeed are young lovers whose future together is forever altered when they flee through a magical doorway that promises a better life. As they adjust to their newfound identities as refugees, they soon realize that they have differing ideas of what they want from life, their new homes, and each other. Mohsin Hamid has written an emotionally gripping and timely novel of love and identity that will challenge your expectations of happiness but will leave you hopeful for the future.

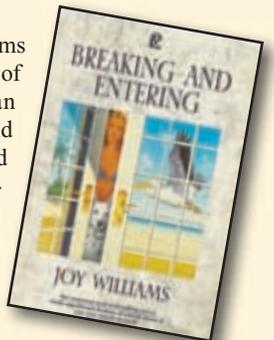
— Alison Gore, *Word* [126 Franklin St. at Milton Street in Greenpoint, (718) 383-0096, www.wordbrooklyn.com].



Community Bookstore's pick: “Breaking and Entering” by Joy Williams

To my mind, Joy Williams is the funniest and darkest of the contemporary American writers, and “Breaking and Entering” is her funniest and darkest book. A married couple travels through Florida breaking into fancy summer homes, and that's pretty much it. But in Williams's hands, it becomes a story about love and desperation and loneliness, shot through with a cast of losers, misfits, grotesques and saps. No book has ever made me laugh so hard from sentence to sentence.

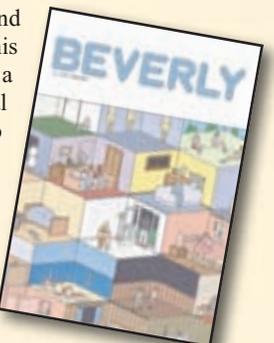
— Hal Hlavinka, *Community Bookstore* [43 Seventh Ave. between Carroll Street and Garfield Place in Park Slope, (718) 783-3075, www.communitybookstore.net].



Greenlight Bookstore's pick: “Beverly” by Nick Drnaso

The soothing pastels and stripped-down layouts of this graphic novel give way to a quiet anxiety and all-too-real hopelessness that calls to mind the work of Chris Ware. Some shocks come suddenly — a deranged daydream, an ominous stranger — but more affecting is the way its six stories slowly bleed together, with subtle tensions becoming major themes and small characters muttering the disappointing, revealing sound bites that form the texture of a place. Drnaso's vision of Middle America is hollow, but he is an incredible artist.

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



Bay Ridge is getting fancy!

By Caroline Spivack

Embrace high-brow culture in Bay Ridge this weekend!

Southern Brooklyn's entertainment Mecca will take a reprieve from the typical barroom rock this weekend and step it up with opera, cabaret, and a local artisan's market in a jazzy pizza joint.

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starting at 3 pm.

Then make a pilgrimage to **Trinity Lutheran Church** (9020 Third Ave. between 90th and 91st streets) at 7 pm for a memorial concert celebrat-

ing the Bulgarian baritone Roman Borgman, who passed away last April. The Roman Borgman Opera Theatre group will celebrate his life and work with a selection of his favorite classical riffs sung by his soprano widow. There is no charge to hear the soulful songs.

Or you can cap off the night at another house of worship — the **Roman Catholic Church of St. Patrick** (9511 Fourth Ave. between 95th and 97th streets) will holy host a cabaret performance from the Rhapsody Players on Saturday night at 7:30 pm. The vocal ensemble will transform the church into a cabaret-style club, with the performers belting out secular classics from the '60s, '70s, and '80s. And you don't have to feel guilty for indulging in coffee, dessert, beer, or wine in the sacred space. All of the cash (and the \$20 admission price) will go to the church.

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FRI, APRIL 14

OUTDOORS, SCAVENGER HUNT: With the Urban Park Rangers as your guide, use all of your senses to explore the park as we search high and low for clues. Free. 1-2:30 pm. Marine park [East 33rd St. and Avenue U in Marine Park, (718) 421-2021], www.nycgovparks.org.

COMEDY, "HIDDEN FENCES — THE PLAY": An absurd mashup of a play based on the movies "Hidden Figures" and "Fences." \$10 (\$8 in advance). 8 pm. Littlefield [622 Degraw St. between Fourth and Fifth avenues in Gowanus, (718) 855-3388], www.littlefieldnyc.com.

SAT, APRIL 15

THEATER, CONEY ISLAND CIRCUS SIDESHOW: The ten-in-one circus sideshow, returns for the season! Runs continuously all day. \$10 (\$5 for kids). 1-8 pm. Coney Island USA [1208 Surf Ave. at W. 12th Street in Coney Island], www.coneyisland.com.

MUSIC, TINARIWEN, DEN-GUE FEVER: \$30 (\$25 in advance). 8 pm. Brooklyn Bowl [61 Wythe Ave. between N. 11th and N. 12th streets in Williamsburg, (718) 963-3369], www.brooklynbowl.com.

OUTDOORS, SPRING MIGRATION: Budding birders will get to see the best spots to view our feathered friends. Free. 10 am to 11:30 am. Prospect Park Picnic House (Prospect Park West and Fifth Street in Park Slope), www.prospectpark.org.

SING-ALONG SHABBAT: Families can experience Shabbat with singing, guitar, puppetry and musical prayer. Free. 10:45 am. Bay Ridge Jewish Center [8025 Fourth Ave. between 80th and 81st streets in Bay Ridge, (718) 836-3103], www.brjc.org.

ART, QUANTUM NATIVES: The art collective uses video game technology and sound design to project fictional landscapes. \$12-\$15. 7 pm. Issue Project Room [22 Boerum Pl. at Livingston Street in Downtown, (718) 330-0313], issueprojectroom.org

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TUES, APRIL 11

THEATER, "FRAGMENTED FRIDA": This one-woman, two-act play portrays Mexican painter Frida Kahlo's determination to prove herself to the world. \$59-\$79. 8 pm. BAM Fisher [321 Ashland Pl. between Hansen Place and Lafayette Avenue in Fort Greene], www.bam.org.

OUTDOORS, COLONIAL GAMES AND HISTORY:

Learn about the traditions, dress, and games of the colonial people and Native Americans who lived in Fort Greene centuries ago. Free. 1 pm. Fort Greene Park Visitor Center [Enter park at Myrtle Avenue and Washington Park in Fort Greene, (718) 722-3218].

MUSIC, GRANT WALLACE BAND: \$20. 8 pm. Littlefield [622 Degraw St. between Fourth and Fifth avenues in Gowanus, (718) 855-3388], www.littlefieldnyc.com.

WED, APRIL 12

FILM, "JACKIE ROBINSON":

A two-night screening of the Ken Burns documentary on the life and legacy of Jackie Robinson, to celebrate the 70th anniversary of his breaking the color barrier in professional baseball. Free. 6:30 pm. Brooklyn Historical Society [128 Pierrepont St. at Clinton Street in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 222-4111], www.brooklynhistory.org.

THEATER, "BUTOH MEDEA,":

Long Island University's Theater Speaker Series presents a piece performed, choreographed, and adapted by artist Yokko. Free. 6:30 pm. Kumble Theater at Long Island University [DeKalb and Flatbush avenues in Downtown, (718) 488-1624], www.kumbletheater.org.

TALK, TRUE CRIME BAY RIDGE:

Local historian Henry Stewart discusses the murder of Bay Ridge resident Patsy Hylan in

1957. Free. 7 pm. The Owl's Head [479 74th St. between Fourth and Fifth avenues in Bay Ridge, (718) 680-2436], www.theowls-head.com.

COMEDY, "DROP THE MIKE": Stand-up comedian Kendra Cunningham hosts her monthly comedy show, which features an all-female lineup plus a token male comic. Free. 8 pm. Sycamore [1118 Cortelyou Rd. between Stratford and Westminster roads in Ditmas Park, (347) 240-5850], www.sycamorebrooklyn.com.

COMEDY, DEVOUR HOUR

COMEDY: With Zach Sims, Dan Perlman, Madonna Refugia, Alex English, and free brownies! Free. 8 pm. Hank's Saloon [46 Third Ave. at Atlantic Avenue in Boerum Hill, (718) 625-8003], www.exitfive.com/hankssaloon.

THEATER, "FRAGMENTED FRIDA":

8 pm. See Tuesday, April 11.

THURS, APRIL 13

FAMILY, EASTER EGG HUNT:

Enjoy a day of searching for colorful eggs filled with treasures, pictures with Whiskers the Easter Bunny, a hay ride, pony rides, and Easter baskets. \$9. 10 am to 4 pm. Aviator Sports and Events Center [3159 Flatbush Ave. in Floyd Bennett Field in Marine Park, (718) 758-7500].

OUTDOORS, NATURE ART:

School is out! Get outside and get excited! Urban Park Rangers hope to inspire and lift your creativity and create works of art using natural materials. Free. 1 pm to 2:30 pm. Marine Park [East 33rd St. and Avenue U in Marine Park, (718) 421-2021], nycgovparks.org.

COMEDY, STANDARD TIME

COMEDY: A monthly comedy show with guests Yedoye Travis, Carolyn Busa, Tom Thakkar, and many more. Free. 8 pm. Pacific Standard [82 Fourth Ave. between Bergen Street and Wyckoff

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original Steeplechase horse from the legendary ride that gave Steeplechase Park its name, "Skully," the freaky skull figure from Coney's classic Spook-A-Rama ride, and an 1823 wooden toll house sign that proclaimed a whopping five cent fee for a horse and rider. The History Project will open its doors at 1 pm, and admission will not even cost you a nickel.

Then get a bite of history! Stroll to the corner of W. 10th Street and Surf Avenue, where the original Coney Island hot dog

is making a comeback! After a 63-year absence, Feltman's of Coney Island returns to the spot where Charles Feltman invented the hot dog in 1867 — and where a bun slicer named Nathan Handwerker worked before opening Nathan's Famous down the block! The restaurant is officially scheduled to open on Memorial Day, but this Sunday the hot dog kiosk will offer a sneak taste so that patrons can sample the eight-inch frank bursting with flavor from a secret spice mix. A dog will run you \$4.25.

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● 'We wanted to show the fans what South Shore is made of.'

— Senior Tsahai Corbie on playing with fellow Lady Vikings in the Mayor's Cup.

● 'They haven't taken anything for granted.'

— Poly Prep baseball coach Matt Roventini on the team's tenacity.

Late-game miscues doom Cosmos

BY LAURA AMATO

It wasn't the best first impression.

The Cosmos opened up its home schedule at Coney Island's MCU Park on April 1 with a 3-0 loss to Miami FC, a disappointing showing for the squad in its brand-new home in Brooklyn.

"I think we need to know where we are right now," Cosmos coach Giovanni Savarese said. "We're still looking for players and I don't think we're ready yet. I think what we're doing right now is trying to build up our game."

The Cosmos' defense held strong in the first half — building off a 0-0 draw with Puerto Rico in the season-opener on March 25 — and goalkeeper Jimmy Mauer did his best in the net, even as Miami continued to attack.

Ryan Richie took a penalty kick in the 34th minute, but his shot sailed wide right and



NO HAPPY HOMECOMING: The New York Cosmos opened the season at its new home at MCU Park on April 1 — but fell 3-0 against Miami FC.

Photo by Sean Murphy

the squads went into the break knotted at zero. But it wasn't because of a lack of energy from either side — or from a boisterous crowd of more than 6,000 in attendance.

"It was fantastic," Savarese said. "Being able to have this energy and the people that came, it was so much support. Tonight was a great night and it was great to see how much has been done to bring the people in."

The Cosmos squad did its best to keep the game even early in the second half, but Miami's front line proved too formidable.

Dylan Mares got Miami FC on the board in the 51st minute on a left-footed rocket from the corner of the box. The shot sailed by Mauer's outstretched hands in between the pipes and left the veteran goaltender visibly frustrated. It also drew a bit of emotion from the play-

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Hip, hip, and Fay: Former Naz star helps spark Quinnipiac run

BY LAURA AMATO

There's no sense of disappointment; only pride and a fierce determination to get back on the court.

Former Nazareth star Jen Fay was a key part of the Quinnipiac women's basketball team's success this season, a Cinderella story that ended in the program's first-ever NCAA Sweet 16 appearance. The ending was far from perfect — a blowout loss to ultimate champion South Carolina — but Fay can still find reasons to smile. After all, she and the Bobcats made history this season, and as far as she's concerned, that's nothing to be disappointed about.

"There were some tears, but I think they were all tears of pride and joy to be honest,"

Fay said. "I think the season really ended on a good note. A loss is a loss, but after everything we accomplished, the season was fantastic."

Fay's own road to on-court success this year was rocky at times. The redshirt sophomore was fresh off an ACL injury that kept her sidelined last winter and she readily admits she was nervous early in her comeback.

"Getting my confidence back this season was probably my main goal," she said. "Slowly I did that, but at the beginning of the season I was a little hesitant."

It took a few weeks, but once Fay started playing consistent minutes again, she quickly became the Bobcats' on-court leader, seeing action

in all 36 of Quinnipiac's games and leading the team with 10.5 points a game while averaging a blistering 47.5 percent from the floor.

"My teammates instilled more and more confidence in me," said Fay, who also led the squad in three-point percentage. "Then once I saw the ball go through the basket a couple of times, it gave me that full confidence I needed to go out there and play my game."

She helped keep the Bobcats focused throughout the season, even when the squad faced seemingly insurmountable challenges on the national stage. Quinnipiac might have surprised the basketball-watching world with wins over Marquette and Miami, but Fay

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POWER FORWARD: Former Naz star Jen Fay got her momentum back on the court this season, returning to the Quinnipiac lineup after she was sidelined with an injury last year.

Quinnipiac Athletics

Hitting his stride

St. Francis track and field star is talented in jumping and running

BY LAURA AMATO

It's been an experiment, and so far, a successful one.

St. Francis senior and Marine Park native Wagner Elancieux wasn't always a track and field standout. If he's being honest, he's still not certain he is.

The only thing Elancieux is certain of is his willingness to try — to sign up for any event and give it everything he's got. It's a determination that has shaped his career with the Terriers and resulted in a series of personal bests.

"I'd say it took me a few years of seeing where I fit in," Elancieux said. "I'm still working on the mindset and confidence thing. Even now. It's hard to focus on running and jumping at the same time. A lot of people don't even try and do that."

Elancieux isn't the prototypical track and field athlete. In fact, when he started high school, track and field wasn't even on his radar. He played basketball at St. Edmund Prep as a freshman, but didn't make the team his sophomore year, and suddenly was an athlete without a sport. A few weeks later, he found himself on the track.

"They said they were starting a track team and I figured



READY FOR ANYTHING: Former St. Edmund Prep star Wagner Elancieux has found his footing at the college level, anxious to meet any track and field challenge.

Wagner Elancieux

I'd give it a shot," Elancieux said. "The first race was like a 200 or something and I finished and I medaled. And I was like, well, if I can get a medal every week, I'll do this."

He started running and has never really stopped; excelling at sprinting with St.

Edmund Prep before joining the team at St. Francis.

At first, Elancieux was certain he'd simply settle into a sprinting rhythm with the Terriers, but it's taken years for him to hit his stride.

"I just wasn't fast enough
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Marine Park hoops star relishes All-American status

BY LAURA AMATO

It was a moment she won't soon forget.

Danielle Patterson, a Marine Park native and a hoops star at The Mary Louis Academy in Queens, spent the last week in March in Chicago, competing in the annual McDonald's All-American game. The annual tourney is always full of memories for talented young players, but for Patterson, the high point — one that reminded her of why she loves to play basketball — didn't happen on the court, but before tipoff at a March 25 event at a Chicago-area Ronald McDonald House.

"I met this one girl and she must have been five or six years old," Patterson said.



TOP TALENT: Marine Park native Danielle Patterson took on national competition in the McDonald's All-American game on March 29.

Patterson family

"She loved basketball, and I was looking back at her and I was like, 'wow, that was me.' (When) I started playing bas-

ketball, I could barely dribble. Now I'm an All-American."

Patterson's basketball journey has been a long one, winding and challenging, but she says she wouldn't trade a single second of it for anything; her All-American moment was proof positive that so far in her basketball career, she's done everything right.

"When I was a little kid, you never think about anything like that," Patterson said. "You're playing just to play because you like it. Then, I think, as you get older and playing AAU and understanding the magnitude of it and the scholarship possibilities, you understand the importance of it. You know how far you can go."

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POLY POWERHOUSE: The Poly Prep baseball team will have to defend its state championship again, but the Blue Devils are used to the pressure.

Nick Storz

Poly baseball ready for another run at the title

BY LAURA AMATO

It's business as usual, but serious business nonetheless.

The Poly Prep baseball team has gotten used to being in title defense mode, having captured the New York State Association of Independent Schools championship five of the last six seasons.

That doesn't mean that the Blue Devils squad is willing to rest on its laurels; coach Matt Roventini said his team is fully aware other squads are determined to upset it and is more than prepared for battle again this spring.

"They know that, no matter what people think of you, it matters how you play," Roventini said. "They haven't taken anything for granted or said, 'We've been really good before, we'll be good again.' I think there's always something to prove."

The team has established itself as one of the most dominant prep baseball teams in the Northeast, but that doesn't mean there isn't room for improvement. Poly spent a week in Florida late last month, competing against some of the top teams in the country; a trip that proved to be a big confidence-booster.

"Florida's huge for us," said senior pitcher Nick Storz. "It's a major step in developing a team and especially the young team we have, it was a good week to learn the basics. It helped us a lot."

Roventini added that his players "took advantage of every minute we got on

the field. We'd practice and then play a game or play and then practice. They have fun, but it's a business trip."

Poly will start an almost entirely new infield this spring as well as brand-new players at the top three spots in the lineup, but the Blue Devils remain as confident as ever. The team boasts one of the strongest pitching rotations not just in its league, but in the entire state.

Storz — who has committed to attend Louisiana State University and is projected to be drafted in the first round of the Major League Baseball draft this year — will lead the way, while Oliver McCarthy, committed to attend Duke, is also slated to see significant innings on the mound.

The duo pack a formidable one-two punch, but the coach noted that his team is also blessed with a deep bullpen and a capable of defense.

"The pitching is going to carry us, that's our plan and I think that's going to be our strength," Roventini said. "A lot of guys proved some very good things down there in Florida."

Poly Prep's expectation every season is to win a title, and this spring is no different. At the same time, the squad doesn't feel pressured to repeat — just convinced that it will.

"I'm super confident," McCarthy said. "I don't think we have anything to fear. Everyone's buying into the team and I couldn't be more excited."

THREE'S COMPANY

Lady Vikings senior stars showed off their talents together

BY LAURA AMATO

The score didn't really matter — the togetherness did.

The South Shore High School girls' hoops trio of Selena Philoxy, Tshai Corbie and Valena Hickerson wasn't upset with the Public School Athletic League's 61-57 loss to the Catholic League in the Mayor's Cup game April 2. The group wasn't really playing to win, it was just playing together — one last time.

The senior stars of the state champion Lady Vikings ended their high school careers at the all-star contest at Baruch College, and while the final score wasn't in their favor, they were far from disappointed.

"It's like a family reunion, all of us coming together like this," Hickerson said. "We knew it was the last time, so we all just wanted to get out there and have fun. This is it

and we can't get this back, so we really wanted to have fun playing out there together."

The three standouts have been teammates for the past two years and are comfortable playing together, a fact that showed throughout the game. Corbie — who was named MVP of the Public School squad — admitted that the Lady Vikings group might have been trying to show off just a bit.

"I don't want to say that we just kind of chucked it up there, but we wanted to show what we can do," Corbie said. "We wanted to show the fans what South Shore is made of. And having three players from one school, no one else had that. I feel like we had to show that we were here."

The game was dominated by the Catholic school squad for most of the afternoon, until the South Shore trio trig-

gered a late-game comeback. Corbie tied the game at 53-all with just over six minutes left and Philoxy helped pad the lead — on a Corbie assist — just moments later. The momentum was sparked by the kind of play South Shore has showcased all season.

"We already build off of each other and are comfortable with each other since we've played together, so it was nothing," Hickerson said. "I felt like the comeback was going to come once we got in there together."

The rally energized the crowd as well, and while the game wasn't actually in Canarsie, it felt like it, as cheers of "South Shore!" bounced off the gym walls at Baruch.

"I won't ever forget that," Corbie said.

"It made me realize how many people I have supporting me and the kind of people we've



SENIOR STARS: South Shore senior trio Valena Hickerson, Tshai Corbie, and Selena Philoxy wrapped up their high school careers on April 2, competing in the Mayor's Cup at Baruch College. Photo by William Thomas

had behind us all season."

The Lady Vikings couldn't quite push the Public Schools team to a victory, but after the final whistle the South Shore trio was all smiles.

"I mean, we really like to win, but it's an all-star game. We just played and had some fun," said Philoxy. "We have that bond. We all just went out of here laughing."

WAGNER

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and I needed more strength than speed," he said. "So when I started here, I started doing distance. "Just to build up my strength, they put me in those races."

Elancieux ran every distance, competed in every race he could, and eventually, his coach suggested he start jumping as well — just to see if he could. He could.

He began competing in the long jump and triple jump last season and, late last month, notched a personal-best in the triple jump and 400-meter dash at the Monmouth Invite meet.

It isn't often that one ath-

lete competes in both a jumping event and a sprint, but Elancieux doesn't consider himself a typical athlete. He simply wants to be the best and he's willing to take on any event to prove he is.

"I just want to score points," he said. "I feel like all of this was just for me to do well in the last season. I see everything now and I kind of understand the road."

His journey to track and field excellence hasn't been easy, but Elancieux has embraced every new challenge, and now, he's set his sights set on competing internationally for Haiti — his homeland — in the future.

"It's going to be hard, but I want to run," he said. "I'm never going to stop running."

hausting as it's been thrilling, but now that Fay and her teammates have done it, she's anxious to prove it's not about the name of the school, but the work of its players.

"I think this run just showed a lot of people that mid-major schools are important," she said. "They might not have heard of you, but if you have the right work ethic and mindset, you can pretty much do anything. We hope to inspire people to believe that."

COSMOS

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ers as Mares and Cosmos midfielder Danny Szetela picked up yellow cards just moments after the goal. That turned out to be only the beginning.

Miami padded its lead in the 67th minute on a Cosmos own goal as the ball deflected off the back of Ryan Richter's leg and into the corner of the net. It was enough to leave Mauer barking at his teammates, and the pro-Cosmos crowd deflated.

"In the second half, Miami had a lot of chances and everything really opened up," Mauer said. "But it wasn't on [the defense], it was on all the lines. They were extremely stretched out and it really opened up the field."

Miami scored once again in the 74th minute, and while Mauer came up big on another penalty kick late in the second half, the Cosmos had already dug themselves into a hole that was too deep.

"It is what it is," Mauer said. "We've had a lot of new faces with only a few days of training. We're still working

through it and we've got a long way to go. A lot of work to do, but we're just taking it week-by-week and day-by-day, trying to get better."

Despite the frustrating start, the Cosmos insist it's just the second game of the season, and expressed confidence that more goals will come as the roster-rebuilding continues.

"You wish that the team can grow faster," Savarese said. "We want a more balanced team, make sure the team grows physically, but time is the only [thing] that's going to get us to that point."

PATTERSON

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Patterson saw playing time during the All-American game and relished the opportunity to showcase her talent on a national stage against the best high school competition the sport has to offer.

"All those days in the gym that you've spent kind of paid off," she said. "It was a really different experience, playing in that game and against all the other top players. You don't get to do that very often."

Patterson did her best to stay focused when she stepped onto the court at the United Center, but was quick to admit that the scene was just a bit overwhelming; after all, it's not every day you get to play in front of an arena filled with fans — including LeBron James and Dwyane Wade. She hoped it was a glimpse into her not-too-distant future.

"You're used to playing in a small high school gym and then you finally get on the court and you're looking around and it's an arena," said Patterson, who will head to

Notre Dame next season. "You see all the media and people sitting there and you know, in college, in a couple of months, this is going to be the norm."

It was a whirlwind few days in the Windy City, but Patterson was grateful for the challenge and looks forward to playing the game she loves, even as she pauses to cherish some lingering memories.

"It all kind of happened in the blink of an eye," Patterson said. "I still remember coming to Mary Louis and having all that hype and now to have done what I've done it's been so good."

FAY

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never doubted her team could contend with the best.

"We never overlooked anybody, conference or non-conference, especially in the playoffs," she said. "We took it one game at a time and we focused on that opponent." The whirlwind few weeks of bringing the national spotlight to Quinnipiac has been as ex-

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: YANG’S FAMILY REALTY LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 02/08/2017. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: YANG’S FAMILY REALTY

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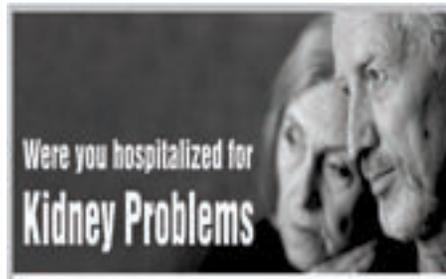
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