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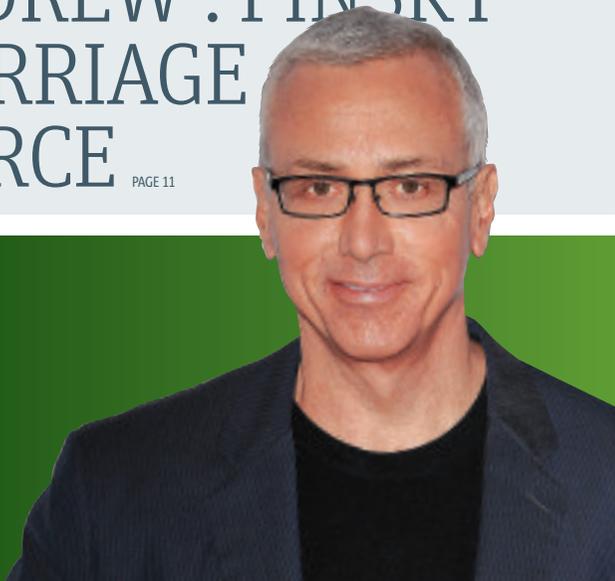
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# 'Negligent, but no intent to kill,' says attorney

**Hearing.** A judge upheld murder charges for Carmen Ramirez and Carlos Rivera, parents charged with killing their 3-year-old by starvation.  
**Testimony.** Rivera's attorney said the father tried to make sure all five children in the home were fed but he was mostly on his own. PAGE 02

## Shots with Michael Jackson?

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If you go out, you need to go *in* to a cozy place

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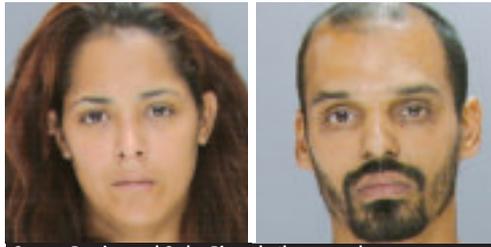
# BIRTHDAY

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Brian McCann, dressed as William Shakespeare, speaks at the Free Library for "The Year of the Bard: Shakespeare at 450," a yearlong event honoring the dramatist and writer. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

# Murder charges move ahead in Nathalyz case

**Graphic.** A judge upheld murder charges against a West Oak Lane couple after a day-long hearing on Wednesday.



Carmen Ramirez and Carlos Rivera both appeared in court on Wednesday. / PROVIDED

New details emerged at a preliminary hearing on Wednesday for Carmen Ramirez, 27, and Carlos Rivera, 30, both charged with murder in the death of their daughter, Nathalyz Rivera, who starved to death in September at age 3, weighing just 11 pounds. Among them were the fact that Ramirez was receiving \$2,130 a month in SSI benefits for her children, but had not been

**Quoted**

**“Whether a 3-years, 10-month-old child is with disabilities or with no disabilities, if you don’t feed them, they die.”**

Rosen

home in two months at the time of Nathalyz’s death. Also, Rivera, who lived with Ramirez’s five children in a garbage-filled house on Sommers Street, told police that he washed Nathalyz in a sink after he ran out of diapers and left a bottle full of baby food next to her head to feed her. As photographs of Nathalyz’s nude, emaciated

corpse with thin hair and multiple bedsores were shown at the hearing, Ramirez wept quietly while Rivera stared down at the table. Rivera and Ramirez were both arrested on Sept. 9 after they brought Nathalyz’s body to Albert Einstein Medical Center, where the girl was pronounced dead. Nathalyz, who had cerebral palsy and could not pick up objects or walk, and was partially blind and deaf, was last seen by a doctor at St. Christopher’s Hospital in April 2011. Medical examiner Aaron Rosen, who ruled the death a homicide by starvation, testified that Nathalyz showed clear signs of starvation, including diminished musculature and subcutaneous tissue.

Rivera’s attorney, Bobby Hoof, hoped to get the severity of the charges reduced at the hearing, on the grounds that Rivera tried to tend to the children while Ramirez was absent. “He was there. He was the one that did not abandon the children. There was testimony that he brought food home every night. He made sure that all the children were fed,” Hoof said. “He may have been a little negligent, but there was no intent to kill.” On the day Nathalyz died, Rivera had been out “trying to earn money” from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Ramirez spent the day at Parx Casino.



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## What’s trending at Metro.us

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**Local Tweet**

“Just walked my dog & thought, ‘It’s not bad out today.’ Checked the temp. It’s 24. This polar vortex needs to go, it’s getting to my head.”

What exactly IS a #polarvortex, @lizfedak?

## The Seaport must shine again

A worker replaces neon tubes on the Independence Seaport Museum’s sign at Penn’s Landing on Wednesday.

CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO



## Happy birthday. The Bard turns 450 at the city’s Free Library

**At the Free Library**

An exhibit on Jan. 29 features Shakespeare items.

- Other events include lectures, an insult contest and a birthday party on April 23.

It’s the Year of the Bard, and the Free Library, in partnership with The Philadelphia Shakespeare Theatre, is dedicating 2014 to William Shakespeare in honor of what would be his 450th birthday. The yearlong series offers contemporary takes on modern classics like hip-hop versions of plays. But it also stays true to Shakespeare’s vision with a take on “Romeo and Juliet.” On Wednesday morning, students from West Philadelphia High School performed to kick off the

celebration. Shakespeare himself will be on hand at each event, as well as a lute player, to experience the feel of the late 1500s and early 1600s. **CHRISTINA PACIOLLA**



Lesley Berkowitz and Akeem Davis act out a scene from “Romeo and Juliet.” / CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO