

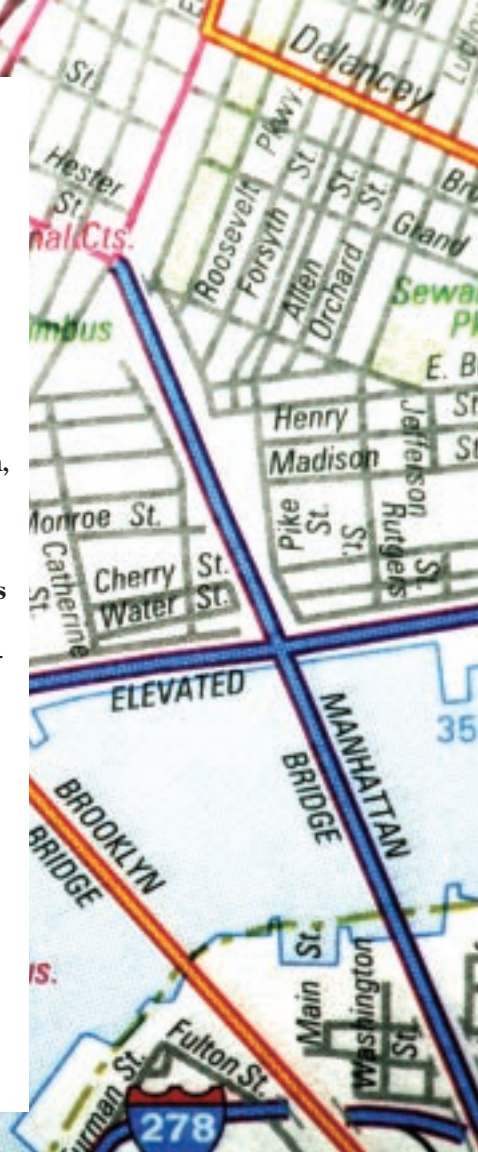


Gary says:

“When did you get too lazy to read a map?”

I recently attended a real estate closing in Brooklyn, and the woman acting as closer (on behalf of the buyer's title company) came in cursing and out of breath. She was very late because she had trouble finding the building and swore that right after the closing she was going to the nearest automotive electronic shop to plunk down hundreds of dollars for a Global Positioning System to add on to her car. As you may know, these systems sit on the dashboard and have a little screen and voice that can guide your car to, basically, anywhere in the country. I leaned over the conference-room table and told her that I had a low-tech GPS system, and held up a Hagstrom New York City book of maps, spiral-bound, cover price: \$12.95.

I prefer my low-tech, analog method over the high-tech, digital, electronic GPS system. I feel strongly that everyone should know how to read a map—as strongly as I feel that children should learn to do math by hand first, and only afterwards with a calculator. That's my opinion and I'm sticking to it.



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Brigette Bauer

Brigette Bauer, my oldest employee. Not that she's the oldest one working here (that honor is mine), but she's been with me the longest. When Brigette starting working with me, my oldest daughter, Renee—who's now 16 years old—was not yet born.

Brigette is my office manager and right hand. She handles client telephone calls with grace and knowledge, and sometimes I overhear her using my jokes. Living upstate with husband Eric and their two sons, Brigette makes a monster commute to our office in Forest Hills once or twice a week, but frequently works from home. With computer and cell phone(s), she's a living example that telecommuting works!

Brigette's sharp as a tack. And even when she's not here, her presence looms large, giving rise to my favorite saying about her: "Half a Brigette is better than none."



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