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TRUMP COUNTRY

You're hired! Southern Brooklyn voters turn out for Donald

BY MAX JAEGER, JULIANNE CUBA, & CAROLINE SPIVACK

It was the Russians.

In an election where Russian spies allegedly hacked Hillary Clinton's e-mails and president-elect Donald Trump's admiration for Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin was a central theme, the borough's slavs proved Southern Brooklyn is Trump Country. The Donald carried the neighborhoods of Sheepshead Bay, Gravesend, Midwood, Brighton Beach, and Manhattan Beach — even as Clinton gobbled up the borough-wide vote.

And the nation's soon-to-be 45th president can thank immigrants from The Great Bear, who supported him for his friendly relationship with Putin, his allegiance to Israel, and his promise to grow the economy, according to one area voter who is both Russian and Jewish.

"As I know many Russian-speaking Americans over 60, they were pro-Trump," said Alexander Sirotin, a Brighton Beacher who pulled the lever for the real-estate mogul on Tuesday with some reservations. "I think because they liked some of Trump's promises. Promises to not send any soldiers abroad, to try to talk with Putin, something like that. I feel hope for Israel, for Jewish people, because I am Jewish and I hope we are united. I cannot say that I am happy, but I hope that now there will be change, and I hope that change will be for better not for worse."

Others were more glowing in their reactions.

"I'm over the moon that Trump won," said Benson-



GOING RED: (Right) A breakdown by Assembly district shows Southern Brooklyn was president-elect Donald Trump's bastion. He carried two districts (in red) and nearly tied Hillary Clinton in several others (purple).

hurster Rebecca Zlobinskaya, who is also Russian. "He has the business experience to change all our lives for the better. It's a beautiful thing his winning, it really is."

Russians just tend more conservative, and Trump's status as an entrepreneur and political outsider was all those electors were talking about, according to an area politico who supported Hillary.

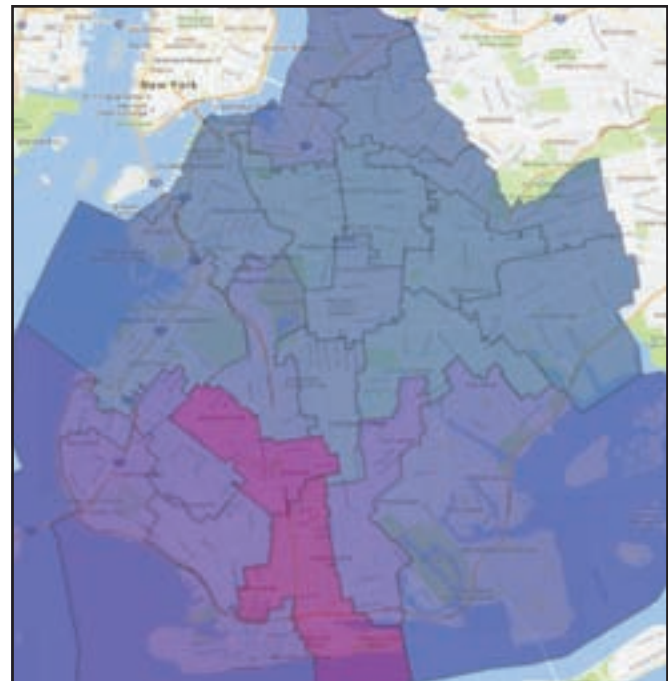
"The Russian community overwhelmingly went for Trump. I heard 'Israel,' I heard 'businessman,' I heard 'outsider,' and 'not part of the political establishment,'" said Ari Kagan, a Democratic district leader in the 45th Assem-

bly District, where Trump got 16,400 votes to Clinton's 10,600. "I know that the majority of people in Brighton Beach supported Trump, it was not a surprise."

The cultural conservative bent and a penchant for domineering political figures had Russians eating out of Trump's hands, a critic said.

"A lot of people in my community supported him because they're used to being brainwashed by Putin before they came here," said Vira Andruk, who hails from the Ukraine and said she was the only person among her friends and family who voted for Clinton.

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RUNNING FOR OFFICE

New York Marathon sign wavers had 2016 election fever

BY CAROLINE SPIVACK

Talk about a political race! This year's New York Marathon was tenser than a pulled-hammy over the 2016 presidential election. Brooklynites traditionally wave signs and dole out high-fives to encourage runners in the 26.2-mile dash, but during the Nov. 6 race — which came two days before the presidential election — they used the opportunity to do some last-minute stumping, according to one Park Slope mom who waved a “high-five for Hillary sign” with her kids in support of Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton.

“We’ve been talking a lot at home about the election this year and what it means for our country, and we thought this could be a fun sign to do,” said Allison Sokoloff, who made the posters with her son and daughter. “The kids loved the idea. They’re little, but they know that it’s an important election and that Hillary Clinton could become the first woman president.”

Other borough politics waved snarky signs with phrases including, “If Trump can run so can you,” and “You’re running better than the government.”

People were runnin’ scared from Park Sloper Sarah Winter’s sign that urged racers to “Run like Donald Trump is trying to grab your...” followed by a drawing of a pussycat. The placard alluded to the president-elect Donald Trump’s infamous comment that women willingly let television stars such as himself make unprovoked sexual advances, and that he can simply “grab ’em by the p----.”

And athletes sprinted along main thoroughfares from Bay Ridge to Greenpoint decked out in gear for their presidential candidate of choice.



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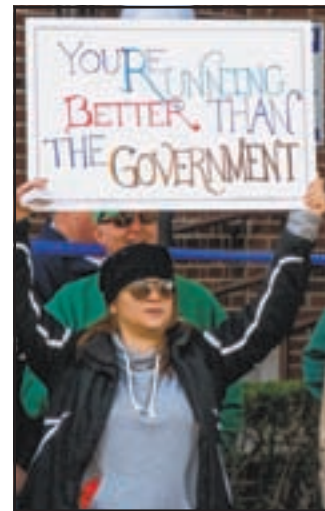


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SIGNS OF THE TIMES: (Clockwise from above) Sarah Winter motivated runners in Park Slope with the image of Trump chasing them. A satirist in Bay Ridge motivates runners. A runner decked out in conservative gear makes his way up Fourth Avenue in Bay Ridge. A Sloper acknowledges that anything is possible in the era of “post-truth politics.”

One runner was spotted speeding down Fourth Avenue in Bay Ridge with a “Vote for Trump Pence” sign and a “Make America great again” cap.



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THE END IS NIGH: Park Slopers lined up down Fifth Avenue to vote at MS 51.

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Shock and awww

Park Slopers are in tears after Trump upset

BY COLIN MIXSON

It is mourning again in Park Slope.

The heart of progressive Brooklyn is in shock after the nation elected Republican Donald Trump as the country's Commander in Chief on Tuesday, with locals brushing back tears as they trudged to work on a Wednesday morning that felt more like the day after tomorrow, according to one local leader.

"We're all a little shell-shocked today," said Community Board 6 district manager Craig Hammerman. "I saw people in tears this morning walking through the streets. There was a lot of hugging — just a very sad tone."

It was an especially bad way to wake up for one local who would otherwise have been celebrating her birthday on Nov. 9.

"This is the worst birthday I've ever had," said 20-year Slope resident Ivce Rose.

More than 30,000 neighborhood residents cast a ballot in the presidential race, according to a Park Slope Courier analysis of state voter data available as of Wednesday afternoon — of those, around 28,000 went to Democratic hopeful Hillary Clinton, and only 1,500 to Trump.

But Trump's victory was in many ways a national rebuke of the Park Slope way of life — a place where grocery shoppers argue over Palestinian rights, fashionistas shilled handmade Clinton and Bernie Sanders T-shirts, and a synagogue dedicated its sukkah to the global refugee crisis — and his elevation to the nation's highest office came as a revelation to some that the neighborhood is not in sync with other

parts of the nation, according to one resident.

"I think it's a wake-up call," said Michelle de la Uz, local resident and executive director of local social justice outfit the Fifth Avenue Committee. "I think people weren't necessarily fully aware of how disaffected folks are around the country — we tend to be in a bubble here."

Locals in liberal strongholds across the country protested after Tuesday's shock result, but Park Slope remained grimly somber on Tuesday evening and into the next day, as residents were still in a state of shock, de la Uz said.

"There's just a lot of shock and mourning going on right now," she explained. "I think people are literally going through the steps of mourning. The anger part of it will come later."

ex-Soviet seniors and newly arrived immigrants — two groups who rely on the very social services The Donald has pledged to reign in, a local social worker said.

"The Russian community, I think they're vulnerable," said Pat Singer, who runs the Brighton Neighborhood As-

sociation. "When I hear that my Russian neighbors are voting for Trump, who has said 'immigrants out' — and he doesn't like government programs — do they know what they are doing?"

County-wide, Clinton got a total 595,086 votes to Trump's 133,653.

REPORTER'S NOTEBOOK

I sat ringside while Hillary's election-night party got pooped

BY LAUREN GILL

And you thought *your* election party sucked.

I was one of the journalists who attended Hillary Clinton's election-night event, witnessing first-hand as the mood amongst the press and Clinton's biggest fans gave way to the tense, tearful realization that there would be no celebration, no tears of joy, and no first woman president.

When I arrived at Manhattan's Jacob Javits Center — where Clinton was supposed to give her election-night remarks under the arena's oh-so-apert glass ceiling — supporters who hadn't scored seats were gathering outside the police barricades decked out in "I'm with her" and "Nasty woman" merchandise. They were jovial and smiling, brimming with confidence that they were going to be part of history.

Inside, the press room and lobby were bustling with bright-eyed reporters and guests, many looking forward to witnessing a moment for the history books.

This paper was disgracefully not given any seats in the media filing center, but we "borrowed" the ones assigned to Telemundo, whose reporters never showed up to claim them. Looking back, maybe they already knew what was coming.

Earlier in the evening, Mayor DeBlasio and Council Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito revved up crowd members, who roared in cheers as television networks flashed the scene at the convention hall across the big screen. But by the time Gov. Cuomo and singer Katy Perry took

the stage at around 9:30 pm, their remarks landed with a heavy thud.

The reporters in the media center just seemed annoyed that the televisions were showing these rah-rah speeches instead of the news coverage. People's eyes were glued to the screens as their eyebrows furrowed and whispers of "He can't win" filled the room.

Then Clinton won Virginia and members of the press erupted in cheers and the mood in the room lightened a bit — but not for long.

At around 10:15 pm, the monitors showed a video of celebrities singing Rachel Platten's "Fight Song" — Clinton's campaign anthem — but instead of coming off as cute and amusing, it seemed out of place and annoying. It was too soon.

By 11:30 pm, you could hear a pin drop. More and more reporters started hitting the bar to ease their anxiety. Whispers of "Do you think he'll actually win?" "What would even happen?" filled the room. And then we waited, and waited, and waited. At 1:15 am, Clinton's path to the White House seemed all but scorched. The crowd thinned out.

Outside the convention center, the streets were completely empty. Police officers gave half-hearted "Have a good night"s and exchanged looks of shock and disappointment with the departing crowd members.

No one wanted to talk with a reporter.

"I'm too depressed," said one woman sporting an "I'm with her" shirt and she made a beeline for the door.



STILL WAITING: The empty stage at Hillary Clinton's election party, where she was supposed to make a speech but never showed.

Community News Group / Lauren Gill

Getting worked up

Locals miffed city moved 'Southern B'klyn Job Center' D'town

BY CAROLINE SPIVACK

The city must replace the shuttered Bay Ridge Job Center with one that is accessible to Southern Brooklynites, demanded locals who rely on the center for more than job-placement.

The Human Resources Administration's lease expired on the office at the corner of Fourth Avenue and Senator Street — which helped the needy obtain food stamps, job-training, and health insurance — and it closed the center on Oct. 14.

The agency opened a replacement job center in Boerum Hill — named the "Southern Brooklyn Job Center," despite its being Downtown — but that's not really helping Southern Brooklynites, one aid-seeker said.

"I just came from Manhattan where they told me to go to my local center, so I came here but it's closed," said Sunset Parker Peter Quinones, who came to the Bay Ridge center



FRUSTRATED: Alan Robert says the Bay Ridge Job Center was a resource that will be sorely missed. Community News Group / Caroline Spivack

on Nov. 2 hoping to be re-certified for food stamps. "So now I guess I have to go to Downtown Brooklyn. I'm wasting all this time traveling, but what can you do? It sucks. Human resources has gotta get more human."

The office served roughly 100 people per day, according

to a Human Resources Administration spokeswoman, who said moving the Southern Brooklyn Job Center four miles north to Boerum Hill would better serve the agency's clients.

"As we strive to increase access to benefits for New
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BERRY INTERESTING IDEA: A rendering imagines Berry Street in Williamsburg as a largely pedestrian- and trolley-only thoroughfare. Parsons Brinckerhoff

Trains of thought

City floats routes for new streetcar

BY CAROLINE SPIVACK

The city revealed the routes it is considering for its planned Sunset Park-to-Queens streetcar system in a new report released on Nov. 1, including some streets that could have to go traffic-free to accommodate the \$2.5-billion trolley and three potential new bridges.

Officials hope to make most of the Brooklyn-Queens Connector lanes "exclusive" so the trolley

won't have to battle with regular traffic, the report says, which means some of the proposed streets would be closed to vehicles to accommodate the line.

A rendering shows Berry Street in Williamsburg as a so-called "transitway," open only to local traffic, pedestrians, and streetcars running in both directions.

Planners are considering building new bridges at 19th Street across the Gowanus
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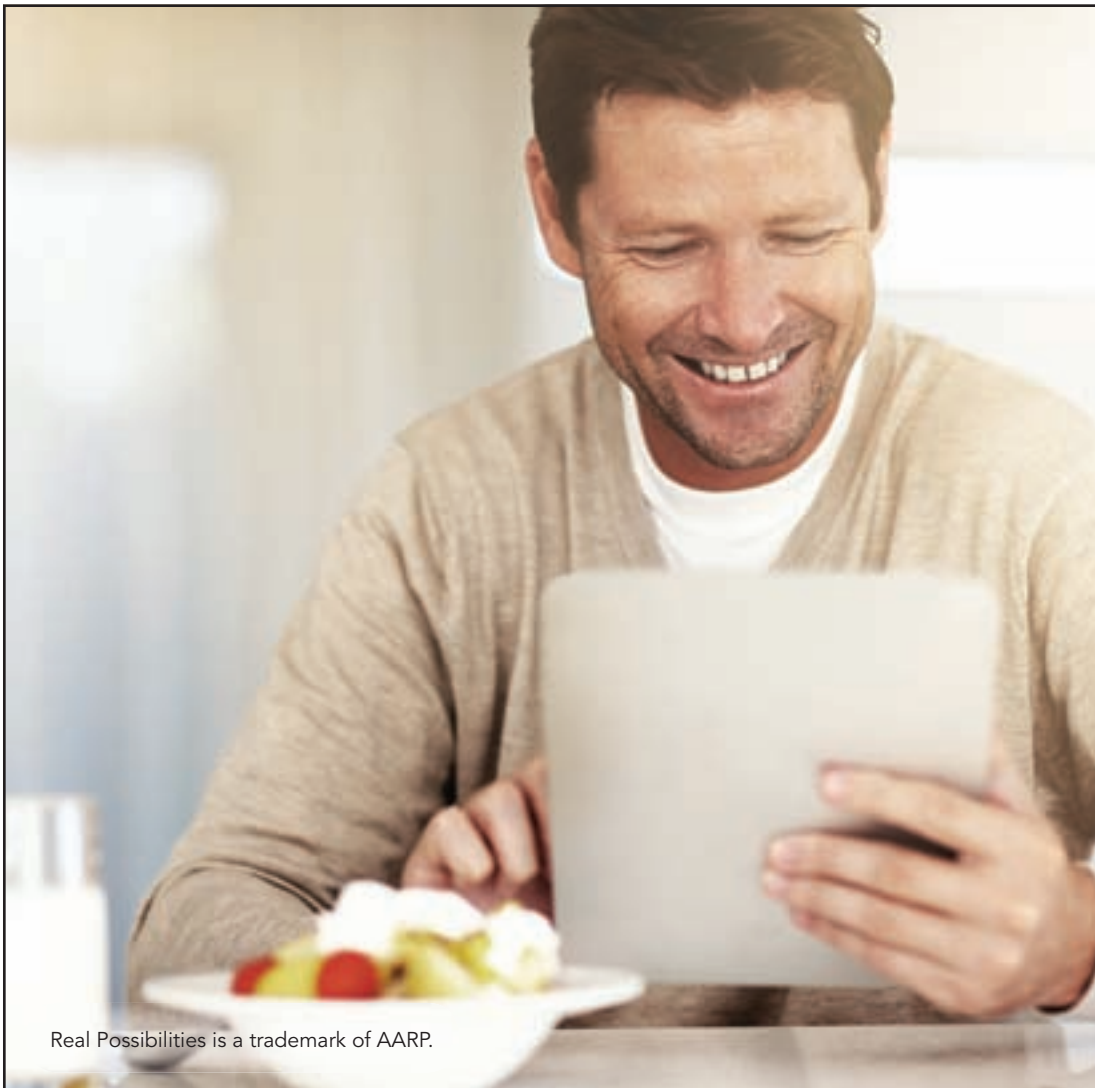
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Demolition man

Mayor signs Council bill speeding Sandy-damaged home tear-downs

BY JULIANNE CUBA

The wrecked homes Hurricane Sandy left standing will be gone soon.

Mayor DeBlasio is trying to speed up the city's sluggish Sandy-recovery program Build It Back, which has struggled to rebuild victims' homes more than four years after the historic storm. Hizzoner signed on Nov. 2 a new law introduced by Councilman Mark Treyger (D-Coney Island) that makes it easier for contractors to get the permits they need to demolish damaged homes.

DeBlasio recently admitted the program won't meet his self-imposed deadline to fix all Sandy-destroyed homes by the end of the year, but this new bill is a step in the right direction, he said.

"We've been very up front about the fact that we have not made as much progress as we intended to and we have fallen short and we have to do better," he said. "This bill gives us the ability to help more



SPEEDING THINGS UP: Mayor DeBlasio signs Councilman Mark Treyger's bill to speed up Build It Back alongside program chief Amy Peterson. Mayor's Office / Ed Reed

families return faster and it will not comprise the design or the safety of these homes."

The new bill will allow homeowners to fix their homes more quickly in two ways:

- Contractors will be able to begin demolition before filing all the necessary paperwork. Officials will employ licensed safety professionals on site during tear-downs to ensure safety, a city spokesman said.

- The city will waive certain violations and fines that

homeowners may have incurred before Build It Back began in 2013 that would otherwise have to be resolved before the program can begin work on their homes.

DeBlasio inherited the fraught program from his predecessor, and re-jiggered it in 2014, but he caught flak earlier this year for threaten-

ing to kick people out of the program in an effort to meet his goal of finishing work by year's end.

The bill will help families in construction gridlock years after the storm, said Treyger, who chairs Council's Committee on Resiliency and Recovery.

"Four long years after Superstorm Sandy ran roughshod over our coastal areas, many of our neighbors are

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EVERYBODY LOVES RAYS, MAN: Solar panels on the roof of Ikea in Red Hook. Associated Press / Mark Lennihan

It's a hot deal!

BY COLIN MIXSON

Catch some rays!

A group of Park Slope property owners are looking for eco-friendly Kings County residents to join them in going solar, and share in a discount that grows as more people sign up — and the organizer says it is the cheapest chance you'll have to go green.

"We believe the residents in our district deserve the best price and solar products that we can get," said Com-

munity Board 6 district manager Craig Hammerman.

Community Board 6 kicked off the first round of the program for people within the district in 2014, which saw 26 property owners strap solar panels to their brownstones.

Those arrays are currently generating 176,250 kilowatt-hours annually, which is enough juice to take 28 homes in New York state off the grid, according to a

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Bus ride snatcher

A sneak thief snatched a teen's wallet on a Flatbush Avenue bus on Nov. 1.

The teen told police that she was riding the bus around 5 pm and got off at Flatbush Avenue and Avenue K around 6:30 pm, when she noticed her wallet was missing. Cops said a debit card, school identification cards, and a learner's permit were in her wallet. Two \$32 transactions were later made on her debit card, she told cops.

Hot bike

Someone swiped motorcycle parts from an Avenue V man's home sometime between Oct. 29 and Nov. 1.

The bike's owner told police that he parked his two-wheeled ride behind a gate near E. 69th Street on Oct. 29 at midnight. Police said at around 9 am on Nov. 1, he discovered the motorbike was missing its seat, frames, saddlebag, and a mounted camera.

Cops checked the man's surveillance cameras in front of his home but could not identify the image of the swiper, according to the police report.

Think mink

Someone stole pricey mink coats from an E. 70th Street senior's home between Sept. 20 and Sept. 21.

Police said the 77-year-old woman hired a cleaning company to clean her home from Sept. 19 to 23, and noticed two of her mink coats missing from her closet on Sept. 23 around 5 pm. The woman told cops she asked one of the cleaners where it went, but they didn't know, officers reported.

Theft appointment

Police arrested a man who they say swiped a dentist's wallet at a Flatbush Avenue dental clinic on Nov. 3.

A victim told police that she saw one of her patients take her wallet out of her bag at the clinic near Avenue L around 10:50 am.

She then told police that she called the man to ask him to return her billfold — which contained cash and several identification and insurance cards. He told her he dropped the wallet outside the clinic, but when she retrieved it, it was empty, according to a police report.

Police arrested the suspect at his Ryder Street home on Nov. 4.

Car washed

A marauder took gadgets from a man's parked car on Royce Street sometime between Nov. 5 and 6.



The man told police that he left his vehicle near Avenue U around 6:30 pm. The next day, after a going through a car wash, he noticed that two of his laptops and a briefcase were missing, according to police.

— *Alexandra Simon*

68TH PRECINCT

BAY RIDGE-DYKER HEIGHTS

Gunpoint robbery

A brute robbed a woman at gunpoint on Narrows Avenue on Nov. 2, said police.

The woman told police that she was walking home near 77th Street at 2:05 am when a 6-foot man approached. The marauder stated, "Give me your bag" and brandished a black handgun, officials said. The thief grabbed the woman's purse and fled in a black car toward Third Avenue.

Purse snatcher

A thief swiped a woman's purse on 86th Street on Oct. 31, said police.

The woman told police that she was waiting for the bus between Fifth and Six avenues when the lout approached her at 2:15 am, grabbed her purse from her hands, and fled on 86th Street toward Sixth Avenue.

62ND PRECINCT

BENSONHURST-BATH BEACH

Masked robbers

Two masked villains robbed a man on 86th Street on Oct. 30, said police.

The man was between Bay 31st and Bay 32nd streets at midnight when the baddies — wearing full face masks — approached him, officials said. The victim told police the louts pushed him up against the wall and punched him multiple times in the head before one of the crooks said, "Give me your phone."

The robbers made off with the man's wallet and cellphone, police said.

Holy theft

Two scoundrels swiped a gold cross off a woman's neck on New Utrecht Avenue on Nov. 1, said police.

The woman told officers that while she was sitting in a cab between 72nd and 73rd streets at 5:30

am, two men approached her and one swiped the pendant off of her necklace chain. The thieves fled on New Utrecht Avenue, said police.

Wino

Police arrested a wine bottle-wielding man who they say raided a 65th Street bodega on Nov. 5.

The man approached the clerk in the store near 17th Avenue at 9:15 pm holding the bottle like a club and proceeded behind the counter grabbing items off the shelves, police said. The suspect then pulled out a knife and said to the clerk, "It is too small for you," cops allege.

Caught in the act

Neighbors scared off a would-be bandit in the act of breaking into a W. Eighth Street apartment on Oct. 25, said cops.

A witness told police that he saw the baddie on top of an awning at the home between avenues T and U at 10 am trying to pry open a window. The crook fled when the neighbor yelled at him. The window had tool marks and the screen was bent, officials said.

Brutal beating

Police arrested three men for beating a man so badly that he suffered multiple seizures on 24th Avenue on Nov. 5, said authorities.

A witness came upon the three men picking the victim up off the ground and slamming him to the pavement on 84th Street at 1 am, police reported. Officials say the impact caused a deep gash to the victim's head, causing the man to lose consciousness and suffer multiple seizures. He was taken to Lutheran Medical Center, police said.

The witness informed nearby officers of the attack, who arrested the men, said police.

60TH PRECINCT

CONEY ISLAND-BRIGHTON BEACH-
SEAGATE

Shocking attack

Police arrested three of six men who they say shocked a man with a stun gun and stole his bike at the intersection of Bay 44th Street and Shore Parkway on Oct. 31.

The man told police that six men surrounded him at the intersection at 8 pm. One of the men jolted the man in the back with an electric stun gun, police said. The man was

disoriented from the shock and was unable to fight the men off as they stole his bike, said police.

Suckerpunch

Police cuffed a man for punching a teacher in the face on West Avenue on Oct. 31, said police.

The victim was walking between W. Fifth and W. Sixth streets at 7:58 am when the suspect punched him in the head, causing substantial pain and swelling, police said.

A sergeant on the scene arrested the man, a report stated.

Grab and run

Two goons attacked a woman and swiped her phone and purse on Stillwell Avenue on Oct. 31, said police.

The woman told police she was near Mermaid Avenue at 11:15 pm when a verbal argument with the nogoodniks turned physical as one of the men struck her in the arm, grabbed her cellphone, and fled on foot.

The woman dropped her purse to chase down the thief, but the other man took the opportunity to swipe her bag and run off, said cops.

Vicious stabbing

Three brutes stabbed three women multiple times on W. 19th Street on Nov. 6, said police.

One of the women told police that she was waiting for her two friends near Surf Avenue at 8:10 pm when three baddies tried to steal her cash. The woman struggled with one of the would-be thieves and was stabbed twice in the right abdomen, said officials. Her friends arrived and tried to intervene but were also stabbed multiple times in the back and rib cage, said police.

All three women were taken to Lutheran Hospital, authorities said.

— *Caroline Spivack*

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A crook barged his way into an elderly woman's E. 13th Street home on Nov. 1, threatened her with a knife and swiped her purse and cash, police said.

The 81-year-old woman told police she was in her home near Avenue T at about 11:30 pm when the jerk rang her doorbell. When she asked who it was, the malefactor answered, "It's me!"

The woman opened the door and the punk pushed her into her kitchen and said, "Where's the money?" while threatening her with a knife. The nogoodnik grabbed her purse with \$300 cash in it and fled through her side door, officials said.

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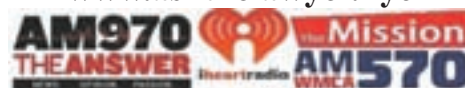
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HOUSING LOTTERY: Apartments in the Bay Ridge Towers are for sale for as little as \$13,562, and the state is now accepting applications. Community News Group / Caroline Spivack

Cheap digs!

How to apply for the new lottery at Bay Ridge Towers

BY CAROLINE SPIVACK

Now is your chance to own a piece of Brooklyn, for as little as \$13,500.

The Towers of Bay Ridge — those twin monoliths of Mitchell-Lama-style cooperative living on 65th Street — are taking hundreds of applications for the complex's housing lottery.

And people looking for sweet digs at a low price should throw their names into the hat, according to one resident, who said you can't beat the views or the price.

"I love living here. It makes life so much more affordable," said Daniela Cheeseman, who has lived in the towers for eight years with her husband. "We have beautiful views of the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge, the apartment is really nice. I really encourage people to apply."

The vaulting, 30-story towers boast basement laundry, a backyard jungle gym for little ones, and 300 parking spots (separate wait list required) for \$60 a month each.

The 811-unit co-op is taking 100 applications for studio apartments, 300 for one-bedrooms, and 50 for three-bedrooms.

Lottery winners will

be placed on a wait list, so even if your name is picked, you'll have to wait for an apartment to actually open up.

But mainly, it is a crazy-cheap way to buy an apartment. Unit prices range depending on income:

- Studios are \$13,500–\$17,300 for households with a maximum \$47,000 annual income.

- One-bedrooms are \$18,700–\$22,700 for households making no more than \$61,400 a year.

- Three-bedrooms are \$34,400–\$36,300 for families earning \$96,600 or less.

The co-op charges members a monthly service fee ranging from \$400 to \$1,000, but most of the utilities are included, Cheeseman said.

Veterans and their surviving spouses get a preference in the lottery.

There is a \$200, refundable application fee.

To request a lottery form, send a self-addressed stamped envelope no smaller than 9-by-4 inches via United States Postal Service first-class mail to: Election Services United, PO Box 7650, Garden City, NY, 11530.

The deadline to apply to the lottery is 9 am on Nov. 18.

JOB CENTER

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Yorkers in need, Human Resource Administration evaluates the areas where centers are located on an ongoing basis, including looking at where our clients live," said Lourdes Centeno, a spokeswoman with the agency.

But it likely won't benefit Bay Ridgites, said one community leader.

"I think that there are many people that are going to be affected by this," said Josephine Beckmann, the district manager of Community Board 10. "It's going to be a tough adjustment."

And people continue to show up at the building not realizing it has closed even though the city said it mailed notices to all active clients. A single notice in English is pinned to one of two entrances to the shuttered center.

"I certainly didn't know that it was closed," said Quinones. "It's unbelievable."

The city plans to offer

some of the job center's services vicariously through local community groups, but the project is only in the planning stages, according to Centeno. Officials also hope to open an additional Brooklyn center, but she would not say where.

The city should open a temporary center that is more accessible to Southern Brooklynites while it works out a more permanent solution, another client said.

"It's a large area and it needs to be serviced better," said Bay Ridgite Alan Robert, who said it was tough trekking Downtown when he visited a job center there. "It's a real hardship for seniors to travel several neighborhoods away, and people using these services don't have a lot of money — a \$5.50 subway fare can be a lot for every time you need to visit a center. The neighborhood needs something here."

The Southern Brooklyn Job Center (35 Fourth Ave. at Dean Street in Boerum Hill).

Wow, what an angle!

Pol triples number of parking spaces by rotating them

BY JULIANNE CUBA

It's a new way to look at parking.

Councilman Chaim Deutsch (D-Midwood) angled the city to triple parking spots on a block of Avenue P by changing parallel spaces to angled ones that can fit more cars. The 20 new angled slips between E. 23rd and E. 24th streets — replacing a paltry six spaces — are near two public schools, housing, and a synagogue. The busy area drew a lot of drivers, but now it is much easier to find a spot, said Jacob Lomner, who lives right next to the shul.

"The synagogue and everything, it's tight. People park and I can't get out of my driveway," he said. "We really appreciate this. It frees up my street over here."

Department of Transportation workers installed the new spaces on Oct. 31 at Deutsch's urging.

The legislator plans bring his slant on parking elsewhere — including Brighton Beach and Sheepshead Bay — and he has requested the city put in more spots under the Q line between W. Fifth and W. Sixth streets, and on Avenue P between Bedford Avenue and E. 27th Street.

The Department of Transportation recently approved his request to create temporary angled parking on Batchelder Street between Avenues Y and Z, because contractors working on the nearby Kings Bay Houses are taking up a bunch of spots in the complex's parking lot. The city will create the spaces in the coming weeks, but they will disappear when construction on the public housing



THAT HITS THE SPOT!: Councilman Chaim Deutsch more than tripled parking on a block of Avenue P by getting the city to paint angled parking spots.

Community News Group / Julianne Cuba

wraps next spring, reps from Deutsch's office said.

Parking is a hot commodity in Southern Brooklyn, and anywhere the Department of Transportation can add more spots is a win for the community, the councilman said.

"Anywhere we can increase parking and accommodate the residents in that area by having less people constantly driving around the block looking for spots, causing pollution, congestion, causing aggravation is a plus," said Deutsch. "The more parking spots we can put in without affecting the safety of pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists is a plus."

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Nowhere to go

Families homeless after city orders them out of dangerous Dyker Heights house



WHAT'S NEXT?: The now-homeless families seek help from Red Cross.

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BY MAX JAEGER

Two families — a total nine people — are homeless after city inspectors cleared 25 people out of a dangerously overcrowded Dyker Heights house on Nov. 3.

The owner built five apartments inside the two-family home, and officials sealed the building citing illegal gas hook-ups, no fire sprinkler, and a lack of exits. Some of the displaced are staying with friends or relatives — but others are in city shelters, reps said.

“Our records show that two households (a household of three and a household of six) were referred to the Department of Housing Preservation and Development for emergency shelter service,” according to a statement from the agency. “Displaced households are placed in family centers and single-room-occupancy hotels in Manhattan, the Bronx, Brooklyn, and Queens.”

Buildings and Fire Department inspectors emptied the house on 71st Street near 12th Avenue a little after 8 pm, officials said.

Two families stayed with friends or relatives, and the Red Cross put up



NOWHERE TO GO: Residents hang out on the street as they figure out what's next.

Photo by Georgine Benvenuto

the other four in hotels for two days, gave them petty cash for clothes and food, and assigned them caseworkers, according to Red Cross spokesman Michael De Vulpillieres. After the weekend, all four of those families asked the humanitarian organization to pass them on to the city for emergency housing, he said.

A city spokeswoman could only confirm two families entered city shelters.

The city cleared 31 people from a similar house on Seventh Avenue and 67th Street in August.

Borough pols have introduced a wide-ranging bill to reign in illegal conversions with new fines and foreclosable

liens on buildings with unpaid debts. Lawmakers and advocates want the fines to aid displaced residents, but that requires an agreement between Council and the Department of Buildings after the bill becomes law — and buildings department honchos testified against the bill on Oct. 31, claiming it “is either preempted by State law, duplicates existing authority, or would prove ineffective.”

Inspectors currently get into about 45 percent of buildings they attempt to investigate for illegal conversions, and the city collected an average \$1.3 million a year in related fines over the last three years — only one-sixth of the fines it issued, agency reps testified.

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Arrest in L&B murder

FBI collars a suspect in pizzaiolo's June shooting death

BY MAX JAEGER

A suspect has been arrested in the killing of L&B Spumoni Gardens owner Louis Barbati, officials confirmed on Nov. 3.

Investigators identified the man as Andres Fernandez.

Barbati was shot dead in front of his Dyker Heights home at the corner of 12th Avenue and 76th Street on June 30 in what investigators believed was a botched robbery.

A Federal Bureau of Investigation agent has testified that surveillance video shows Fernandez hiding behind a tree across the street from Barbati's house just before the apparent murder, according to court documents unsealed on Nov. 3. The suspect can be seen putting on a black glove and holding what appears to be a handgun, the agent testified. Video further shows him crossing the street toward Barbati's house just before the attack, the investigator attested.

Cellphone records put him outside Barbati's home and near Spumoni Gardens on the



GONE TOO SOON: Louis Barbati.

day of the killing, investigators said.

Barbati's family is relieved that someone may be held accountable for the killing, according to a statement issued through the family's lawyer.

"The loss of 'Lou Lou' leaves a void that will never be filled, however, the fact that someone is being brought to justice aides in the healing

process," the letter states. "We now hope that the court system will move swiftly to bring this matter to a just result and that, if convicted, the perpetrator receives the maximum penalty provided by law. The family wishes to thank all the law enforcement officials who worked so hard for so long to see that justice was done."

Police believe the attack was a botched robbery, but some speculated the crime may have been mob-related.

The agent who testified in the criminal complaint against Fernandez specializes in organized crime and has been involved in five such cases including ones related to the "La Cosa Nostra" crime family, he testified. He did not divulge the full story, he stated in the complaint.

"Because the purpose of this complaint is to set forth only those facts necessary to establish probable cause to arrest, I have not described all the relevant facts and circumstances of which I am aware," he stated.



JUSTICE IN THE WORKS: Louis Barbati's sister Camille McDonald and family friend Philp Gregory leave Brooklyn Federal Court on Nov. 3 after the arraignment of suspect Andres Fernandez.

Community News Group / Caroline Spivack

Barbati's sister expressed concern outside of court that Fernandez may be connected.

"We're afraid. We don't know what kind of reach this guy has. This is a horrible life for us," said sibling Camille McDonald.

Fernandez is charged with murder, robbery, and firearms possession, but his lawyer Avrom Robin declined to comment.

Judge Peggy Kuo did not set a bail amount.

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Canal and at Manhattan Avenue or Franklin Street across the Newtown Creek, according to the report. City officials claim the \$2.5-billion price-tag factors in new spans.

The plan outlines several options in each neighborhood and offers pros and cons for each thoroughfare — such as Downtown, where officials will have to choose between running the cars near busy, subway-connected Metrotech or into Dumbo, near Brooklyn Bridge Park and where many of the developers who came up with the idea for the streetcar system in the first place have properties.

There are still no details on where the train yard or yards will go — and the city may need a full city block to accommodate the system's full 47-car fleet, according to a Crain's report.

Never one to shy away from a business opportunity, Red Hook dock owner John Quadrozzi Jr. has already offered up his Gowanus Bay Terminal as a potential site, though it would be far cheaper for the city to use land it already owns, such as at the Army Terminal in Sunset Park or the Navy Yard in Fort Greene.

The proposal comes after months of meetings with residents along the so-called Brooklyn-Queens Connector's pathway, and officials will now begin meeting with community boards to discuss the specific routes and stops.



LAYING TRACKS: Potential routes in Sunset Park NYCEDC

Locals at the workshops — including Councilman Carlos Menchaca (D-Sunset Park) — expressed fears that the new amenity will be a fast track to gentrification and skyrocketing house prices, and will be designed for rich yuppies and tourists rather than Brooklyn's needy residents.

the city ensure free transfers to subways, buses, and ferries, which Mayor DeBlasio has said is his goal but still can't guarantee.

The city plans on releasing a draft of the route in early 2017, followed by a public-approval process. Construction will begin in 2019, and actual system is slated to start running in 2024.

Many also demanded

SOLAR PANELS

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2009 federal survey.

This time around, anyone from the Borough of Kings can join in the program. Hammerman doesn't expect that quite as many will sign up as the first time, but hopes to attract customers that were unable to participate before.

"It's hard to replicate the success of the first one," he said. "It was something that exceeded everyone's expectations. We're just glad that we had access to another program to try to

capture as much residual interest as we couldn't in the first round."

Five people within Community Board 6 have already signed up, who are receiving a 19 percent discount through contractor American Solar Partners — \$20,835 versus \$24,750.

If more Brooklynites join in, the discount could rise to more than 27 percent below market rates, according to American Solar Partners project manager Paige Alderoty.

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See ya around!

Prospect Park Carousel caretaker, from Marine Park, retires after 26 years

BY COLIN MIXSON

His days of horsing around are over.

The longtime caretaker of the Prospect Park Carousel is calling it quits after 26 years of painting horses and greasing gears.

But even more than the 51 flamboyant equestrian statues that populate the beloved merry-go-round, 76-year-old Marine Park resident Lucio Schiavone says he will miss the look of delight on the faces of children and their folks, who keep coming back to the more than century old attraction time and time again.

“The kids — and seeing them and their families come back over the years, it is what keeps me going,” he said.

Park steward group the Prospect Park Alliance hosted a retirement bash for Schiavone on Nov. 5, where dozens of well-wishers came to celebrate his career and the park named one of the ponies “Lucio” in his honor.

Schiavone is a true craftsman who honed his skills at the Academy of

Fine Arts back in his home country of Italy, where he learned various artistic disciplines including as painting, ceramics, and sculpting, according to his wife.

“If you go to an art university, you’re taught everything,” said Annie Schiavone.

The budding artist met his better half in her mother’s hometown, Isernia, before popping the question and heading across the pond to settle in Brooklyn.

Schiavone spent his early years in the New World working as a laborer in a statue factory, before investing in a factory of his own, his wife said.

But the timing wasn’t right, and the demand for factory-made statues declined, and he was forced to sell.

His luck changed in 1990, when conservator Will Morton VII — who headed an \$800,000 project to restore the carousel that kicked off in the late 1980s — selected Schiavone to maintain the hand-carved landmark, and he never looked back, his wife said.

“He loves it!” said Annie Schiavone.



HORSING AROUND: (Above) Marine Park resident Lucio Schiavone, 76, is retiring later this month after managing the Prospect Park Carousel for 26 years.

Photo by Stefano Giovannini

vone. “My husband came to life at the carousel, and it’s all because of the kids. He loves those kids.”

These days, Schiavone’s hearing is fading and his memory isn’t what it used to be, she said, and the hardest part of the job — crawling around the carousel’s roof in order to grease the gears that allow the horses to hop up and down — has become too much for him.

But Schiavone still recognized

many former carousel fans who turned out for his retirement party after nearly a decade apart, according to one Prospect Lefferts Gardens dad.

“My daughter used to ride the carousel, and he remembered who she was,” said Paul Friedman, whose now-14-year-old daughter Molly rode the ride until she was 5. “That’s why we went over — because they hadn’t seen each other for a long time, and he remembered her.”



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Leaf creepers!

Trains slow because of slippery leaves on tracks

BY JULIANNE CUBA

Wondering why your above-ground subway commute has slowed lately? It's the season that's the reason.

Straphangers should leaf a little extra time for commuting now that fall is in full swing—the Metropolitan Transportation Authority is running elevated and above-ground trains slower because fallen leaves make the tracks slippery, officials said.

"When the leaves fall, they are crushed by the train wheels leaving behind an oily residue on the rail," said agency spokesman Kevin Ortiz. "This oily substance creates a lack of rail adhesion or slippery rail, which makes it difficult for the train operators to come to a stop when entering stations."

Special trains also



SLOW YOUR ROLL: Q and B trains run slower over elevated lines in Brooklyn during the autumn, because falling leaves make the tracks slippery.

File photo

lay down a sand-filled gel on rails at night to give morning commuter cars a little more grip, he said.

It's an effort the agency undertakes every year, according to Ortiz—just one front in a deep-rooted battle between man and tree.

But many seasoned straphangers had no idea

the foliage was foiling their commutes.

"It's been creeping really slowly—I thought it was because of construction" said Cassandra Brown, who takes the B and Q trains from Kings Highway to Downtown for work every day.

Operators drive slower until around mid-December, Ortiz said.

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BY SHAVANA ABRUZZO

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The First National Bank of Long Island — the largest nationally chartered commercial countinghouse based in Nassau County with more than \$3.4 billion in total assets — plans to target the home of the Nets and reach more folk with proposed sites across the borough to expand its 45-strong branch portfolio.

Consider it a grassroots banking movement, says the borough-born president and chief executive officer.

"Brooklyn is a place of beauty and a community of a wonderful people, and we're big enough to offer them any product or service that a major bank can offer, yet small enough to personalize our business approach," said Michael Vittorio, who was born on Clifton Place in Bedford-Stuyvesant.

Ridge shindig

Stars and Stripes bunting drapes the new Bay Ridge branch which opened on Oct. 17 at 9202 Fourth Ave.

Local politicians are expected to hobnob with the New York Giants and other guest celebrities during a January grand opening. And folks opening a savings account or certificates of deposit will receive freebies such as televisions, garment steamers, and Bose speakers.

It will be a community party Ridgites can bank on, promises Vittorio — a frequent diner at the area's Colandrea New Corner Restaurant.

"I'll extend the invitation to anyone in Bay Ridge that would like to come."

Appreciation appreciated

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NEW BRANCH: First National Bank of Long Island's new Bay Ridge branch.

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The roaring '20s

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The flowers of youth!

BY CAROLINE SPIVACK

Mermaid Avenue blossomed into an outdoor classroom as students from across Coney Island planted daffodil bulbs in curbside flower beds on Nov. 3 for the Sandy Commemorative Day of Service. The flowers are an attractive symbol of renewal as the neighborhood continues to recover from the devastating storm, but they also serve a practical purpose by soaking up rain water the next time a storm hits, said one organizer.

“The kids can literally get their hands dirty and reverse the damage that Sandy has done,” said Pamela Pettyjohn of the Coney Island Beautification Project. “They understand that when we fill up the beds, it helps with flood mitigation and that it’s helping the community. So this is a way for people to do something for themselves and to take ownership of their community.”

More than 200 people tilled soil between W. 24th and W.

37th streets, seeding 5,500 daffodil bulbs, said Pettyjohn. Locals from nearby businesses and homes picked up trowels and joined in the ceremony. Student groups from four different schools came out, and community members donated their time to teach kids about horticulture, composting, and storm resiliency. The event was chock full of valuable life lessons for students to soak up, said one volunteer.

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IT TAKES A VILLAGE: (Above) Guardian Angel Jose Gonzales was one of many community members who came out to help students landscape flower beds along Mermaid Avenue. (Center) PS 188 student Brandon Magwood enjoyed learning about horticulture. (Left) Fellow students Ab-dourhaman Maiga and Josiah Beatty lay mulch over a flower bed.

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Coney Island Memorial Chapel helps in time of grief

BY CAMILLE SPERRAZZA

When we reach a certain age in life, it is inevitable that we deal with the death of loved ones.

When no words can console us, when we grieve and feel helpless, we lean upon funeral directors to guide us, offer us hope, and to assist with services that will commemorate the life of a loved one.

The Coney Island Memorial Chapel, under the direction of Funeral Director William Lombardo, is there to support us. It is a non-sectarian facility that serves all faiths. Lombardo has 30 years in the business, assisting people who are often overwhelmed with grief.

He has earned proclamations from the New York State Assembly and the Council of New York City for his generous contributions to the community, as he has often stepped up to the plate to help those in need. One proclamation notes his generosity when five Guatemalan immigrants died in a fire.

"He offered his services and a dignified funeral, sending their remains back to their homeland without any cost to the families facing this catastrophic tragedy," it reads.

Another speaks of how he helped a grief-stricken mother whose 7-year-old was killed by the child's father.

"Bill donated a beautiful casket, and all his services with the same ardor he has always shown when called upon for his assistance."

Lombardo takes pride in serving others.

"There is probably only one other funeral home within a mile and a half," he says, so the Coney Island Memorial Chapel fills a much-needed void in the neighborhood. Pricing is extremely reasonable, says Lombardo, and he intends to keep it that way.

The facility is both a convenient and a lovely place for those wishing to pay their respects to the deceased. It has a large lobby that showcases a stunning chandelier, marble floor, and mosaic tile. It also has about 65 parking spots, in an area that is bright and well-



(From top clockwise) Coney Island Memorial Chapel makes a time of grieving easier by offering customers everything they need. Funeral director Bill Lombardo has 30 years in the business. The facility has 65 parking spaces in a well-lit area. The chapel is both a convenient and a lovely place for those wishing to pay their respects to the deceased. They offer advance planning for those who wish to plan their own services ahead of time.

Photos by Georgine Benvenuto

lit because the last thing people want is to waste time running around looking for parking space when they are anxious to offer solace to friends and relatives.

Traditional chapel services allow ample time for visits, and families are welcome to make arrangements for tailored times, should they desire to do so. Mass

cards, prayer cards, and thank you cards are also offered as part of the services. Should neighbors wish to remember relatives and friends with Mass cards, they are welcome to stop by the Coney Island Memorial Chapel to purchase them.

Today, many people plan ahead, selecting the funeral arrangements they

desire. It reduces the burdens on loved ones, and at the same time, empowers people to make their own decisions about their final resting places. Coney Island Memorial Chapel offers this advance planning.

The facility is handicapped accessible.

While few people enjoy talking about death, it's

nevertheless comforting to know that Coney Island Memorial Chapel is there to offer us direction when the need arises.

The Coney Island Memorial Chapel Inc. [2009 Mermaid Ave. between W. 20th and W. 21st streets, (718) 373-0880, www.coneyislandmemorialchapel.com]. Open 24-7.

Bed Bath & Brooklyn

Forthcoming S'Park store to celebrate boro

BY CAROLINE SPIVACK

Bed Bath & Beyond's forthcoming store at Sunset Park's Liberty View Industrial Plaza will include a bunch of firsts for the national chain, including a "Born in Brooklyn" corner featuring items made in the borough as a means of supporting local manufacturers, a company spokeswoman said.

"We want to do more for and with our customers in the Sunset Park community and become their destination for the home," said Leah Drill, a spokeswoman for Bed Bath & Beyond, Inc. "We are also working to support the local design community."

And the kitchen appliance purveyors will put some of their own wares to use in a food hall that will feature Kings County delicacies, according to Drill, who was light on specific dishes but promised "American fare" and booze.

Locals will also be able to take cooking classes at an



COMING SOON: Home furnishing giant Bed Bath & Beyond is slated to open its doors at Sunset Park's Liberty View Industrial Plaza this November, but for now, a cloth covers the store's signs.

Photo by Georgine Benvenuto

event space in the works, and a coffee bar will serve Joe from Williamsburg roaster Toby's Estate, she said.

Bed Bath & Beyond signed a lease with the building's owner, Salmar Properties, in January and planned on opening earlier this autumn, but the company hit construction delays and is now aiming for mid-December.

It is also bringing along three subsidiaries that will oc-

cupy spaces at Liberty View — infant store Buybuy Baby, grocery Cost Plus World Market, and beauty product purveyor Face Values, which will have its own salon, Drill said.

The foursome will be the latest high-profile additions to the commercial complex. Outlet store Saks Off Fifth opened at the Plaza earlier this month. And online retail megalith Amazon plans to open a distribution center in the space.



PAY UP: Shoppers now have to pay \$1 to browse Brooklyn Flea's unique wares. Vendors say that the new charge isn't hurting business, though, and the flea is just as packed as ever.

Brooklyn Flea

'Flea' to cost buck

BY LAUREN GILL

Call it the Brooklyn fee!

Hipster tchotchke market Brooklyn Flea is now charging people to shop — channeling Costco and Sam's Club by requiring visitors to its indoor winter incarnation to cough up a buck to browse the aisles of screen-printed tote bags and jewelry made from old bike parts.

But the market's honchos claim it is a necessary evil — they moved the cold-weather market back to the Williams-

burgh Savings Bank building at 1 Hanson Pl. in Fort Greene after four years elsewhere because they think it is the most lucrative venue for their vendors, but the landmarked space doesn't come cheap and they need the extra moolah to cover the rent.

"We're at 1 Hanson so our vendors can succeed in the winter and the only way to do that was to charge the very humble, modest fee of \$1

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The TCNY Planning Partner grants are made possible with funding from the Population Health Improvement Program, established by the New York State Department of Health.

DAFFODILS

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"I think it's great for them to learn about the environment and Sandy, but the most important thing is for them to learn to give back," said Jose Gonzales, who was born and raised in Coney Island. "Just like the community members who gave their time to teach the kids and help them — exposing them to that is so important."

Public space group New Yorkers for Parks donated the flowers as part of its "Daffodil Project" — which was founded as a living memorial to 9-11 — but the bulbs' meaning has morphed into a symbol of resiliency among Coney Islanders.

"It seems these little daffodils have taken on a life of their own," said Pet-



PLANTING HOPE: IS 239 students Cynthia Orr and Angela Ling planted daffodil bulbs on Mermaid Avenue for the Sandy Commemorative Day of Service.

Photo by Georgine Benvenuto

tyjohn. "They've come to have a special meaning for us of hope and renewal. They've really brought everyone together."

The event was the first of three cycles of street-scaping. Students will also plant pansies

in the spring and indigenous plants in the summer. Once the planting process is complete, Pettyjohn plans to enter the most lush blocks into the Brooklyn Botanic Garden's "Greenest Block in Brooklyn" contest.

DEMOLITIONS

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still waiting to be made whole, waiting for their recovery process to be over,

waiting for their promised return to normalcy," he said. "This long overdue piece of legislation will help hasten the safe return home of hundreds of families currently enrolled in the Build It Back program."



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BAY RIDGE

Sending relief

After hearing what Hurricane Matthew did to Haiti — the mega storm decimated nearly 80 percent of homes leaving more than 176,000 persons displaced and homeless as well as countless lives lost — the students at **St. Anselm's Catholic Academy** knew they wanted to help.

The generous scholars, including **Joshua, Bryan, Sarah, Nicole, Caroline, Caedmon, Bryan, and Luke** rolled up their sleeves and went door to door to collect much-needed supplies and clothing to donate. They managed to collect 33 bags of clothing and 12 cartons of assorted toiletries and miscellaneous items to support the people of Haiti.

Standing O pal and board chairman **John Quaglione** let us know about the good deed.

"I applaud the students for taking a role in helping those affected by Hurricane Matthew," he said. "We are sending faith, hope and love from Brooklyn to Haiti, in an effort to help the families who lost so much to get back on their feet, and our students and our school continues to excel academically and perform charitable acts for the good of those in need."

Standing O is sending grateful shout-outs to the students.

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The food drive benefits the food pantry run by **Our Lady of Refuge Church** at Foster and Ocean avenues.

Carmine Carro Community Center in Marine Park [Fillmore Avenue at Madison Place in Marine Park, (718) 375-9158].

Welcome to the new chairman

PARK SLOPE

Standing O is putting out the welcome mat for the new chairman of the board at **New York Methodist Hospital**.

Dr. Michael Zenilman has taken a seat in the **Department of Surgery**, in addition to serving on **Weill Cornell Medicine** faculty as a professor of surgery.

Dr. Zenilman specializes in gastro-



intestinal surgery and is an expert in geriatric surgery. He graduated College of Medicine at State University New York Downstate, completing a residency at Barnes-Jewish Hospital at Washington University in St. Louis before becoming professor of surgery at Albert Einstein College of Medicine, where he was vice chairman and program director of the surgical residency program at Montefiore Medical Center.

He most recently served as vice chairman and regional director of surgery at Johns Hopkins. At Johns Hopkins, Dr. Zenilman was tasked with developing a healthcare system in the D.C. metro area.

"Health care is moving towards comprehensive disease management," he said. "That's something I can bring to New York Methodist Hospital because all the pieces are here, and I'm extremely impressed with the quality of faculty here, the dedication of the staff and — most importantly — the way in which everyone interacts."

Dr. Steven Silber, senior vice president for medical affairs, added that Dr. Zenilman is the right person to build upon that legacy.

"We are thrilled to welcome Dr. Zenilman as our new chairman of surgery," he said. "He is not only a star surgeon, but a skilled and energetic administrator."

Dr. Fabrizio Michelassi, fellow chairman in the department of surgery, had nothing but good things to



WHOLE LOT OF CASH!: From left, Elizabeth Basile, vice president at Kingsborough Community College, and president Farley Herzek accepted a \$20,000 grant from Diane Senerchia, executive director at Northfield Bank Foundation, and bank vice presidents Regina Boukhavalova and Jesus Adia.

Let's hear it for Northfield Bank!

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A very big "thank you" to the **Northfield Bank Foundation** for awarding **Kingsborough Community College** a \$20,000 grant — a whole lot of moola! — to provide \$500 scholarships to 40 students from Brooklyn and Staten Island.

College veep **Elizabeth Basile** and president **Farley Herzek** were on hand to accept the check from **Diane Senerchia**, executive director of the foundation; **Regina Boukhavalova**, veep and a business development officer at Northfield Bank; and **Jesus Adia**, veep and regional business development manager for Northfield Bank.

The scholarships will allow students to stay in school and achieve their educational goals. The students must demonstrate financial

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say about the appointment.

"I am very pleased to welcome Dr. Zenilman, a remarkable surgeon, teacher and national leader to New York Methodist Hospital and Weill Cornell Medicine," he said.

Standing O adds good wishes and a warm welcome to Dr. Zenilman.

New York Methodist Hospital [506 Sixth St. at Seventh Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 780-3000].

MARINE PARK

Save the date

The **Madison-Marine-Homecrest Civic Association's** annual **Thanksgiving Food Drive** to assist the needy is underway.

Items will be collected through Nov. 17 and presented at the civic's monthly meeting (that day at 7:30 pm) at the **Carmine Carro Community Center**.

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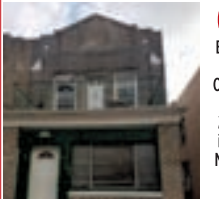
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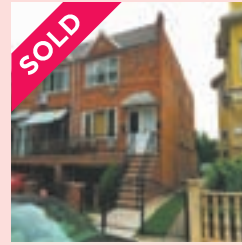


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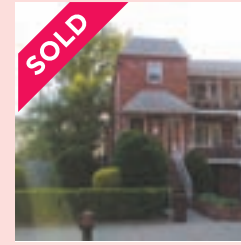


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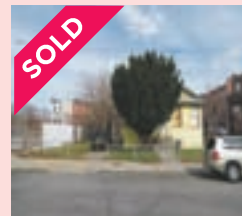
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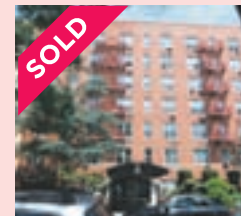
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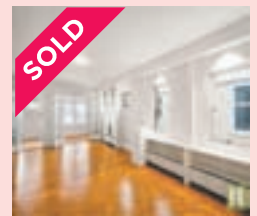
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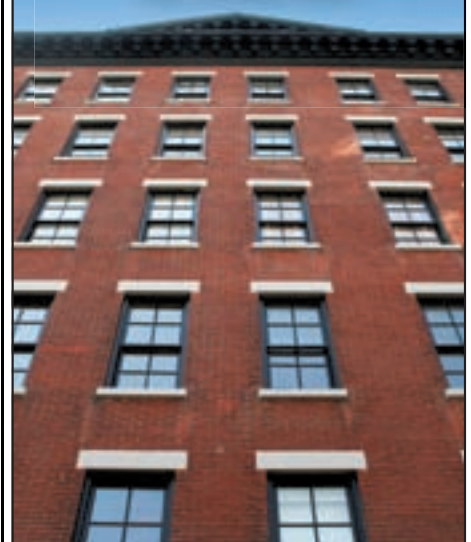
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Challah back at ya!

BY JULIANNE CUBA

This one really got a rise out of people.

Dozens of bakers got their hands dirty cracking eggs and kneading dough to make fresh bread during a Challah Palooza event at the Shorefront Y in Brighton Beach on Nov. 6.

Making the Jewish staple was a first for one Manhattan Beach resident who attended with his grandchildren and said the warm, freshly baked

treat was so good that his adult daughter ate too much and got a stomach ache.

"We gave it to my daughter, she took it to her house and she got sick eating it because she ate the whole thing up at once. But it was good, it was very good," said Jerry Fox, who made the dough at the Shorefront Y and brought it home to cook. "My wife baked it in our house, and the house smelled great."

Another first-timer thought all the mixing and kneading would be tough, but it was a cakewalk, she said.

"Actually I thought it would be much harder to make challah than it was," said Inna Shmidova, who brought her 5-year-old daughter Rashella and 8-year-old son Asher.

And the event wasn't just enjoyable because of the food, Fox appreciated learning

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BAKING TOGETHER: (Above) Joe Shapiro and his daughter Skye knead the dough for their challah at the Challa Palooza event at the Shorefront Y. (Left) Diana, Irina, and Emily Ozersky play with the dough.

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CONCENTRATION: Inna Shmidova and 5-year-old Rashella mix all the ingredients together in a bowl.

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CHALLAH BREAD

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more about the significance of making challah. Organizers passed around a handout with cooking instructions on it as well as the meaning behind the braids baked into the bread — which often signify love — and the prayers said before the challah is cut and eaten, said Fox.

“It wasn’t good, it was great,” he said. “I thought it was so creative — with the infusion of what the prayers mean.”

The event — organized by the United Jewish Appeal Federation — was the first of its kind for the Shorefront Y, but organizers hope to cook up another one soon, said director Anna Bronfman.

FLEA

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per person,” said Flea co-founder Eric Demby.

The organizers of the winter bric-a-brac bazaar first set up shop in the historic building on Hanson and Ashland Place in 2010, but moved out in 2012 due to rising rents, Demby said.

They hopped around the borough and used Industry City last winter, but some vendors were unhappy that they and shoppers had to schlep all the way to Sunset Park, and one says he thinks the more central location is worth the extra buck.

“It’s not a lot to charge, you pay more for a bottle of water,” said Joe Morrone of Recycled

Brooklyn, which makes furniture out of eco-friendly materials. “I’d rather pay for centralized convenience and not having to walk from the subway.”

Morrone said he’d be have no problem refunding the buck back to buyers who are unhappy about the new entry fee, but he hopes the price-tag will filter out fair-weather attendees who aren’t serious about shopping.

“I feel like it makes the crowd a little bit more serious as far as buyers,” he said.

But around 8,000 people still filed through the narrow hall during the Winter Flea’s kick-off last weekend, Demby says, and one hawker reports that the extra charge didn’t seem to slow down business at all.

“It certainly didn’t seem to af-

fect the crowd on the weekend,” said Claudia Pearson, who designs tote bags and tea towels with Brooklyn-centric designs. “I was nervous, I thought it might put people off, but a dollar is such a tiny amount so I think it’s okay.”

Demby claims a portion of each buck will go to Food Bank of New York City, which distributes free food to those who can’t afford it, but he hasn’t worked out exactly how much will go to charity — probably 10 to 20 cents of each dollar, he said.

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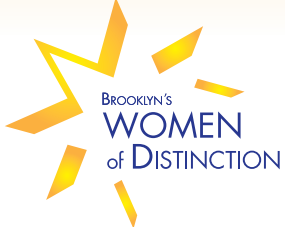
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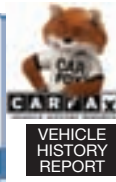

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Reader: Heroin havens a dopey idea

To the editor,

“Worth a shot” (by Caroline Spivack, Oct. 21) is the result of electing liberal politicians. Were they born dumb, or did they go to idiot school?

Providing heroin-injection facilities contradicts functional living and, of course, who else, but crooked dysfunctional Council members would allocate taxpayer funds to provide heroin-injection facilities in the functional areas of New York — and for addicts who mostly do not pay taxes.

Of course this is the latest idiocy by politicians who repealed part, and modified other parts, of the tough Rockefeller Drug Laws in New York, and by President Obama who is pardoning and releasing drug pushers from prison at alarming rates.

We have seemingly insurmountable problems in the city, such as Islamic terrorists trying to blow us up, crime in public schools, politicians infesting good neighborhoods by relocating miscreants, and an out-of-control illegal alien problem, and our politicians' major concern is to insure that heroin addicts shoot-up with clean needles so that they don't contract HIV. What are these politicians on?

At some point, the good areas of the city will become the bad areas, property values will decline, and those who can afford to leave will do so and take their tax dollars with them. Remember that in 2010, New York State lost two of its 29 House seats because many people relocated, and at about the same time, American businessman and philanthropist Tom Golisano, whose state and local tax bill was about \$13,000 per day, moved to Florida.

People work hard to live in neighborhoods that are relatively free of crime and drugs, and politicians, in their infinite wisdom, want to change that? Why? It's bad enough that addicts infest our city and live on the taxpayers' dime, but now they can shoot up in formal settings supervised by the government. When people relocate their predominant questions are: How are the schools and how is the crime? No one asks “Where is the nearest shoot-up facility?”

Certainly, physicians must have

SOUND OFF TO THE EDITOR

LETTERS AND COMMENTS FROM OUR READERS

some involvement in this government-created debacle. Will they ignore their Hippocratic Oath? Which disease does heroin treat? Is it a poison? Definitely, politicians would never take a similar oath relating to their trade. On second thought, they probably would, they would simply lie.

Before the next election, city officials who are running for office must provide their pro or con opinion for the voters. Those who approve shoot-up facilities must offer to have one next to their home. Seemingly, politicians care about the addicts who shoot up, but not about the lawful residents.

Talk about a bizarro world!

Elio Valenti
Brooklyn

Reader to reader

To the editor,

I strongly agree with Ray Davis to eliminate the deposit on bottles and cans (“Reader’s 5-cents: Buh-bye to bottle bill!” Sound off to the Editor, Oct. 14).

I, too, am sick and tired of people entering my front yard to search for redeemable bottles and cans. This is a tremendous nuisance and a degradation of my beautiful neighborhood.

They leave behind a big mess, and they do not care that they are invading your personal property.

New Jersey does not have a five-cent deposit on any beverage bottle or can, and its recycling program still works, and residents do not have to put up with unwanted pests on their property.

Vivian Patanio
Dyker Heights

To the editor,

Elaine Kirsch asked if anything can be done to save Sheepshead Bay regarding increased traffic to be caused by the Voorhies Avenue Tower, currently under construction, and other new development (“Reader raises hell about tower,” Sound Off to the Editor, Oct. 21).

Yes, there is. A new one-way southbound public street snaking through the development would improve traffic, enabling Sheepshead Bay Road to be converted into one-way northbound with more direct bus routings. Also, when a new bridge is constructed under the Belt Parkway, the street could be widened between the Belt Parkway and Emmons Avenue.

In fact, the original plans called for a new public street when commercial development was proposed for the ground floor. Now it would re-

quire the use of eminent domain, so it is still possible. The problem is that the Department of Transportation's priorities are bicycles and pedestrians, not the free movement of traffic. They believe slow traffic and congestion (dubbed traffic calming) are safer for pedestrians, and that is all that matters.

Elaine's concern that buses will not be able to turn into Sheepshead Bay Road because of increased traffic is very real. Rather than take positive steps to reduce congestion, will the city's solution be to ask the Metropolitan Transportation Authority to remove buses from Sheepshead Bay Road, so that additional stores will have to close?

Allan Rosen
Manhattan Beach

To the editor,

I totally agree with Jerry Sattler (“Coney past,” Sound Off to the Editor, Oct. 28). One thing not mentioned was that the Boardwalk should have been replaced with wood, not concrete.

Years ago, before the Army Corps of Engineers replaced sand that came up to the Boardwalk when it rained or snowed, the water would fall between the cracks. Even when we had a major hurricane the tide would come close enough to the Boardwalk. Some of the stores would need to pump water from their basements, but it was not close to what Hurricane Sandy did. So do we follow a pattern that makes things worse or do we use common sense, recognizing how a concrete walkway causes more problems in the long run.

It's so easy for politicians to make decisions for people who they don't even represent. Just look around and see the over-development and out-of-scale condos that will affect each and every neighborhood in the future.

Solomon Rafelowsky
Brighton Beach

NYPD blues

To the editor,

She put down the scissors, but soon lunged at the police officer with a bat!

Already the phony ultra-liberals are criticizing the police officer who shot and killed a deranged woman. Of course, our brilliant progressive mayor says he will get down to the bottom of the situation. What would he and the other lunatic far left have liked — that the police officer to have, heaven forbid, suffered a fractured skull and be comatose in the

hospital?

This disturbed lady had acted out repeatedly and the police were frequent visitors to her apartment. What would you want the policeman to say: Mamma-la dear, put the bat down, and we'll sit over a bowl of chicken soup?

In this situation, the officer acted properly. This woman would eventually have killed an innocent person during one of her tirades. She should have been institutionalized. Support our police and don't immediately condemn them.

Ed Greenspan
Sheepshead Bay

Care 4 caregivers

To the editor,

Mayor DeBlasio signed into law two bills that take important strides toward supporting both paid caregivers and unpaid family caregivers in an aging city.

That's great news, and it can't come soon enough. Across the state nearly 2.6 million unpaid family caregivers help make it possible for older adults and loved ones to live independently at home — and at a much lower cost to taxpayers than if they had to move to institutional care settings. As our population continues to rapidly age — and especially since the number of potential family caregivers can't keep pace — we will need to make sure caregivers have the support they need.

And that's what New Yorkers want; an AARP-commissioned survey found eight of every 10 city voters 50 and older felt strongly that elected officials should make support for family caregivers a priority.

Family caregivers help their older loved ones with medications and medical care, meals, bathing and dressing, chores and much more. And they do this all while often putting their own needs last, with many juggling full- or part-time jobs.

The two new laws require the Department for the Aging to identify the needs of unpaid caregivers and develop a comprehensive plan to address those needs, and to establish a new Division of Paid Care within the Office of Labor Standards.

Those are great steps, but this year's city budget did not include adequate funding for services to help New Yorkers age independently at home. The next step for our city leaders is to make sure next year's city budget does.

Beth Finkel
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Time to make pols, law, media accountable

In 1804, two American political leaders who really loathed one another engaged in a duel on the western banks of the Hudson River.

How barbaric. How quaint.

Today, our leaders do not use guns to eliminate rivals. They use the criminal justice system and the media: two very willing partners in the art of political destruction.

Since Watergate more than four decades ago, many a journalist's dream is to take down those in power. They want to afflict the comfortable rather than comfort the afflicted.

I know this well: I've been one of those journalists. To this day, the scalps that my publications have been responsible for beheading are still among my proudest achievements.

A strong, robust press is vital in a democracy to keep the wealthy and powerful in line. Some of the finest journalism of the past few decades has exposed political corruption that has corroded the public's trust in our government on all levels.



POLITICAL SPIN CYCLE

Tom Allon

But we have reached a tipping point these past few years — whose nadir we witnessed in this presidential campaign.

The non-story of the FBI's "investigation" of Hillary's e-mails proves once again that law enforcement often intrudes in political campaigns

in ways that are detrimental and unnecessary. Why did the whole world need to know that Jim Comey and his G-Men were going to read all the e-mails on Anthony Weiner's laptop to see if there was anything damning about the former Secretary of State?

That letter from Comey to Congress — almost 10 days before a momentous election — may have tipped the election to Donald Trump and changed the course of history.

The "never mind" follow-up letter last weekend was certainly a welcome coda, but it merely highlighted the folly of this whole tempest in a teapot.

When law enforcement investigates political leaders there should be a legal prohibition of leaks or public statements. Just because someone is being probed doesn't mean they are guilty at all. But the appearance of impropriety is often difficult to erase.

So many of our political leaders have been indicted and convicted in recent years that one wonders: why would any-

one run for elected office and become a target for an overzealous prosecutor? Aren't we scaring off the best and brightest who look at the blood sport of politics and decide the risk is not worth it?

It is astounding that Donald Trump repeatedly said if he becomes president he will make sure a special prosecutor puts Hillary in jail. Even the leaders of the most notorious banana republics these days don't explicitly say they will jail their opponents.

It is time we take a step back and reassess the way we elect our leaders and set them up for failure in a system where dark money and political favors set tempting traps. It is time for radical campaign finance reform so the wealthy cannot control the system and rent out our leaders to do their bidding. It is also time for elected leaders to receive competitive wages so we can attract better talent and eliminate outside income; this would attract a better caliber of candidates and enrich our political system.

In the meantime, we must insist that our law enforcement officials — from the FBI to the local District Attorney — keep their investigations highly discreet and private. We must insist that our political candidates engage in a robust exchange of ideas rather than mudslinging character assassination. We must also hold the media accountable, with less focus on trying to tear candidates down and more on fact-checking their ideas.

There are so many people who go into politics and public life because they want to become great public servants. And yes, there are some bad apples who abuse their power and lose their way.

It is time we made essential reforms so we get the strong government we need — not the mediocre leadership we settle for time and time again.

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What's next – the anti-squirrel law?

A squirrel chomped the leg of a senior citizen sitting on the porch of a retirement home in Deltona, FL, last week. A television station there, WESH, reports that the victim ran inside, furry felon still attached, whereupon it bit two or three more seniors.

This is terrible. (Especially for a squirrel fanatic like me: I'm the gal tossing almonds to my friends as I walk to the subway. One bad squirrel does not a bad species make!) But I bring it up because at the end of this "news" story, the reporter said in all seriousness, "Tonight I spoke with the parent company which runs the senior living center here in Deltona. They described in detail what happened, but did not say what, if anything, they're doing to prevent another attack."

That's right. The company did not abjectly, automatically, and immediately announce any dramatic new measures it will take to make sure this once-in-a-lifetime incident does not happen once-in-a-lifetime again.

(Editor's note: This once-in-a-lifetime accident did, in fact, happen again, but this time the squirrel in question was killed by a BB. Standard journalistic practice demands three events before we have a trend. So Lenore's point stands.)

What does the reporter think should happen? Perhaps the parent company could chop down all the trees on its property, or cover the porch in wire mesh? Maybe it could hire some squirrel assassins? Give hazmat suits to the golden-agers who insist on venturing outside despite the terrible danger?

We saw this method of operation in action a few years back when Applebee's accidentally served a toddler an alcoholic drink. Because this happened to come on the heels of a similar incident or two — out of the millions and millions of meals Applebee's serves at more than 2,000 locations across America — and because it got insanely intense media attention, the company vowed to give only single-serve juice packs to kids from now on. As if they'd been deliberately serving kids mojitos for years just for fun.

But as a country, we have become so infected with the idea that if something bad



RHYMES WITH CRAZY

Lenore Skenazy

happens anywhere, ever, even once, that is proof positive that whatever is normally quite safe (ordering apple juice, trick-or-treating, sitting on the porch) is not safe *enough*.

If you need proof of this conviction, try getting through airport security with an unopened can of Coke. You might as well be toting a crossbow. No security apparatchik is allowed to play the odds — even odds of a trillion to one — and let you go through.

In a litigious society like ours, we also face an extra, boomerang worry: After first worrying that an extremely unlikely event is extremely likely to happen again (in the exact same way), we now also worry that if it *does*, we will have to prove we were proactively preparing. Otherwise, how will we look in court? The way we do this is by wasting a lot of time, or money, or by making new rules.

But there's a downside to insisting that the very, very safe — the statistically safe — is not safe enough and must be stopped. Kids (and now maybe seniors) cower inside. Companies waste money on unnecessary safeguards. Airport trash cans overflow with drinks. Precautionary measures get added on, but never taken off.

This means that if, some day, a single would-be terrorist hides a feisty, rabid squirrel under her wig (not that most squirrels are rabid!) you can bet that the Transportation Security Administration will start instituting mandatory hair-tugs as we take off our shoes.

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A Britisher says toodle-oo to you!

Cheerio.

The writer of "A Britisher's View" is retiring to sunnier climes after churning out more than 1,450 columns in 28 years about this, that, and plenty of the other, but before I hang up my news cap I am dedicating my last installment to you, my faithful reader, for being such an important part of my story.

It has been my honor and privilege to author a weekly column with the perplexing title ("*Britisher than what?*") I remember asking the Bronx-born editor who created the name), and I attribute its stout shelf life to the trusty soul who tuned in week after week, month after month, year after year, and decade after decade, for I was nothing without you.

Yet being a columnist was furthest from my mind when I failed an interview for a headline writer's position at this news company in November 1988, but persuaded the editor to let me write him a couple of articles. One landed me a job as a copywriter in the newsroom — and chief



A BRITISHER'S VIEW

Shavana Abruzzo

cook and bottle washer! — and the other originated this column, generating a highly rewarding career in journalism at one of the world's largest local media outfits where the bigs treated the help like family.

To my surprise "A Britisher's View," delivered under a logo of the Union Jack because I could never settle on a selfie I liked, stirred up quite a hornet's nest.

My unapologetic applesauce — particularly the Islamo-columns I felt qualified and obliged to write as a born-and-bred Muslim, and Christian convert — drew howls of protest and catcalls for my kiss-off, one time emblazoned on fliers slapped on lampposts, another time filling three pages in our "Sound Off to the Editor" section, in addition to thousands of let-

ters, cards, and e-mails, all of which I kept as trophies of my labors.

You were a tough crowd:

- "Hatemonger!"
- "Racist!"
- "Vermin!"
- "Nazi!"

You also showered me with exceptional praise:

- "Iconoclast!"
- "Greatest!"
- "Superb!"
- "Excellent!"

"A Britisher's View" has enjoyed an extraordinary run, and I credit its startling success to my broad-minded bosses who valued free speech, and to my cherished readers, who — even if you didn't agree with me! — checked in week after week, month after month, year after year, and decade after decade.

Thank you ever so much, take care, and ta-ta.

Election 2016: 'The aftermath'

The people have spoken, and so it is done. Thank God.

This election — 16 grueling months of back biting, race baiting, name calling, dirt digging (and that was just the press) — is *over*.

I am kicking up my heels, sipping a glass of Cabernet Sauvignon and celebrating up a storm. No longer will I have to listen to the minutia that talking faces on CNN, FOX, CNBC, etc. have been spewing minute by minute.

Television programming will be politically free (for a time).

And finally, the tabloids will be silenced (also for a time).

Now the media can focus on news, real news, and leave opinions, however thinly veiled, out of the picture — I'm looking at you, New York Post and New York Daily News.

I wish I could predict how



NOT FOR NUTHIN'

Joanna DelBuono

well Donald Trump will do in leading this country for the next four years, but prognostication is not one of my strong suits, so I guess I will have to pray, leave it up to the universe, and hope we

all — the "depolorables" and the "haters" included — live through it.

Good, bad, or indifferent, I am at least sure of the following:

- This election was one for the books.
- The sun will come out tomorrow.
- Taxes will not be going down any time soon — a country can't owe what we owe without raising them somewhere.
- You cannot trust the media, the FBI, or anyone else to be non-partisan.
- The "One Percent" will still have their 100-percent loopholes.

Not for Nuthin™ but Nobel Laureate Bob Dylan wasn't kidding when he sang "the times they are a changin'."

Hey, there is always 2020 to look forward to. Good luck, America.

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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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ADDRESSING THE TROOPS: Secretary of Defense Ash Carter speaks during a troop event at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., on Nov. 2.

Sgt. Amber I Smith

Secretary Carter thanks the troops

HARBOR WATCH

Defense Secretary Ash Carter thanked troops at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., for all they do in supporting security efforts at home and around the world.

As part of a multi-state trip highlighting Force of the Future initiatives, Carter toured Fort Leonard Wood and spoke with troops afterward.

Fort Leonard Wood is home to Army chemical, engineer, and military police regiments, the Army's Maneuver Support Center of Excellence, an Army basic combat training location, as well as Marine Corps, Navy and Air Force detachments.

Training provided at the fort supports the fight against the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant, Carter pointed out.

"Right now, as we stand here today, evening is coming in Iraq," he said in the afternoon talk. "Forces that your units trained here ... are now deployed and are enabling the Iraqi security forces and others to destroy ISIL, which we will surely do."

In the current battle to liberate the key northern Iraqi city of Mosul, both Iraqi security forces and Kurdish Peshmerga fighters have been trained and equipped by the U.S., the secretary said.

U.S. advisers to the Iraqi forces include combat engineers who trained at Fort Leonard Wood, and the troops at Fort Leonard Wood should be very proud of these accomplishments, Carter said.

Engineering training supports challenges in complex battlespaces, he said. For example, earlier this year Iraqi military engineers installed a bridge over the Tigris River as part of the counter-ISIL fight. U.S. Army combat engineers observed that project.

Carter thanked the troops for all they do for the nation and the world and for the values they uphold. U.S. military members are respected around the world, he said, noting the United States has many allies because of the values the nation and its military members uphold.

"We stand for the things that other people want also — they want a better future for their children; they want the security that allows them to live their lives and do the things that make life meaningful," he said, adding, "You make that possible."

The defense chief expressed deep pride for the troops.

"What you do with your lives ... right here is the noblest thing a person can do with their life," he said.

POWER WALKING

Researchers develop self-sustainable energy

HARBOR WATCH

Today's warfighters may one day find themselves knee-deep in power.

The bionic power knee harvester, also known as the PowerWalk, is an energy-harvesting device that is attached to both the upper and lower areas of both legs and generates power from movement.

The device is designed to extract the energy expended when the knee is flexed and negative work is being performed. The system adjusts to a person's gait, so soldiers don't feel like they are wearing a device and can even forget that they have it on.

"Just by walking, soldiers could generate power," said Noel Soto, a project engineer at the Army Natick Soldier Research, Development and Engineering Center, or NSRDEC. "We are converting the movement of the knees when you walk into useful power."

Soldiers now carry multiple electronic devices that aid in strategy, communication, and navigation, including computers, radios, mobile phones, battlefield situational displays, and navigation tools — to name just a few. Being without power to run these devices could impact soldier safety, performance, and efficiency.

"The power generated by the device charges the main battery," Soto said. "The goal is to reduce the amount of batteries used by soldiers, or to be able to extend the mission with the same load. We have found out through studies that soldiers are carrying a heavy load and a lot of that weight, 16 to 20 pounds for a 72-hour mission, is due to batteries."

Heavy loads can increase injuries as well as impact mobility. In addition to potentially lightening the load by reducing the number of batteries needed, the energy-harvesting technology could also free up space in backpacks for other supplies, including food and water.

By wearing the device, sol-



SELF-PROPELLED: A soldier sporting the bionic power knee harvester tries out the device that generates power from movement.

BionicPower Inc.

diers can generate power to recharge batteries for themselves or for others.

"The objective is to have the device weigh one pound and be capable of generating 3.5 watts and to have a device weighing two pounds able to generate 10 watts," Soto said.

NSRDEC is working with Bionic Power Inc. of Canada on the joint-service project, which will benefit the Army and the Marine Corps infantry. Project Manager Soldier Warrior, with the addition of the Office of the Secretary of Defense and USMC, leads the contract.

The project comes under the Joint Infantry Company Prototype Program, which came out of the Soldier Power Generation program. NSRDEC led the original concept for energy harvesting in 2012 through a congressional ef-

fort, and PM SWAR funded the next phase, SPG, in 2014.

The device could also serve to reduce the logistical burden.

"In remote places, it could potentially increase self-sustainability and independence by reducing the need for re-supply," Soto said.

The knee energy-harvesting device also reduces muscle fatigue during downhill walking.

"As a generator, it creates power," said Soto. "As a motor, it could enhance movement. It could potentially be used in the future for human augmentation. It acts as a brake when you are walking downhill. It actually helps soldiers by preventing sudden movement on the slope."

The device is still in development. Field trials will begin in 2017.

Serving up goals for the military

HARBOR WATCH

“We sense that all Americans are supporting us. We see it here, in airports, and wherever we go. There’s an overwhelming amount of love,” Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. Mark A. Milley told Capitals hockey fans.

Milley spoke before the game against the Winnipeg Jets, which ended with a 4-3 victory for the Caps during Army Appreciation Night. He also dropped the first puck and honored a soldier returning from Afghanistan.

Having the Caps and the fans salute soldiers, many of whom are deployed overseas, “is very meaningful to all of us in uniform. We appreciate being appreciated,” he said.

During a game interview, the chief was asked if he could fill in for a Caps player just in case someone got injured. The chief responded that “hockey is one of those games you do all your life, you just strap them (skates) on and play.”

The chief said players never forget the fundamentals, and the skills come back when returning to the ice. He joked that he was looking forward to playing a few pickup games later on.

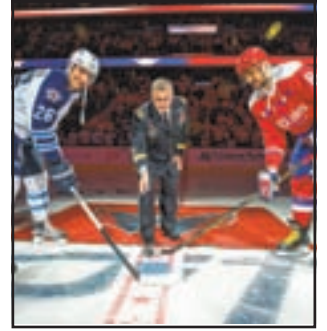
While at his alma mater, Princeton University, Milley played defenseman for the Tigers, a National Collegiate Athletic Association Division hockey team. He said he had a shot at being drafted by the National Hockey League, but wasn’t, “so I ended up in the Army.”

During the opening ceremony, Milley showed his appreciation for soldiers everywhere by honoring one of his own, a soldier returning from a deployment to Qatar.

Sgt. Maria Calara confessed she was somewhat nervous meeting the chief, but once she did, “he seemed like a pretty normal person.”

Calara admitted she didn’t know the first thing about hockey, but was glad to be among soldiers, including some from Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall who participated in the opening ceremony.

With her for the occasion was her husband, Gerald



GOAL!: U.S. Army Chief of Staff Gen. Mark A. Milley drops the ceremonial puck at the beginning of a game between the Washington Capitals and Winnipeg Jets on Nov. 3. Sgt. 1st Class Chuck Burden

Thomas, and their son Eli, 2. Thomas is an Army veteran. In 2014 he was wounded in Afghanistan and is now medically retired. Thomas and Calara were serving together in Afghanistan, albeit in separate units, when the injury occurred.

These days, Thomas said, it’s pretty neat being a dependent, tagging along with his wife and son.

Many of the fans spoke highly of the Army and thought the soldiers who attended added substance to the game.

Jane Owens, of Laytonville, Md., said her father served 22 years in the Air Force, including two tours in Vietnam. He was a fighter pilot. She said she’s proud not just of him, but of everyone who has ever worn the uniform. Owens thought it was neat that soldiers were participating in the Caps game.

Bob Kirchner, of Rockville, Md., said his father served as an Army surveyor just after World War II in West Germany, participating in the rebuilding of that nation. He died just two years ago. For him, having soldiers at the Caps game was “deeply personal” and helped him to remember his dad. He felt his presence at the game.

Mark from Virginia — he declined to provide his last name or hometown — said his father, who is in his 90s, fought in the Battle of the Bulge with the 2nd Armored Division. Mark had asked his father about the battle, but his father never wanted to discuss it, except to say it was pretty cold.



DELIVERING THE KEYNOTE: Marine Corps Gen. Joe Dunford speaks at the 2016 Armed Services YMCA Angels of the Battlefield Awards Gala in Arlington, Va., on Nov. 4. Sgt. James K. McCann

Battle Angels Gala

Military medics and rescue personnel honored

HARBOR WATCH

The chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff recognized combat medics, corpsmen, and pararescuemen during the 10th annual Armed Services YMCA Angels on the Battlefield Gala in Arlington, Va.

Marine Corps Gen. Joe Dunford said the five men honored represent thousands of medical professionals across the services who place themselves in danger to protect and care for others.

The five men — Air Force Tech. Sgt. Cody C. Inman, Army Sgt. 1st Class Daniel Lopez-Bonaglia, Coast Guard Petty Officer 2nd Class Ryan Ransom, Petty Officer 2nd Class Nicholas P. Otazo, and Seaman Elgie McCoy — received the Angels on the Battlefield for their courage, professionalism, and compassion.

Dunford reminded the audience — peppered with military officers, NCOs, veterans and family members — that even as the gala was going on, more than 275,000 American service members are deployed forward standing guard. Many are in dangerous areas.

“They are taking the fight to the enemy,” he said.

The U.S. military lost five service members just this week in the Mideast. Still, they are performing their missions and doing so magnificently, he said.

The chairman stressed that these service members are ready.

“You should know that they are fully capable of defending the nation,” he said. “They are reassuring our allies and they possess a clear competitive advantage over any potential adversary in the world.”

Allies, partners, and enemies need to know the American military is ready, “but most of all it is important that the American public understands that it has the most competent, the most professional, and the most capable military in the world — bar none,” Dunford said.

Medics, corpsmen, and pararescuemen are an important part of that force. Soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen know that if they are wounded on the battlefield, the medical professionals who accompany each unit “has their back,” the chairman said.

“They know if something should happen that they will receive world-class medical care, and they know that corpsmen, medics, and pararescuemen will be right by their sides.”

The chairman noted that three weeks ago marked the 15th anniversary of the start of combat operations in Afghanistan.

“That milestone came and

went without much attention in the press, but reflecting on it, one of the things that struck me is how many advancements we’ve made in military medical care, and how much we depend on those who care for the wounded, ill, and injured.”

Advances like the junctional tourniquet, better more realistic training, and placing surgical teams forward has been transformational.

“The results of our advancements are clear,” he said. “Today, more than 96 percent of those wounded in combat survive.”

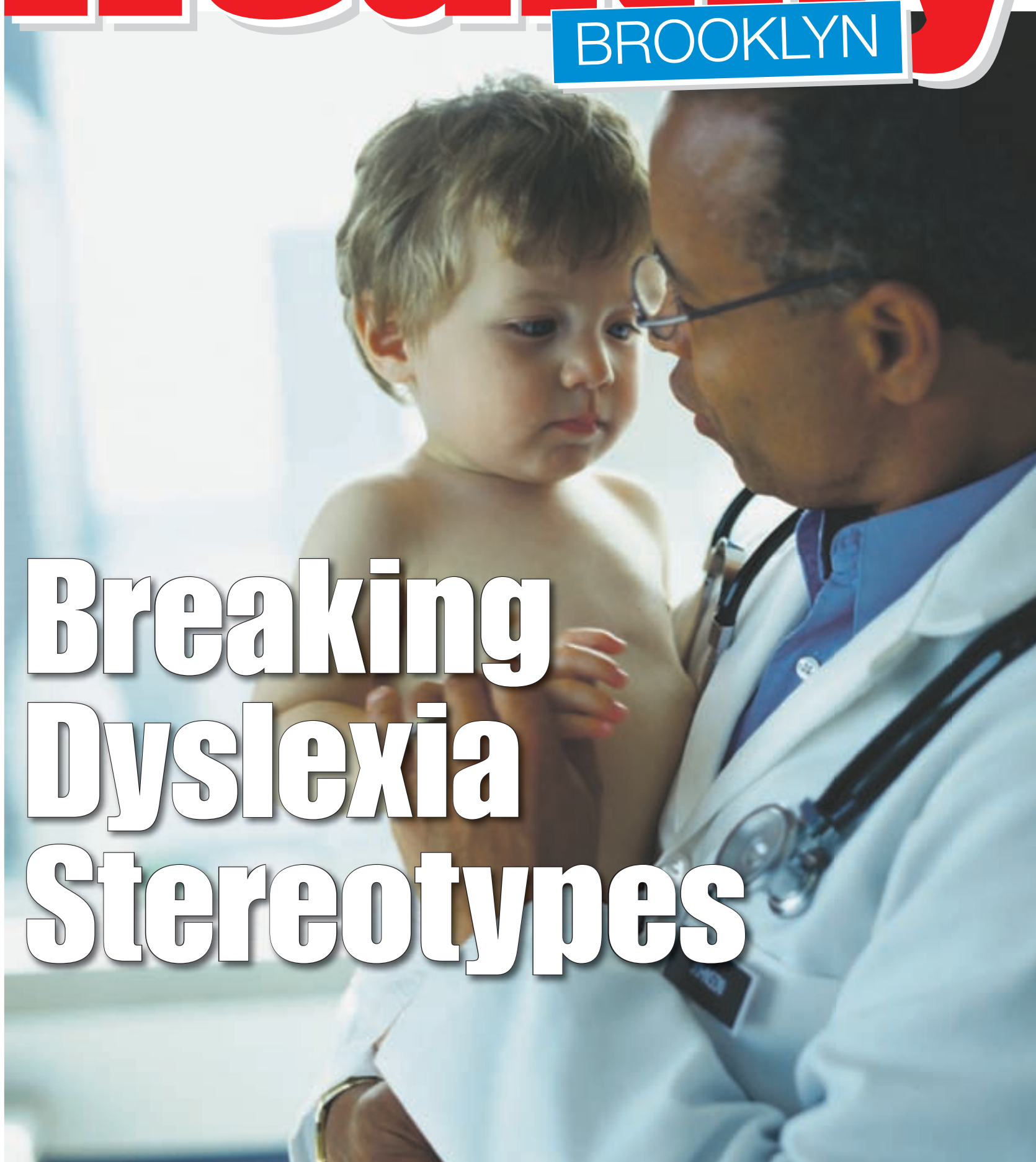
But statistics only show so much, he said, and he cited cases where medics treating casualties while still under fire — shielding their compatriots with their own bodies. He spoke of corpsmen running into burning vehicles to rescue those hit and then performing life-saving procedures. He spoke of those pararescuemen wounded themselves, ignoring their pain to work on others.

Dunford thanked the Armed Services YMCA for recognizing these American heroes.

“From the Civil War to our current campaigns, the YMCA has faithfully — as they put it — ‘followed the flag,’ and provided support to our men and women in uniform and their families,” he said.

Healthy

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Breaking Dyslexia Stereotypes

Breaking dyslexia stereotypes

Dyslexia affects as many as 17 percent of school children in the United States, making it the most commonly identified learning issue according to the Yale Center for Dyslexia and Creativity. In Canada, between 15 and 20 percent of the population has dyslexia, says The Reading Clinic in Ontario. In spite of its prevalence, dyslexia is still widely misunderstood.

What is dyslexia?

The Mayo Clinic notes that dyslexia is marked by difficulty reading due to problems identifying speech sounds and learning how they relate to letters and words. Dyslexia is more than just seeing letters or words backwards, as it also may be characterized by difficulty comprehending rapid instructions and remembering the sequence of things. Some people with dyslexia may have trouble seeing and hearing similarities and differences in letters and words. Many children with dys-

lexia read below the expectations for their age.

Dyslexia warning signs

Parents who are concerned about dyslexia can recognize some early warning signs, including:

- delayed speech;
- difficulty learning and remembering names of letters;
- reading or writing showing repetitions, additions, transpositions, omissions, substitutions, and reversals in letters, numbers and/or words;
- complaints of feeling or seeing movement in words while reading or writing;
- reading and rereading with little comprehension; and
- difficulty putting things into words.

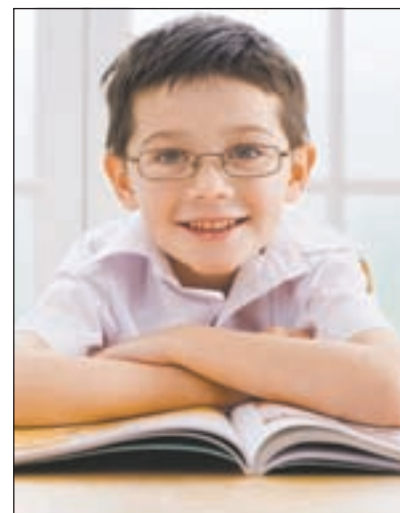
What causes dyslexia?

Doctors and researchers have yet to identify a single cause of dyslexia, but

genes and brain differences do play a role. Dyslexia often runs in families, and certain genes are associated with reading and language processing issues.

Many people with dyslexia have above-average intelligence, but other differences in the brain may be apparent through scans. According to the organization Understood, an organization aiming to help parents of children with learning disabilities, the planum temporale area of the brain plays a role in understanding language. It is typically larger in the dominant hemisphere (the left side of the brain for right-handed people) than in the less-dominant side. However if a child has dyslexia, the planum temporale is probably about the same size on both the left and right sides of the brain.

Schools and parents can do much to help children with dyslexia succeed in the classroom. Accommodations in



class, such as extra time on tests or word-prediction or dictation software, can help immensely. Children also may benefit from smaller group instruction, as well as a multisensory approach to link listening, speaking, reading, and writing.

In addition to these steps, adults can boost confidence in children with dyslexia. Enabling kids to explore hobbies and experience successes both in and out of the classroom can help youngsters improve their self-esteem.

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Despite the good they can do, some people are hesitant to follow recommended vaccination schedules for fear of side effects. Some side effects are legitimate, but many studies continue to indicate there is no relationship between vaccines and autism.

Vaccines undergo rigorous safety testing prior to being approved for use and, once approved, are continually monitored for safety. But as with any medication, there are possible side effects associated with vaccinations, although most are not serious. The following are some side effects that people may experience after being vaccinated.

- injection site reactions, such as pain, swelling, a small lump, and redness
- mild fever
- shivering
- fatigue
- headache
- muscle and joint pain

More serious side effects, such as allergic reactions, are rare. Parents should monitor their children after vaccinations for any behavior or health changes. Some doctors recommend taking a fever reducer, such as ibuprofen, if a fever develops and makes a



child or adult feel uncomfortable after he or she is vaccinated.

Many vaccination side effects are short-lived and not a cause for concern. But if side effects do not subside shortly after you have been vaccinated, bring this to the attention of your physician.

It can be tempting to forgo vaccines out of fear of any of the aforementioned side effects. But the benefits of vaccines far outweigh the risks. Although they are not 100 percent effective in every person, vaccines do provide the best defense against diseases that can kill or injure millions of people.

For more information on vaccine schedules, visit the CDC (www.cdc.gov) or the American Academy of Pediatrics (www.aap.org). Doctors also can provide a wealth of information about immunizations.



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Another contributing factor is not just temperature but fluctuations in temperature. When the temperature changes quickly from cold to warm and back again, the skin can have difficulty adjusting and dries out more easily.

In all cases the strategy is similar. The goal is to strengthen the barrier function of the skin by minimizing the use of soap which further degrades the skin's barrier and by applying moisturizers which enhance the skin's natural barrier. Soaps with minimal concentrations of detergents like Dove and even better Cetaphil should be used, or simply restrict soap use to the private areas of the body. Moisturizers that have fragrance should not be used. The best time to apply a moisturizer is directly after bathing.

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Matter of health: Talking to children about alcohol

Many people consume alcohol when attending summer parties, holiday gatherings or weddings. Children in attendance may see adults drinking and having a good time and wonder why alcohol is off-limits to them.

The National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism says that parents can have a major impact on their children's drinking habits by influencing children's values and decisions about drinking. Alcohol can affect both the body and the mind, and parents who want their kids to approach alcohol responsibly when they are of legal drinking age can teach their youngsters about the ways alcohol can influence their health.

The NIAA states that alcohol is used by more young people than

tobacco or illicit drugs. A person who begins drinking as a young teen is four times more likely to develop alcohol dependence than someone who waits until adulthood to try a drink.

Alcohol and its effects

Many kids and their parents are not overly concerned about alcohol, which does not carry the same stigma as illegal drugs. When consumed in small amounts, alcohol may not seem very dangerous, but even small quantities can affect the body.

Alcohol is a depressant, which slows down the body and makes a person feel relaxed. With more alcohol, movements become clumsy and uncoordinated. It also interferes with decision-making abilities and could

lead to risky behavior. As alcohol slows reaction time, driving under the influence can be deadly.

The liver is responsible for filtering alcohol out of the blood. With greater quantities of alcohol, it can take longer for the liver to do its job. Over time, alcohol consumption can damage the liver.

Get the facts

Some families have misinformed views about alcohol. Beer or wine may be considered "safer" than hard liquor, but each has the same effect on the body. It can take anywhere from two to three hours for a single drink to leave a person's system and the process cannot be sped up.

Young people have smaller bod-

ies, and alcohol can affect them differently. It may only take a small amount of alcohol to cause considerable impairment. Plus, young bodies are still developing, and alcohol may have an effect on a maturing brain, leading to long-lasting intellectual effects.

People tend to not realize how much alcohol is affecting them. Overconsumption of alcohol can lead to risky and potentially dangerous behavior.

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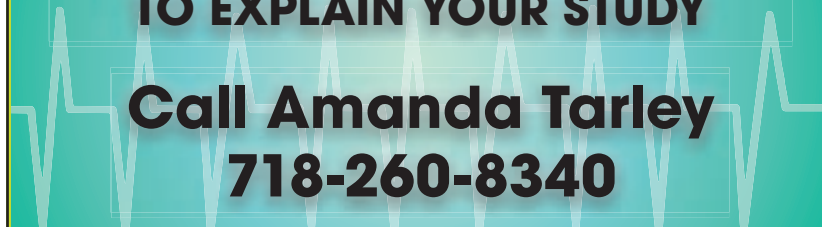


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Diabetic vision changes

Diabetes affects 23.6 million people in the United States and close to three million people in Canada. While diabetes can be accompanied by many different symptoms, some people are surprised to learn that diabetes can affect the eyes and vision.

Changes in vision are sometimes the earliest warning signs of the presence of diabetes or prediabetes. Diabetic eye disease is its own stand-alone condition, and the National Eye Institute points out that diabetic eye disease comprises a group of eye conditions that affect people with diabetes. These may include retinopathy, macular edema, cataracts and glaucoma. All forms of eye disease can potentially cause severe vision loss or blindness.

Those with diabetes also can experience xanthelasma, or yellowish collections of cholesterol around the eye area. What's more, diabetes can put individuals at risk of developing conjunctival bacterial infections (pink eye), as well as corneal erosions, corneal defects and subsequent dry eyes.

According to the American Diabetes Association, people with diabetes are at a 40 percent greater risk of suffering from glaucoma than people without diabetes. The longer someone has had diabetes, the more common glaucoma is. Diabetics also are 60 percent more likely to develop cataracts. Vision checkups and care are an important part of living with diabetes.

Routine eye examinations can

head off potential vision problems and have been known to alert doctors to the presence of diabetes before patients know they have it. During a comprehensive dilated eye exam, eye doctors will examine all areas of the eye to check for illness. Pressure on the eye will be tested, as glaucoma can cause elevated pressure. The doctor also will check for any clouding of the eye lens.

When an eye is dilated, doctors can examine the retina at the rear of the eye. Points that will be checked include:

- changes to blood vessels, including any leaking blood vessels or fatty deposits
- swelling of the macula
- damage to nerve tissue
- health of the retina, and whether there are any tears or detachments

While many of the vision loss problems associated with diabetes are irreversible, early detection and treatment can reduce the risk of blindness by 95 percent, advises the NEI. Controlling diabetes slows the onset and worsening of visual symptoms. People with diabetes may need to see their eye doctors more frequently and have a greater number of dilated exams to ensure eyes are still in good health.

To keep diabetes in check, follow a doctor-recommended diet, monitor your blood-sugar levels and get plenty of exercise. Eye doctors and primary care providers can work together to ensure that all symptoms of diabetes — whether visual or otherwise — are treated effectively



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Tree ring circus



Snow White and the seven puppets: Seven dwarf puppets gather around Snow White, while puppeteers hide inside a group of pine trees in the silent dance piece "Memory Rings," premiering at BAM on Nov. 17. Sierra Urlich

Puppets play in a fairy tale of forests

By Alexandra Simon

Call it "Dances With Woods!"

A puppet theater company will use fairy tales, music, and dance numbers to celebrate the life of a 4,800-year-old tree. "Memory Rings," which premieres at the Brooklyn Academy of Music on Nov. 17, examines the relationship between humans and nature through ancient myths and fairy tales, which often portrayed nature as a dangerous force.

"The story begins with references to Red Riding Hood and Snow White because they identify a time when people were scared of the forest and when forests were magical and enchanted,

and people had different relationship to them," said Erik Sanko, puppet designer and co-founder of Phantom Limb company.

The show is structured around the life of the Methuselah tree — a bristlecone pine in California that is believed to be the world's oldest living plant. Sanko chose to portray myths and stories from throughout the life of the 4,800 year-old tree.

"We reference the Epic of Gilgamesh because, among other things, it is of the same vintage as the tree and it's the oldest known recorded story we have from 5,000 years ago," said Sanko.

During the show, eight performers take on multiple roles, operating puppets

while disguised as pine trees, donning animal masks, and dancing in front of projected images, as well as moving parts of the set for each scene. But they will not speak during the show, which helps the audience to engage more deeply with the story, according to Sanko,

"We address people on an emotional as opposed to an intellectual level because — without words cluttering up things — people rely on pictures that they see, which in this case are people moving, and puppets," said Sanko.

The show's visuals will convey the effects of climate change on the Methuselah tree over its lifetime, which Sanko hopes will convey an eco-friendly

message better than any dialogue.

"It will seep into their unconscious and stick with them, because nobody likes being lectured to about the world falling apart," he said. "The world may be in trouble, but we still have each other."

Sanko composed original music for the show, but it will also use a few nature-themed oldies and pop songs, including Bing Crosby's "Teddy Bears' Picnic" and a cover version of Cat Stevens's "Wild World."

"Memory Rings" at Brooklyn Academy of Music Harvey Theater [651 Fulton St. between Ashland and Rockland places in Fort Greene, (718) 636-4100, www.bam.org]. Nov. 17-20 at 7:30pm. \$30.

LOCAL COLOR

Windsor Terrace artists open their studios

By Lauren Gill

She's really made the scene! A Windsor Terrace painter who makes watercolor portraits of Brooklyn's most striking sights will open her home studio to visitors this weekend, as part of the fourth annual Park Slope-Windsor Terrace Artists Open Studios event on Nov. 12-13. Artist Joy Makon, an art director who took up painting just four years ago, says that her home borough is the perfect subject to inspire her brush.

"Brooklyn is my home, I feel kind of strong about that," said Makon. "Every place has its own light, its own landscape, its own scenery."

Makon starts her process by walking around the borough, snapping photos of scenes that seem especially striking. Then she goes through the images, choosing the best moments to render in watercolor. Her proximity to Prospect Park's lush landscape and cast of interesting passersby gives her many options for watercolor-worthy moments, she said.

"I really look for the light, and lately the sunsets have been so amazing in Brooklyn," she said. "I try and go out in Prospect Park maybe a half hour before the sun is setting, you just capture some wonderful things."

Makon also travels outside her hood in search of subjects. She especially enjoys visiting Coney Island, though she has not yet captured the amusement park's most famous



Showing off: Painter Joy Makon will show off her watercolor creations starring Brooklyn's best scenes during Park Slope and Windsor Terrace Open Studios on Nov. 12-13.

Photo by Stefano Giovannini

icons, the Wonder Wheel and the Cyclone. She prefers the tranquil beaches of the People's Playground to its amusement park, she said, and tries to avoid places that are swarming with tourists.

"I do go to Dumbo a lot, but it gets really crowded there," she said. "I kind of seek more quiet, serene places wherever I go."

Makon will join 34 other neighborhood artists who will display their work during the Open Studios event. The group includes painters, illustrators, collage artists, sculptors, ceramicists, and more. The number

participating in Open Studios has grown each year, said Makon, but the tour's center has tilted away from Park Slope and into Windsor Terrace as real estate prices skyrocket in the tony neighborhood.

"There's a lot more artists in Windsor Terrace now, less in Park Slope — I think it reflects the real estate values," she said.

Park Slope-Windsor Terrace Open Studios at Joy Makon's studio (41 Fuller Pl. at Prospect Avenue in Windsor Terrace, parkslopedwindsor-terraceartists.wordpress.com). Nov. 12-13, noon-5 pm. Free.

It is open season!

By Bill Roundy

Art is popping up all over! This is the weekend for open studios! Art students at Pratt Institute and creators in Ditmas Park and Red Hook will all welcome visitors to their creative sanctums. Here are the details on the three events:

Fine in Flatbush

Taking the fourth annual Flatbush Artists Studio Tour on Nov. 12-13 is a good as heading to a museum, according to one of its organizers.

"Flatbush has quite a few globally renowned artists who are well-established in their careers," said CJ Segal-Isaacson, a jewelry artist.

And the Flatbush tour has an added attraction — the stately Victorian houses where many of the artists have their home studios. Visitors can expect both fine art and fine architecture, said Segal-Isaacson.

"It's a beautiful tour — the streets

are wide, the leaves are falling, and the houses are beautiful," she said.

Flatbush Artists Studio Tour (various locations in Ditmas Park and Prospect Park South, www.flatbush-artists.org). Nov. 12-13, 11 am-5 pm. Free.

Masters of Pfizer arts

Those hunting for the art stars of tomorrow should stop by Pratt Institute's Masters of Fine Arts Open Studios on Nov. 12. The tour is compact: the newly renovated Pfizer Building features 81 studios on its seventh floor. You can meet student sculptors, painters, and performance artists in the space where they create, and a curated shows of the best work will hold a reception from 6-8 pm.

Pratt Institute MFA Open Studios (630 Flushing Ave., seventh floor, between Tompkins and Marcy avenues in Beford-Stuyvesant, www.pratt.edu). Nov. 12, 1-6 pm. Free.



Heaton up: Artist Guo-Qing Zhang-Heaton will display her abstract lacquer sculptures at the Flatbush Artists Studio Tour.

Hooked on art

Almost 100 artists in Red Hook plan to show off their stuff during Red Hook Open Studios on Sunday, Nov. 13. And an after-party at Hot Wood Arts (481 Van Brunt St. 9B at Reed Street) will feature refreshments and three hot bands until 9 pm.

Red Hook Open Studios (various locations in Red Hook, www.facebook.com/redhookopenstudios). Nov. 13, 1-6 pm. Free.



But the country isn't: This Hillary Clinton yard sign has joined an exhibit of placards for presidential losers stretching back to 1796.

Photo by Jordan Rathkopf

A garden of beaten!

Signs of the times for presidential losers

By Claire McCartney

They're signs of defeat!

An art exhibit in Prospect Park commemorating the losers of every U.S. presidential race from Thomas Jefferson in 1796 to Mitt Romney in 2012 is now up-to-date, with a sign memorializing the campaign of Hillary Clinton. The artist behind the collection of fake yard signs hopes that the exhibit causes voters to ponder how different election outcomes can dramatically alter the country's path, as well as how the 2016 race will go down in the annals of history.

"Thinking about these candidates who ran for president, but who weren't chosen and came in second, is an opportunity to think about this country's 'path not taken' and the political choices we have made as a country over time," said artist Nina Katchadourian, who lives in Boerum Hill.

The piece — dubbed "Monument to the Unelected," and currently gracing the front lawn of the park's Lefferts Historic House — went up on Nov. 5, and Katchadourian updated it with a sign for Hillary Clinton on the day after the election, which will stay until the exhibit ends on Nov. 13. She also had a sign ready for Donald Trump's campaign, if the race had broken in the other direction, she said.

The piece is *about* politics, but is politically neutral, said Katchadourian — the signs just presents historical facts, and viewers will interpret them depending on their own beliefs.

"You might feel happy or sad about the results on any one of the signs, depending on your own politics," she said.

The placards are not particularly historically accurate, however — Katchadourian and her fellow designer Evan Gaffney gave each one a modern look as if the candidate were running in 2016, she said.

Katchadourian says she first started paying attention to campaign signs in the history-making 2008 race, and debuted "Monument to the Unelected" that year at the Scottsdale Museum of Art in Arizona.

"I started paying attention to these signs for the first time, and the way that some names get written into history, and other names we never think about again," she said.

Katchadourian exhibited the piece again in 2012, and says she plans to revive it in every presidential election year moving forward.

"Monument to the Unelected" at the Lefferts Historic House [452 Flatbush Ave. between Eastern Parkway and Ocean Avenue in Prospect Park, (718) 789-2822, www.prospectpark.org]. Through Nov. 13. Free.



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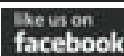
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BODY LANGUAGE

Daughter's dance closes communication gap

By Julianne Cuba

Dance is the universal language!

A Ditmas Park performer is using a new theater piece to bridge her family's generational — and linguistic — divide. Haruna Lee, who speaks very little Japanese, and her mom, Aoi Lee, who speaks very little English, will take the stage together for “Communing with You,” which combine the traditional Japanese dance-theater style known as Butoh with contemporary moves. The project, at the Brooklyn Arts Exchange in Park Slope on Nov. 19, has given the mother-daughter pair a new way to try communicate, said Lee.

“I thought maybe we could dig deeper and create a piece, and maybe figure out a way to communicate through this piece,” she said. “It’s difficult because of the language barrier but it’s exciting to talk beyond what we usually talk about, like what are we eating for dinner. Our conversations are entering this really deep kind of artistic world.”

During the 30-minute piece, the two will use movement and large images to explore their connection and their differences, said Lee, and she hopes the audience will appreciate the complex cultural identities that they bring to the stage.

“My mom is coming from this very iconic traditional Japanese form of dance and I consider myself Japanese, and yet I’m so immersed in my American identity. I’d be very excited for the audience to take away this duality of Japanese being represented in



Speaking through dance: Kristine Haruna Lee and her mother will take the stage at the Brooklyn Arts Exchange on Nov. 19 for their Butoh-style performance, titled “Communing With You.”

Photo by Jordan Rathkopf

my mother and myself and also how the two of us deal with our American identities,” said Lee.

Butoh performers typically paint their bodies white and wear white kimonos, and Lee and her mother plan to give that tradition a pop culture spin, she said.

“We are going to figure out a hybrid contemporary version of that. I think my mom’s into some type of pop Butoh,” said Lee. “She’s been showing me videos of contemporary Japanese J-pop girls dancing.”

Lee and her mother have developed the piece during her residency at the

Brooklyn Arts Exchange, which has offered space to artists for 25 years. It would not have existed without the organization’s help, said Lee.

“It’s been incredible. They are so flexible and they are so excited by the ideas that the artists bring to the table,” Lee said. “The way the residency is set up has really helped me to grow and I attribute that to how many years they’ve been around.”

“*Communing With You*” at Brooklyn Arts Exchange [421 Fifth Ave. at Eighth Street in Park Slope, (718) 832-0018, www.bax.org]. Nov. 19 at 4 pm. Free.



The furry and the furious: Modesto “Flako” Jimenez plays a panhandling Elmo impersonator in Times Square who fights for dominance among his fellow costumed characters in “Furry! La Furia!” opening Nov. 17.

Photo by Caleb Caldwell

Fist of furry

‘La Furia!’ play features Elmo ruling the streets

By Caroline Spivack

It’s Elmo’s World — or else!

The cheery, smiling face of iconic red Sesame Street muppet Elmo hides a dangerous, power-hungry despot in a mostly-Spanish language play opening at the Bushwick Starr on Nov. 17. “Furry! La Furia!” tracks the life of a panhandling Elmo impersonator in Times Square, fighting for dominance among his fellow costumed characters. The fall from hardworking entertainer to violent hoodlum is a classic American tale, said the show’s creator.

“It starts from a really sincere and kind of survivalist mentality of maintaining your family and then it gets a little out of control,” said Bushwick writer and director William Burke. “It ultimately becomes a classic American crime story where he becomes too drunk with power.”

The play centers on street peddler “El,” who dresses as Elmo to hustle money from tourists and provide for his sick son. El treats his Times Square turf as a battle ground, using Sun Tzu’s combat strategy guide “The Art of War” to stave off would-be Elmo insurgents.

Burke was inspired by a newspaper story about a man in a Cookie Monster suit who stabbed a rival Cookie Monster in a turf war. The bizarre crime sparked Burke’s interest in the subculture of costumed street peddlers who pose with tourists and then demand cash in popular spots such as Times Square and Coney Island.

The kid-friendly appearance of the figures can make it easy to overlook their aggressive tendencies, said Burke.

“It’s easy to make it cartoonish, but when you go up there it’s quite disarming because there are all these cartoon characters, but they’re people who are really just trying to make a living — and that can be totally respectable, or it can get violent,” he said.

An English version of the play was presented in Clinton Hill in 2013, but for this production it was translated into Spanish, in part by the actor who plays El, Modesto “Flako” Jimenez. The show will include screens with English subtitles so that non-Spanish speakers can follow along. Many of the real people in those costumes are Spanish-speaking immigrants, so using their language makes the show more realistic, and opens it to a broader audience, said Burke.

“I thought it would be really compelling to do something in that language and a lot of the poetry translates really well into Spanish,” said Burke. “It struck me as a good way to put new life into it and connect to new audiences.”

“*Furry! La Furia!*” at the Bushwick Starr [207 Starr St. between Wyckoff and Irving avenues in Bushwick, (917) 623-9669, www.thebushwickstarr.org]. Nov. 17-19, 21-22, 25-26 at 8 pm; Nov. 20 at 3 pm.

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By Caroline Spivack

The Ridge is rumbling with rock ‘n’ roll this weekend to celebrate our military veterans!

Veterans Day lands on a Friday this year and Brooklyn’s nightlife Mecca will make the most of it, with patriotic rock going out to our troops on both Friday and Saturday.

On Friday, march smartly over to **Schnitzel Haus** (7319 Fifth Ave. between 73rd and 74th streets) and jam out to rock-funk-fusion band Identity Theft, who will be giving shout-out to vets and active service members. Join in with your own ode to the war heroes during the open mic portion of the night — we suggest Grand Funk Railroad’s “We’re an American Band.” The music gets going at 9 pm.

Saturday continue the musical tributes to our troops with the inaugural Veterans Benefit Show at **Red, White,**



and Brew (8910 Fifth Ave. between 89th and 90th streets). The event will raise funds for the newly formed PLG Veterans Assistance Fund, named

after Patrick L. Gualtieri, a Vietnam veteran who passed away last year after serving 20 years on the United War Veterans Council — and also the uncle of the bar’s owner. The fund raiser features a raffle for prizes, including two tickets to a Giants game and a Budweiser mountain bike. It will be chock full of performances from local bands Stoop Kids, August on Sunday, Love Tap, and Our Finest Hour. All proceeds will go to benefit those who have proudly served our country. It kicks off at 3 pm and goes all night.

Or you can soak up the last few hours of your Saturday at the **Greenhouse Cafe** (7717 Third Ave. between 77th and 78th streets) at 10 pm with some good ol’ fashioned classic rock from Uncle Jack. There is no good cause — other than to keeping your liver swimming in booze and your head in good spirits.

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BUSINESS, BROOKLYN STYLE - ADVERTISEMENT

Mill Basin Kosher Deli celebrates 44th-year anniversary

BY CAMILLE SPERRAZZA

It's a restaurant and an art gallery.

Long known for having "the best pastrami" in the city, the Mill Basin Kosher Deli is equally noted for introducing Brooklynites to some extraordinary artists by decorating the restaurant with their art work — and putting this work up for sale.

Adorning the walls at the moment are the colorful pieces of American pop legend James Rosenquist, who earned a living as a billboard painter before making a name for himself.

Talk about appealing to all the senses. Where else in the borough can your taste buds feast upon a thick sandwich of pastrami on rye, while your eyes drink in fine art, such as James Rizzi's busy and bustling version of Washington Square Park? The vibrant piece is a conversation starter, for sure, as are the many other larger-than-life pictures that decorate the oldest remaining kosher deli in Brooklyn, which celebrates its 44th year in business.

That's a lot of pastrami. And roast beef, too.

It's no secret that many other delis have closed their doors, but the Mill Basin Kosher Deli still does a thriving eat-in, delivery, and take-out business. Owner Mark Schachner says the reason is simple: "Good food, good service, and small profits."

A recent rainy Friday night proved him right. Susan Melot of Marine Park and her son Jason Aptowitz were enjoying a heaping bowl of matzo ball soup — the matzo resembling the size of a baseball.

"I've been coming here for 20 years," she says. Her favorites: the soup, the pastrami, and the delicious potato knishes.

Likewise, spouses Aaron and Sonia Wasserman of Bergen Beach have been patronizing the Mill Basin Kosher Deli every Friday night and most Sundays for two decades.

"It's *hamish*," says Sonia, using the Yiddish slang word for "cozy and homey." Aaron likes to stick to his routine of starting with vegetable soup on Fridays, and cabbage soup on Sundays. "The hamburgers are fantastic," he says, but tonight a heaping brisket and pastrami on club "was to die for."

The art hasn't escaped his keen eye either. It's all part of a pleasant environment that includes spotless tables and good service, he says.

"We never had a problem in all these years," adds Sonia.

It's not just the customers who are loyal. The staff has been around for quite a while, too. There are three managers — Paul has served some 30 years; Peter has been there about a decade; and Mark's son Jordan has been working at the deli since he was a teenager.

Keeping with tradition, customers



(Pictured clockwise from top) Owner and manager Jordan Schachner holds up fingers to show 44 years. The matzo ball soup is perfect for chilly fall days. And customers keep coming back for Mill Basin Kosher Deli's towering sandwiches. Photos by Jordan Rathkopf

who dine in are served mouthwatering garlic and cucumber pickles, and brimming bowls of cole slaw and macaroni salad, all delicious. Patrons who order the pastrami are asked how they prefer it: lean, juicy, or fatty. They can wash it down with an old-fashioned chocolate egg cream, with bubbles floating on top and a slender spoon and straw rising from the foam.

The dry salami sticks were hanging in the deli's window, hovering over the roasted chickens, and the people piled in on this wet night, ordering their Shepherd salads, roasted balsamic veggies, salmon croquettes, hot dogs, chopped liver, tuna salad, and barbecued wings. For the more adventurous, there were pastrami egg rolls. Or maybe mini Franks n Blankets — you know those miniature hot dog hors d'oeuvres everyone loves? These hush puppies are the giant version — hot dogs inside a potato knish wrap.

Customer Howard Wholl, of Queens, says that whenever he comes here, he enjoys eating the potato latkes because it brings back memories of his childhood.

"We would have them with apple sauce, same as it's served here." Nostalgia aside, he actually prefers the latkes at this deli. "They're not greasy," he says, "and they don't have a lot of salt."

Don't tell the rest of the family, but he would sometimes have to wipe the oil from the ones made at home. He raved about the pea soup too. "Thick and flavorful, with homemade croutons."

For dessert, there's chocolate, raspberry, and cinnamon rugalach. Or, apple strudel, layered with apples and raisins, a thin sheet of pastry holding it altogether.

At the back of the restaurant is The Peach Pit, the party room where each of the Wasserman's five granddaughters came to celebrate after their bat

mitzvahs. The beautiful room has a peach color scheme, with decorative brick on one wall. The wood floor sparkles. There's a white piano, huge flat-screen television, and, of course, lovely artwork. A window on the side wall overlooks a Zen garden. Up to 80 guests can be accommodated, an ideal place for a birthday party, bridal shower, or corporate event.

Back in the dining room, Richard Castanzo of Kensington was finishing a corned beef, pastrami, and turkey sandwich.

"It's always delicious," he says. "Instead of going to Katz, I come here first."

Mill Basin Deli [5823 Avenue T between E. 58th and E. 59th streets in Mill Basin, (718) 241-4910, www.MillBasinDeli.com]. Open Mondays through Thursdays, 9 am–9 pm; Fridays and Saturdays, 9 am–10 pm; and on Sundays, 9 am–9:30 pm.



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MON, NOV 14

SPORTS, NEW YORK ISLANDERS VS TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING: \$25-\$750. 7 pm.

WED, NOV 16

SPORTS, LIU BROOKLYN BLACKBIRDS MEN'S BASKETBALL VS. LOYOLA GREYHOUNDS: \$15.50. 7 pm.

FRI, NOV 18

SPORTS, NEW YORK ISLANDERS VS PITTSBURGH PENGUINS: \$25-\$700. 7 pm.

SAT, NOV 19

MUSIC, KEITH URBAN: \$42-\$82. 7 pm.

SUN, NOV 20

SPORTS, BROOKLYN NETS VS PORTLAND BLAZERS: \$35-\$3,000. 3:30 pm.

MON, NOV 21

SPORTS, LEGENDS CLASSIC: Notre Dame vs. Colorado and Texas vs. Northwestern. \$15-\$500. 7 pm and 9:30 pm.

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

FRI, NOV. 11

ART, "IGGY POP LIFE CLASS": Artist Jeremy Deller used the traditional life-model drawing class to stage a performative event with musician and personality Iggy Pop as model and subject. Come see the results! \$16. 11 am-6 pm. Brooklyn Museum [200 Eastern Pkwy. at Washington Avenue in Prospect Heights, (718) 638-5000], www.brooklynmuseum.org.

FAMILY, RACE AROUND THE FARM YARD: Get out and get moving in the Lefferts yard! The whole family can participate in potato sack races, spoon races, stilts and other old-fashioned games. \$3. 1-3 pm. Lefferts Historic House [452 Flatbush Ave. between Empire Boulevard and Eastern Parkway in Park Slope, (718) 789-2822], www.prospectpark.org.

EVENT, BROOKLYN HISTORICAL SOCIETY FREE FRIDAY: The museum stays open late tonight to celebrate food in Brooklyn. With a pie tasting from Four & Twenty Blackbirds, Dub Pies, and Butter & Scotch, and a landscape drink 'n' draw session. Free. 5-9 pm. Brooklyn Historical Society [128 Pierreport St. at Clinton Street in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 222-4111], www.brooklyn-history.org.

ART, "CAMERA OF THE MONTH CLUB — A VISUAL DIALOGUE" OPENING RECEPTION: An exhibit of work by rising photographers. Free. 7-10 pm. The Living Gallery [1094 Broadway at Dodworth Street in Bushwick, (631) 377-1998], www.the-living-gallery.com.

MUSIC, "ELECTION YEAR — A WORK IN PROGRESS": A symphonic work composed by Kyle Saulnier in reaction to the 2016 Presidential campaign. \$10. 7 pm. Shaphifter Lab [18 Whitwell Pl. between Carroll and First streets in Gowanus], www.awakeningorchestra.com.

MUSIC, "A STAR HAS BURN'T MY EYE": A play with music inspired by the extraordinary New York story of unheralded musician Connie Converse. \$25. 7:30 pm. BAM Fisher [321 Ashland Pl. between Hansen Place and Lafayette Avenue in Fort Greene], www.bam.org.

DANCE, "RULES OF THE GAME": A dance piece created by choreographer Jonah Bokaer, visual artist Daniel Arsham, and composer Pharrell Williams. \$25-\$50. 7:30 pm. BAM Howard Gilman Opera House [30 Lafayette Ave. between Ashland Place and St. Felix Street in Fort Greene], www.bam.org.

THEATER, "THE SERVANT OF TWO MASTERS": A commedia dell'arte-style comedy written by Carlo Goldini in 1745. \$65-\$110. 7:30 pm. Polonsky Shakespeare Center [262 Ashland Pl. between Fulton Street and Lafayette Avenue in Fort Greene], www.tfana.org.

WHAT TO DO SEVEN EVENTS



Taking flight: The dancers of Evidence, a Dance Company will blend traditional African moves with contemporary dance during their three performances at Bric Arts Media, starting on Nov. 17.

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"PARIS": A baroque, burlesque take on the Greek myth "The Judgement of Paris," with can-can girls and singing divas. \$25-\$450. 8 pm. Irondale Center [85 S. Oxford St. at Lafayette Avenue in Fort Greene, (718) 488-9233], www.irondale.org.

THEATER, "THE 39 STEPS": In this melodramatic comedy-romance, based on a Hitchcock film, a man bumbles into a world of spies and intrigue. \$25 (\$20 students and seniors). 8 pm. Gallery Players [199 14th St. between Fourth and Fifth avenues in Park Slope, (212) 352-3101], www.galleryplayers.com.

MUSIC, CHAMBER BAND: The indie Brooklyn band plays songs about Dungeons & Dragons. Followed by Kittens Slay Dragons. \$5 suggested donation. 10 pm. The Way Station [683 Washington Ave. between St. Marks Avenue and Prospect Place in Prospect Heights, (718) 627-4949], www.waystationbk.com.

SAT, NOV. 12

MUSIC, GHOST: The band performs as part of their "Popestar" tour. \$39.50. 8 pm. Kings Theatre [1027 Flatbush Ave. between Beverly Road and Tilden Avenue in Flatbush], www.kingstheatre.com.

THEATER, "ON KENTUCKY AVENUE": A celebration of Atlantic City's famed Club Harlem, with leggy showgirls, elegant crooners, uproarious comedians, and a hot, live band. \$32-\$37. 8 pm. On Stage at Kingsborough [2001 Oriental Blvd. at Oxford Street in Manhattan Beach, (718) 368-5596], www.onstageatkingsborough.org.

ART, PIER AND SCANLAN GLASS OPEN STUDIOS: See master glassblowers create objects with molten glass. Free. Noon-6 pm. Scanlan and Pier Glass [499 Van Brunt St. #2A, between Reed Street and the water in Red Hook, (718)

369-3645], scanlanglass.com.

FAMILY, CHILDREN'S BOOK FAIR: Award-winning children's authors and illustrators set up at the Museum. With hands-on art activities and workshops. Free with museum admission. Noon-4 pm. Brooklyn Museum [200 Eastern Pkwy. at Washington Avenue in Prospect Heights, (718) 638-5000], www.brooklyn-museum.org.

ART, "SOLASTALGIA" OPENING RECEPTION: Bay Ridge artist Jeannine Bardo displays her abstract landscape images. Free. 4-6 pm. St. Francis College [180 Remsen St. between Court and Clinton streets in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 489-5200], www.sfc.edu.

SUN, NOV. 13

MARKET, BEIT HILLEL GARAGE SALE: Visit for bargains galore on clothing, housewares, jewelry, and more. Many \$1 tables. Free. 10 am-4 pm. Congregation Beit Hillel of Flatlands [2164 Ralph Ave. at Avenue L in Flatlands].

READING, JULIA TURSHEN: The cookbook writer discusses her new book "Small Victories," and family meal planning. \$10. 10 am. Court Tree Collective [371 Court St. between Carroll Street and First Place in Carroll Gardens, (718) 422-7806], www.courttree.com.

MARKET, ARTISTS AND MAKERS MARKET: A market of local artists and handcrafted designs. Free. 11 am-4 pm. Bay Ridge Jewish Center [8025 Fourth Ave. between 80th and 81st streets in Bay Ridge, (718) 836-3103], www.brjc.org.

ART, "FLIGHT" QUILT SHOW: The Brooklyn Quilters' Guild exhibits work based on the theme "Flight." \$3. Noon-4 pm. Lefferts Historic House [452 Flatbush Ave. between Empire Boulevard and Eastern Parkway in

Park Slope, (718) 789-2822], www.prospectpark.org.

FILM, "THE PHANTOM CARRIAGE": This 1921 Swedish silent movie is a supernatural-drama about lost souls and redemption, with live piano accompaniment by Bernie Anderson. Free. 12:30 pm. Brooklyn Public Library's Central branch [10 Grand Army Plaza, between Eastern Parkway and Flatbush Avenue in Prospect Heights, (718) 230-2100], www.brooklyn-publiclibrary.org.

MON, NOV. 14

TALK, ESTATE PLANNING SEMINAR: Connors and Sullivan law firm hosts a free seminar on elder law, trusts, and estate planning. (718) 238-6500. 11 am, 3 pm, and 7 pm. Buckley's [2926 Avenue S at Nostrand Avenue in Sheepshead Bay].

TALK, "LIFE AFTER LIFE IN PRISON": This exhibit of photos and panel discussion features four women who spent years in a New York State maximum security prison, discussing how they rebuild their lives. Free. 6:30 pm. Church of Gethsemane and Kolot Chayeinu [1012 Eighth Ave. between 10th and 11th streets in Park Slope, (718) 499-6704 x201], lifeafterlifeinprison.com.

TALK, OUR PESKY NEIGHBORS — BUGS: Entomologists, exterminators, and other experts discuss cockroaches, bed bugs, and other urban pests. \$10. 7 pm. Brooklyn Historical Society [128 Pierreport St. at Clinton Street in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 222-4111], www.brooklyn-history.org.

THEATER, "THE PRISONERS OF QUAI DONG": A staged reading of the 1979 play about a teenager in Vietnam, accused of smuggling weapons to the enemy. Presented by the Prism Stage Company. Free. 7:30 pm. Gallery Players [199 14th St. between Fourth and Fifth avenues in Park Slope, (212) 352-3101], www.galleryplayers.com.

MUSIC, MICK BARR AND JUDITH BERKSON: The heavy metal guitarist and the soprano pianist perform work written by each other. \$25 (\$20 in advance). 8 pm. Roulette [509 Atlantic Ave. at Third Avenue in Boerum Hill, (917) 267-0363], www.roulette.org.

READING, FRANKLIN PARK READING SERIES: The series celebrates rad women writers at its annual "Powerhouse Women Night," with Lynne Tillman, Alexandra Kleeman, Chloe Caldwell, Wendy C. Ortiz, Annie DeWitt, and Leigh Stein. Free. 8 pm. Franklin Park [618 St. Johns Pl. between Classon and Franklin avenues. in Crown Heights], franklinpark-brooklyn.com.

TUES, NOV. 15

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN FOUNDERS DAY EVENT: The

group's Brooklyn section honors Rabbi Joseph Ptasnik with the Hannah G. Solomon Award, for an individual who has changed the lives of others through his leadership efforts. \$45. 11 am. East Midwood Jewish Center (1625 Ocean Ave. between Avenues K and L in Midwood), www.emjc.org.

FUNDRAISER, BROOKLYN HISTORICAL SOCIETY FALL GALA: The Society's inaugural gala honors Brooklyn Brewery and National Grid. \$600-\$25,000. 6:30 pm. Liberty Warehouse (260 Conover St. between Beard Street and the water in Red Hook), www.brooklynhistory.org.

FUNDRAISER, NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS BENEFIT BASH: The tenant advocacy organization hosts a festive night of drinks, hors d'oeuvres and light dinner. \$50. 6:30 pm. Union Hall (702 Union St. at Fifth Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 638-4400), www.unionhallny.com.

ART, "BLACK ON WHITE" OPENING RECEPTION: Artist and author Rob Redding displays his "smear paintings." Free. 7-10 pm. Ouchi Gallery (170 Tillary St. at Gold Street in Downtown), www.ouchigallery.com.

OPERA, SNEAK PEEK AT "DON GIOVANNI": Get a free advance look at the Regina Opera Company's production of Mozart's opera, which officially opens on Nov. 19. Free. 7:30 pm. Regina Opera (5902 Sixth Avenue at 60th Street in Sunset Park, (718) 259-2772), www.reginaopera.org.

MUSIC, ROBU TRIO JAM SESSIONS: Instrumentalists, singers, artists, and dancers are welcome to collaborate with the band at this late-night jam session. \$10 (\$4 for performers). 11 pm-2 am. The Five Spot (459 Myrtle Ave. at Washington Avenue in Clinton Hill, (718) 852-0202), www.fivespotsoulfood.com.

WED, NOV. 16

TALK, ESTATE PLANNING SEMINAR: Connors and Sullivan law firm hosts a free seminar on elder law, trusts, and estate planning. (718) 238-6500. 11 am and 3 pm. The Montauk Club (25 Eighth Ave. at Lincoln Place in Park Slope).

HIGH SCHOOL ADMISSIONS WORKSHOP: Presented by Community Education Council 21 for all parents of students entering high schools. Free. 5 pm. Abraham Lincoln High School (2800 Ocean Pkwy. at Shore Parkway in Sheepshead Bay, (347) 563-4961).

TWEEN CLUB: "Outrun the Moon" by Stacey Lee is on tap for this week's club meeting. RSVP requested. Free. 5:30 pm. PowerHouse on 8th (1111 Eighth Ave. between 11th and 12th streets in Park Slope, (718) 666-3049), www.powerhousearena.com.

TALK, CLAUDIA RANKINE AND ALONDRA NELSON IN CONVERSATION: Mac-

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THEATER, "THE SERVANT OF TWO MASTERS": 7:30 pm. See Friday, Nov. 11.

THURS, NOV. 17

TALK, HEALTHY AGING EXPO: More than 25 businesses that provide products and services offer information about health insurance, home healthcare, long-term care, physical therapy, estate planning, and much more. Free. 10 am. Council Center for Senior Citizens (1001 Quentin Rd. at E. 10th Street; Second floor in Midwood, (718) 627-7680).

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MUSIC, THE WAYSTIES: Songs about drinking. \$5 suggested donation. 10 pm. The Way Station (683 Washington Ave. between St. Marks Avenue and Prospect Place in Prospect Heights, (718) 627-4949), www.waystationbk.com.

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MUSIC, "¡VIVA ESPAÑA!": Cerddorion Vocal Ensemble celebrates Spain's musical influence on Latin America. \$25 (\$20 in advance). 8 pm. St. Paul's Episcopal Church (199 Carroll St. at Clinton Street in Carroll Gardens), www.cerddorion.org.

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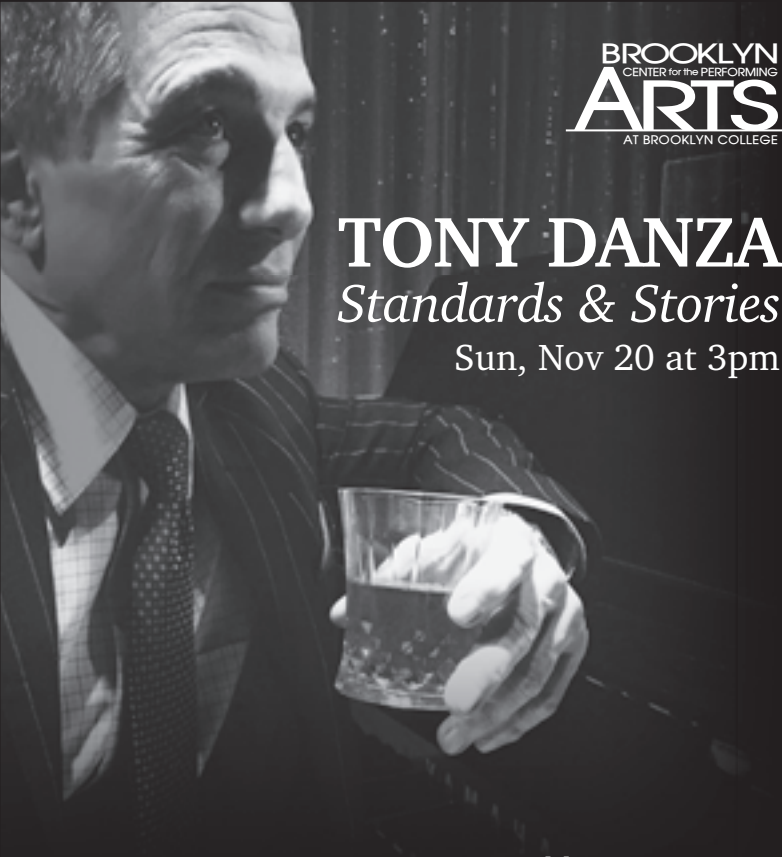
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— St. Francis men's soccer coach Tom Giovatto on the team's overdue win.

South Shore stages late-game comeback

BY LAURA AMATO

Don't ever count them out.

South Shore's football team staged yet another improbable win on Nov. 4, rallying in the final two minutes of play and taking advantage of a big-time Midwood turnover to notch a 24-20 victory over the Hornets at Aviator Sports Complex.

"We got very lucky, about as lucky as you can get," said Vikings coach Matt Ciquera. "It feels great to be 7-2. I just wish we would have played better."

The Hornets (6-3) were just a minute-and-a-half away from notching a 20-16 victory in the final game of the regular season — needing to run just one more play before the squad could kneel out the rest of the clock — but a bad snap sailed over Midwood quarterback Tyshawn Young's head. South Shore recovered the ball at the Hornets' five-yard line, and there was only one player the Vikings wanted with the ball in his hands — senior quarter-



BOUNCE BACK: South Shore senior quarterback Jason Martin made amends for two first-half interceptions, scoring the go-ahead touchdown with 1:41 left as the Vikings defeated Midwood on Nov. 4. Photo by William Thomas

back Jason Martin.

Martin gave South Shore the lead with 1:41 left on the clock — barreling into the end zone from one yard out and leaving Midwood stunned on the sidelines.

"When we got the ball back, I knew what time it was," said Martin, who finished with 369 all-purpose yards. "I told the coaches, 'Just give me the ball and let me get this one for my team.'"

Martin didn't just want to score the touchdown to lead his squad to victory, he wanted to make amends for some early-game miscues that made it all but impossible for South Shore to find its footing.

The senior quarterback fumbled at the five-yard line on the Vikings' first drive of the game and threw a pair of first-half interceptions, including a 100-yard pick-six by Dontae McGriff late in the second quarter. Martin's go-ahead touchdown helped erase some

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PERFECT 10: Former United States Olympian Jordyn Wieber joined this year's gold medal-winning gymnastics stars for a show at Barclays Center on Nov. 6, hoping to inspire the next generation of Olympic hopefuls.

USA Gymnastics / John Cheng

Olympian better than gold

BY LAURA AMATO

She's hoping fans flipped for the show.

Olympic gold medalist Jordyn Wieber was in Brooklyn on Nov. 6, performing in the Kellogg's Tour of Gymnastics Champions at Barclays Center and hopefully sparking an interest in the sport for a whole new generation of fans, she said.

"It's very different than a lot of gymnastic competitions you see on TV," Wieber said of the post-Olympics tour. "It's a lot of fun and a chance to kind of celebrate our success in the Olympics with all our fans across the United States."

Wieber — who announced her retirement from elite gymnastics in 2015 — was quick to tour again this year, anxious to team up with the "Final Five" women's gymnastics

team that dominated at this year's Rio Olympics.

The high-flying tour is far less pressure than the worldwide competition. There are no judges and no scores — just cheers from the crowd and, as far as Wieber is concerned, that's just about as good as a gold medal.

"I call it a celebration," she said. "So we just go out there and have some fun and get to relax because we've trained our whole lives to compete at the Olympics. This is just our chance to go out and perform and we really have fun during it."

Wieber doesn't do too many pure gymnastics moves while on tour — she leaves that up to the current stars — opting instead to focus her performance on crowd participation and instruction. She's already

got plenty of experience coaching — currently she's working with the University of California Los Angeles gymnastics team while she pursues her degree — and she relishes the chance to talk to the sport's youngest fans, especially at a well-sold venue like Barclays Center.

"I pick someone from the crowd and teach them a back flip, and I always tell the audience it reminds me of when I first started gymnastics," Wieber said. "I look into the audience, and I see all the young kids, and it brings me back to when I first started, and I wanted to be like the Olympians. It's really cool, and hopefully we inspire a lot of kids."

Wieber has been part of the gymnastics world since she was 4 years old — jump-

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Righting their ship

Dutchmen re-balance in blowout win over Fort Hamilton

BY LAURA AMATO

All he saw was wide-open receivers and clear rushing lanes.

Erasmus Hall quarterback Aron Cruickshank was an offensive force to be reckoned with on Nov. 6 — leading the Dutchmen to a 56-20 victory over Fort Hamilton and entrenching himself as one of the best players in the city. The junior racked up five touchdowns in the lopsided tilt, cementing the No. 2 seed for his squad in the Public Schools Athletic League championship division playoffs.

“It was all about the reps in practice and getting that separation to translate it to the field,” Cruickshank said. “I want to play our game and not let the last game define us. We know what we’re capable of.”

The victory is a major statement for a Dutchmen (8-1) squad that was left searching for answers after dropping its undefeated season to Curtis on Oct. 29. Erasmus Hall responded throughout the week in practice however, and came into the regular-season finale refocused and reenergized.

“I think they were a little humbled, a little upset,” said Erasmus Hall coach Danny Landberg. “They want to do more for themselves right now,



STRONG CAPTAIN: Erasmus Hall quarterback Aron Cruickshank led his team to a victory against Fort Hamilton 56-20. Photo by Steve Schnibbe

and it’s a process when you’re a high-school kid. We’ve just got to make sure we keep them strong and stay focused.”

The Dutchmen were ready for a gridiron battle against Fort Hamilton, but Cruickshank — who has drawn interest from top-tier college programs this fall, including a recent offer from Michigan — quickly made it a one-sided battle. He threw three touchdown passes in the first quarter and

racked up 116 all-purpose yards before halftime.

“He’s just like all the other greats at Erasmus as far as football players,” Landberg said. “He’s actually a better person, so it’s really great to have him on this team.”

Cruickshank wasn’t the only one picking up yards for the Dutchmen. Andrew Howell and Dejourree Addison also notched touchdown runs, fol-

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Worth the wait

BY MICHAEL RANDAZZO

The Terriers are alpha dogs now.

The St. Francis men’s soccer team notched a 1-0 victory over Northeast Conference rival Long Island University at Brooklyn Bridge Park’s Pier 5 on Nov. 6, wrapping up the program’s first regular-season conference title since 1997. It was also a bit of a revenge win — the Blackbirds defeated St. Francis in the Northeast Conference semifinals on penalty kicks last season — and the entire squad had this game circled on the calendar.

“It starts from the forwards to the midfield to our back four to our goalkeeper,” said St. Francis head coach Tom Giovatto, now in his 10th season. “They did a really good job today of staying in our shape, not overreacting, cutting off

passing lanes.”

Yussuf Olajide tallied the match’s lone goal after beating Long Island University (10-5-2, 4-2-1) keeper Logan Keys on a nifty set-up from defender Dominick Falanga in the 27th minute of play. Falanga beat Blackbirds defender Erik Wahlin and threaded a pass in front of the Long Island University net to a wide-open Olajide, who calmly put home his team-leading sixth goal of the season.

By virtue of the win, the top-seeded Terriers (10-4-3, 6-0-1) will host the conference tournament, opening with a match against No. 4 Sacred Heart on Nov. 11. St. Francis has a shot at its third Northeast Conference title in four years and this latest victory is a major stepping stone for the program.

“It’s great to win the reg-



IT ONLY TAKES ONE: Terriers senior Yussuf Olajide scored the game’s only goal against Long Island University, lifting St. Francis to a 1-0 victory and a regular-season conference crown on Nov. 6.

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ular-season title,” Giovatto said. “Not only for the kids, but to see so many alumni in the crowd and the smiles they get from winning today, it’s great for everybody.”

St. Francis’ success is built *Continued on page 69*

Railsplitters steamroll Brooklyn Tech in regular-season finale

Lincoln’s football team wrapped up the regular season with one of its most impressive offensive performances of the year, rolling to a 44-0 victory over Brooklyn Tech on Nov. 4.

The Railsplitters (6-3) jumped out to a 36-point lead in the first half, and the squad refused to take its foot off the metaphorical gas down the stretch. By the final whistle, Lincoln racked up 404 total offensive yards, averaging more than nine yards every time the ball was snapped.

Faruq Shittu went eight-for-13 under center, throwing for 100 yards and two touchdowns, while senior runningback Naim Coakley was a picture of efficiency, rushing for 113 yards and two touchdowns on just five carries. Anthony Khan and Shittu also chipped in rushing touchdowns.

Marcus Tinglin led Lincoln’s defensive charge with a team-high six tackles, but Ricky Forde wasn’t far behind with five takedowns of his own.

The Railsplitters wrapped up the No. 5 seed in the Public Schools Athletic League championship conference with the win and will host Boys & Girls High School in the first round of postseason play on Nov. 12.

Tottenville 7 Grand Street 6

The Wolves offense was held in check during the final game of the regular season on Nov. 4. Darius Thompson scored the only Grand Street touchdown of the afternoon — returning a punt to the end zone — while Dylan Campbell did his best to jumpstart the ground game with 90 rushing yards.

Grand Street’s defense had a difficult time slowing down the Pirates’ aerial attack as well, allowing Tottenville quarterback Jason Feldman to throw for 128 yards and one touchdown.

Grand Street Campus will host New Dorp in the first round of the Public Schools Athletic League playoffs on Nov. 12.



FOOTBALL ROUNDUP

by Laura Amato

Boys & Girls 42 Canarsie 8

The Kangaroos scored 22 points in the first quarter and never looked back, rolling to a lopsided victory in the regular-season finale on Nov. 6.

Eric Anderson did his best to spark Canarsie, throwing for 78 yards and one touchdown, while also adding a rushing touchdown — but it wasn’t quite enough for the squad.

Boys & Girls wrapped up a playoff berth with the victory as the No. 12 seed. The squad will travel to fifth-seeded Lincoln for a first-round matchup on Nov. 12.

Sheepshead Bay 12 Tilden 6

The Sharks scored the go-ahead touchdown in the third quarter to notch the Bowl Conference victory in the final week of the regular season. Nimar Roach scored Tilden’s lone touchdown of the day, connecting with Joel Dick in the end zone.

The two squads will get another chance at each other in the postseason, however, facing off in the first round of the playoffs on Nov. 13.

Jefferson 18 Madison 14

The Orange Wave held on for the slim victory to wrap up the No. 8 seed in the Public Schools Athletic League Bowl Conference playoffs. Madison, meanwhile, earned the No. 10 seed and a first-round date with Eagle Academy II on Nov. 13.

SOUTH

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of the frustration he felt over the mistakes.

“A lot of the stuff was bad reads, and I’ll take the blame for the first half,” Martin said. “We gave up four turnovers, and we were still in the game. It was just about staying focused and trying to do what we could, because we’re so used to games like this.”

Midwood, however, was not about to go down without a fight, and the squad almost staged its own late-game comeback after Martin’s touchdown. The Hornets marched down the field on the ensuing drive, sparked by Young under center, and had two shots at the end zone from the 26-yard line with seconds left on the clock.

South Shore safety Barington Clarke broke up the first attempt, and the final

shot was dropped in the end zone as Vikings defenders swarmed towards the ball.

“The corner got beat, and I tried to help my brother out and go for the ball,” Clarke said of his defensive stop. “We knew our defense was doing a pretty good job of stopping them all game. We tried to just contain them.”

It wasn’t pretty, and it was yet another dramatic late-game finish, but it was a victory — one that earned the Vikings a first-round post-season bye. South Shore’s season has been chock-full of games like this, and the squad is hoping its collective heart palpitations throughout the fall have prepared the Vikings for a deep play-off run.

“Last year, we didn’t really have any of this,” Ciquera said. “We ended up losing in the first round of the playoffs, so hopefully being more battle-tested will help us moving forward.”

WIEBER

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ing on trampolines and into ball pits before setting her sights on Olympic gold — and she’s certain that events like this are exactly what the program needs to keep the United States at the top of its game.

After all, gymnastics in this country isn’t just competitive, it’s the best in the world. The United States team won a whopping 12 medals in Rio, including another

team gold for the women’s squad, and Wieber doesn’t see that changing any time soon — especially if future stars continue to come out for tours like this one.

“Every time the Olympics comes around, you see the United States making the gap a little bit bigger,” Wieber said. “I think the United States could probably build three Olympic teams there’s so much depth. I just see things getting brighter, and we’re just going to continue to dominate. I truly believe that.”

HAMILTON

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lowing some big-time blocks by the Erasmus Hall offensive line.

“They’re working hard in practice and that’s the first step,” Cruickshank said. “When everybody is calm like that, that’s when we do great.”

Fort Hamilton (5–4) did its best to go blow for blow with the Dutchmen’s offense — senior quarterback Neba Sekhet finished with more than 100 rushing yards — but every time the Tigers found a bit of footing, Erasmus Hall answered.

Cruickshank had the biggest response of the afternoon, sprinting 50 yards for his final touchdown of the

day — just two plays after Lifneyah Prescott’s 80-yard touchdown run gave Fort Hamilton a bit of life late in the third quarter.

“Once you punch us, we’re going to give you a few more blows right back,” Cruickshank said. “That’s what we’re all about.”

The Dutchmen earned a first-round postseason bye with the win, and the squad is anxious for the week off to settle into playoff-mode. This team knows what it’s like to come up short — falling in back-to-back championship games the last two seasons — and the Dutchmen squad isn’t interested in another could-have-been finish.

There’s still plenty of work to do, but as far as Erasmus Hall is concerned, the best is yet to come, Landberg said.

Take them by storm

Former Jefferson guard hopes to turn things around

BY LAURA AMATO

He’s ready to school ‘em all.

Former Jefferson star Shamorie Ponds was one of the most highly recruited high-school basketball players in the country last season, but he opted to stay close to home, heading to St. John’s with a very specific goal in mind — turning the program around.

“I have a high IQ, and I play with a slow pace, but I know what I’m doing on the court,” Ponds said during the team’s media day last month. “I play calm, and there’s not too much pressure. So I know that I just need to bring the same thing that I was doing at Thomas Jefferson and the high IQ and the type of leadership to the college game.”

The Red Storm won just one Big East game last year, but Ponds is determined to provide the spark that will lift St. John’s back to the top of the college basketball ranks. It won’t be easy and Ponds is aware of the hometown microscope he’s under, but the former Orange Wave guard is ready to do his city proud.

Ponds was named the Big East Preseason Rookie of the Year and — despite some early-game miscues — finished with 12 points, two assists, and five steals in St. John’s 99–49 exhibition victory over Baruch on Oct. 31. He’s more focused, however, on what all of that means to the team.

“I’m not going to be focused on just [my own stats],” Ponds said. “I just want to see the team win. I want to see us all get accolades.”

Ponds — a 6-foot-1 left-hander with one of the softest shooting touches in the game — was a consensus four-star, top-50 recruit after leading Jefferson to its first city championship since 1954 last season. He could have taken his talents just about anywhere in the country, but couldn’t shake the draw to St. John’s. Ponds attended nearly every home game last year and the Red Storm wanted him just as much as he wanted them.

“I’m happy he felt that way,” said head coach



MAKING A SPLASH: St. John’s freshman guard and former Jefferson standout Shamorie Ponds is anxious to get the college hoops season underway, determined to turn around the Red Storm program.

St. John’s Athletics

Chris Mullin. “We always felt like he was the perfect fit.”

Ponds is only a freshman — playing in his first college hoops game on Nov. 11 — but he’s already settled into a leadership role with the Red Storm. He’s become a calming presence in the backcourt, focused on helping his teammates cut down on the turnovers and full-court miscues that plagued the squad last year.

“When things go bad, we can’t go into a shell,” Ponds said. “So I think I really bring that to the team — calming them down and bringing them together.”

Ponds found a preseason rhythm with fellow first-year guard Marcus LoVett — who was unable to play last season due to academic issues — and with the return of sophomore guard Federico Mussini in the backcourt, the freshman is certain St. John’s has the weapons to notch victories this season.

He knows there are expectations for him — the hometown kid determined to make good for the hometown team — but the only thing Ponds cares about is the score at the end of every game.

SOCCER

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on team defense. The Terriers squad has pitched nine shut-outs, yielding a paltry 12 goals all season, and the team shut down the Blackbirds’ high-octane offense, led by sophomore Rasmus Hansen — the conference’s leading scorer with 11 goals and seven assists.

“We were not connecting on passes and playing to the level that we normally do,” said Long Island University coach T.J. Kostecky, who has led the Blackbirds the past 18 seasons. “[St. Francis] is good at sitting back and anticipating.”

A key factor in the championship tilt actually didn’t come from either sideline — a fierce wind played havoc with balls in the air and made it

all but impossible for either squad to settle into a rhythm on offense. That, of course, played right into the Terriers’ defensive hands and left Long Island University’s front line frustrated.

“The environment’s certainly difficult, you could see several times when the wind blew the ball backwards,” Kostecky said. “As a player you have to anticipate that — though I’m not sure how you know where the wind will blow.”

The Terriers have waited all season for another shot at Long Island University, but the squad knows there’s still more work to be done. Playoff soccer is a brand-new challenge, but St. Francis is nothing short of confident heading into the tournament.

“We waited a whole year

for this game,” said St. Francis senior Sal Barone, who faced off against his younger brother Joey in the matchup. “Now that we won, it feels very good. We’re looking forward to working hard this week and going to the playoffs.”

St. Francis is anxious to defend its home turf throughout the Northeast Conference tournament, determined to lock in on defense and keep building up that wall in front of the net. Now that the Terriers know what it’s like to be on top, the squad isn’t looking to relinquish that position without a fight.

“We don’t really care about scoring six or seven goals,” Falanga said. “We haven’t conceded a goal in [league play] yet. Our main objective is defense first and that’s our plan going forward.”



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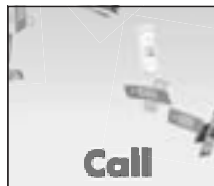
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