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2012: The year in review

BY COURIER STAFF

It was a year that Brooklynites will never forget.

The past 12 months brought dramatic changes to the borough — with the excitement of big league sports returning to Brooklyn and the suffering Hurricane Sandy inflicted on residents and merchants from Greenpoint to Gravesend.

There were laughs and there were tears in 2012, with hard times and moments when it seemed like nothing could stand in Brooklyn's way.

Reflect with us on the year that was:

January

Coney rollers: Borough President Markowitz said he wants to bring gambling — once popular in Coney Island until it was outlawed in 1910 — back to the Boardwalk. Just one problem: it's still illegal.

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Brooklynite in disguise

Midwood resident Peter Kokis creates remarkably intricate robot costumes made from household objects. **Read more about his unbelievable creations on page 6.**

Photo by Alan Camuto

CONEY GOING TRENDY

Developer courts hip shops

BY WILL BREDDERMAN

The real estate magnate who plans to turn Coney Island into a glitzy waterfront enclave of hotels and condos says he wants to keep the People's Playground's weird vibe alive — by renting space to quirky Brownstone Brooklyn-style small businesses this summer.

Thor Equities owner Joe Sitt says he will lease three of the four retail spaces in his building opposite the train station to mom-and-pops, promising unique shopping opportunities days after big name chains Johnny Rockets, Applebee's, and Red Mango rented

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according to state law.
Southpaw KO'd: The beloved Park Slope concert venue and dance hall Southpaw announced it would close to make room for a tutoring center, citing the increasingly family-friendly demographics of the kid-packed neighborhood.

Wee-wee protocol: Cooney Island's PS 90 instituted a controversial policy limiting student bathroom breaks to three per week — a potty rule that left some parents unable to contain themselves until a story in this newspaper helped flush the ban down the drain.

Mad Max: Maksim Gelman was sentenced to more than 200 years in prison for a 2011 killing spree in which the 24-year-old murdered four people and injured another three in a 28-hour rampage beginning in Sheepshead Bay.

February

Jedi rights: A bearded Sith stole Jedi instructor Flynn Michael's \$400 light saber from a Myrtle Avenue bar, sending shock waves throughout the borough's Rebel Alliance.

Who needs milk?: Brooklyn moms and dads shocked the world yet again, this time by offering their young ones small decaf cappuccinos dubbed babyccinos. The frothy drink bubbled over into a true trend, forcing the item onto the menus of more than a few hip cafes and winning the borough's cafe scene attention from international news outlets.

Gun runners: Bay Ridge cop and part-time gunrunner William Masso pleaded guilty to bootlegging more than \$1 million in stolen

goods — including cigarettes, slot machines, and firearms such as M-16 rifles, handguns, and a shotgun.

March

Still on the lam: Police released photos of men said to be using murdered Ditmas Park cafe owner Josh Rubin's credit cards at an upstate mall — less than 12 hours after the burned and shot body of the 30-year-old Kensington resident was found in a Pennsylvania apple field last year.

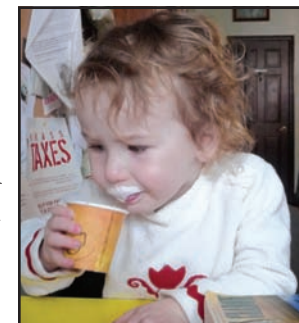
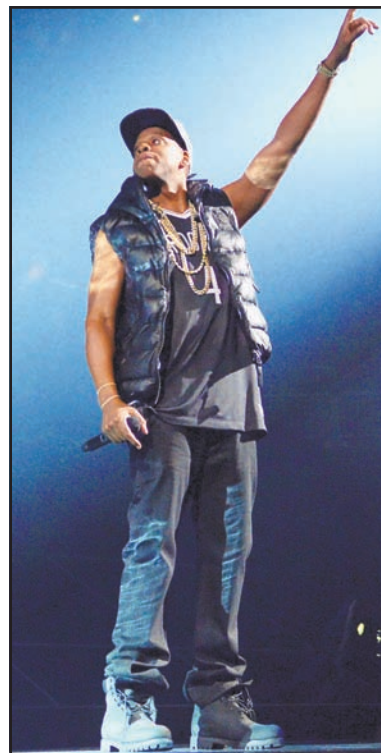
God is the question: A heated but heavily symbolic scuffle broke out in Williamsburg over an atheist billboard after a landlord barred the sign from rising on his roof, in a largely Orthodox Jewish section of the neighborhood. The group later erected the billboard — which said in Hebrew “You know it's a myth” — in Greenpoint.

Grocery-fiction: The gourmet megastore Whole Foods announced it will open on Bedford Avenue in Williamsburg, raising cheers from neighborhood residents excited about organic kale and concerns from hipsters who say the massive chain is a sign that North Brooklyn has lost its cool.

Going up: Developers released renderings of a 65-story tower that could become Brooklyn's tallest building when it soars above the former Albee Square Mall as part of the City Point development in 2015 or 2016.

April

Where?: The Kensington PostOffice accidentally called the borough “Frooklyn” on thousands of package pick-up slips in a Dr. Seussian gaffe that made even the savviest Brooklynites wonder



if another made-up neighborhood name had reached the mainstream.

Food fight: The simmering war between a food vendor and Bay Ridge's brick-and-mortar businesses boiled over when merchants set up tables at two prime pieces of sidewalk real estate often used by the popular gyro seller Sammy Kasen — briefly forcing the mobile meal man to find a new spot.

Field house horrors: Parks Department officials revealed no work had been done on Marine Park's planned Carmine Carro Field House for over five months after the city defaulted on back pay owed to

LANDMARK YEAR: (Clockwise from top left) Rap mogul Jay-Z christened the Barclays Center, renegade diners disregarded the “War on Brunch” in Greenpoint, lovebirds celebrated the preservation of five at-risk G train stops, tots slurped up babyccinos at borough cafes, and the Nets brought big league sports back to the county of Kings.

contractors on the long-delayed field house, which has seen its budget soar from \$5 million to \$16 million over eight years of construction.

Wheels of fortune: Cycling philanthropist Joshua Rechnitz shocked the two-wheeled world when he do-

minated a whopping \$40 million to build a velodrome for track biking and an athletic center in Brooklyn Bridge Park.

May
Fidler's last tune: A recount gave Republican

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rookie David Storobin a narrow lead over Councilman Lew Fidler (D-Marine Park) in the remarkably close race to replace disgraced ex-state Sen. Carl Kruger. It would take more than two weeks for Fidler to concede victory to the GOP underdog, but Storobin wouldn't hold onto office for long — former Councilman Simcha Felder crushed him in a race for a newly drawn “super Jewish district” in November.

Rest in peace: Beloved rapper and Brooklyn Heights native Adam Yauch passed away in May — and a group of neighborhood hip hop aficionados promised no sleep till Squibb Park is renamed to honor the legendary Beastie Boy.

Secret parking ring: A doorman at a fancy Park Slope building spilled the beans on a parking space-saving conspiracy in which concierges save spots for paying tenants by intentionally parking badly — then moving rides to fit more residents of their buildings.

Up in smoke: Mayor Bloomberg announced that the Tobacco Warehouse in DUMBO will become the

new home to the neighborhood's famed St. Ann's Warehouse theater.

June

Peace treaty: Politicians intervened in an attempt to end the so-called “War on Brunch” — a ticket blitz against restaurants that violated an obscure provision barring them from serving food to sidewalk diners before noon on Sundays. It has been all quiet on the Western omelet front since then.

Carl marked: A judge sentenced shamed ex-state Sen. Carl Kruger to seven years in a New Jersey federal prison for selling nearly \$1 million of political favors during his time in office — but his accomplice and alleged lover got shipped to a different correctional facility despite their requests to serve in the same big house.

July

Black Widow strikes: Competitive eater Sonya Thomas shattered the record for female gluttony at the Nathan's Famous International Hot Dog Eating Contest on July 4 by cramming down 45 hot dogs — buns and all —



Photo by Cassandra Giraldo



Photo by Paul Martinka

SURVIVING SANDY: The storm hit Brooklyn hard, flooding streets, toppling trees in Brownstone neighborhoods and Southern Brooklyn communities, and forcing motorists to endure lengthy gas lines.



Photo by Paul Martinka

for her second Coney Island victory in a row.

Golden's got class: State Sen. Marty Golden (R-

Bay Ridge) made national news by advertising a free class where young women could learn to “sit, stand, and walk like a model,” improving their “posture, deportment, and feminine presence.” Golden got razzed for the etiquette seminar on Comedy Central and in the Village Voice — but it didn't keep him from getting re-elected in November.

G wiz!: Straphangers

won their fight to save a cherished five-stop extension of the G train in Park Slope, Windsor Terrace, and Kensington — a victory cheered by lovers of mass transit borough-wide.

Board to death: Civic activists bent on stopping the city from converting all but four blocks of the Coney Island Boardwalk to plastic lumber and concrete sued the city in July for failing to conduct a study on the potential environmental impact of the proposal — but a judge ruled against the lumber-lovers in December.

August

Power grab: It was the end of an era in Brooklyn politics as embattled Assemblyman Vito Lopez stepped down from his post as Kings County Democratic party boss after his colleagues in Albany punished him for allegedly groping and attempting to kiss female staffers. Former Assemblyman and judge Frank Seddio won the boss gig in September.

Thirsty park: A reporter for this newspaper snapped photos of Coney Island's Luna Park siphoning water from a johnny pump to fill its Wild River ride — a violation of its lease agreement with the city that officials said created a potential fire hazard in the People's Playground.

Sinking feeling: Bay Ridge residents and politicians panicked after a 20-foot-deep sinkhole swallowed a car on 79th Street — and they started to fear their neighborhood was sinking into the earth after a 70-foot-deep chasm emerged on 92nd Street and a rash of smaller

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Sandy: A storm like none before it

BY NATALIE MUSUMECI

The waters have receded, the downed trees are gone, the crushed cars have been towed, and the power is back on for most — but Brooklynites across the borough are still reeling from the destruction that Hurricane Sandy left behind.

The Oct. 29 super storm pummeled everything in its path, claiming the lives of seven Brooklynites, leaving thousands displaced and homeless, and knocking out power for more than 162,000 borough residents.

Damage to businesses and homes in Brooklyn's hardest-hit areas, including Coney Island, Brighton Beach, Gerritsen Beach, Manhattan Beach, Sheepshead Bay, Red Hook, and DUMBO was extensive — and many are still picking up the pieces.

The powerful storm surge crippled the city's transit system, created a gas shortage that reminded some of the film “Mad Max” and others of the 1973 oil crisis, and left the two-mile long Brooklyn Battery



WASHED UP: This boat wound up at the intersection of Beard and Richards streets in Red Hook. Photo by Paul Martinka

Tunnel flooded from end to end.

As Brooklyn continues to recover from the catastrophic storm, there are still approximately 270 residents without power, many of them in Gerritsen Beach. Storm damage was so severe in some cases that electrical systems must be rebuilt entirely before power can be restored, according to Con Edison.

The storm crushed Coney Island, damaging the Boardwalk, amusements, and even Nathan's Famous —

which will reopen next spring.

The New York Aquarium was underwater, but its marine life escaped largely unharmed. Damage at the Coney Island Hospital was so severe that city health officials say the medical facility won't be able to take emergency patients for several months.

In Red Hook, Hurricane Sandy crushed the massive Fairway Market at the foot of Van Brunt Street, which remains shuttered, and nearly took the life of the beloved barkeep at Sunny's Bar.

Residents of Red Hook Houses went more than two weeks without electricity, heat, or hot water — but a team of doctors made volunteer rounds inside the housing project to get residents the care they needed.

After the storm passed, a plethora of big-hearted Brooklynites — from the Occupy Wall Street folks to Bay Ridge rock-and-rollers — got involved in recovery efforts, helping storm-ravaged merchants and residents get back on their feet.

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pits opened up in the area.

Lane pain: Readers of this newspaper named Jay Street in Downtown as Brooklyn's scariest bike lane, citing double-parked cars, idling police vehicles, and jay-walking pedestrians as frequent dangers.

September

Opening ceremony: The Barclays Center debuted on Sept. 29 after a decade of legal battles and financial tremors when rap legend, Nets part-owner, and Brooklyn native Jay-Z took the stage. Big acts including Barbra Streisand, the Rolling Stones, Justin Bieber, the Who, and Bob Dylan have since rocked the "Rustbowl" at the corner of Atlantic and Flatbush avenues.

Wal crumbles down: Controversial big box retailer Walmart announced it would not open a location in the planned Gateway II shopping center in East New York after fighting a year-long media war with

local business and labor advocates over the shopping giant's plan to set up shop somewhere in Brooklyn.

October

Sad day: A hit-and-run driver took the life of rock band drummer Terence Connor as he biked down Metropolitan Avenue in Bushwick on Oct. 1. The motorist remains on the lam.

Mall bearers: The biggest sale at the Kings Plaza Mall this year was the mall itself. The Macerich Company snatched up the retail hub for \$751 million.

The puck drops here: The New York Islanders signed a 25-year lease to play home games at the Barclay Center, bringing hockey to Brooklyn beginning in 2015 despite a quirky seating configuration that may leave the area behind one of the goals devoid of fans.

Sweet deal: DUMBO developers Two Trees Management Company purchased Williamsburg's closed Domino Sugar factory for \$185 million from the ailing Community Preservation Corporation Resources Inc. — breathing new life into a plan to bring thousands



SANDY'S SAND: Hurricane Sandy deposited tons of sand far inland in Southern Brooklyn and flooded basements and shattered windows across the borough — just ask Van Brunt Street resident Frank Morales.

of apartments to the waterfront.

Hit hard: Hurricane Sandy hit Brooklyn on Oct. 29, changing the borough forever. See our breakout on page 3 for more coverage.

November

Nothing but Nets: The Brooklyn Nets took the court for the first time in their new home on Nov. 3, topping the Toronto Raptors in an historic 107-100 win after Hurricane Sandy postponed a much-hyped cross-

town match-up against the Manhattan Knicks.

Zoned out: Getting into two of Park Slope's best-ranked elementary schools got harder after the approval of a controversial plan to shrink the zones feeding into the popular-but-packed PS 321 and PS 107.

Growing Gowanus: The Lightstone Group revived an abandoned plan to build hundreds of apartments on the banks of the Gowanus Canal — and the developers say they won't let Hurricane



Sandy's flooding, or the concerns of politicians and activists, stand in the way.

December

Kicker: Brooklyn Bridge Park debuted three new soccer fields, a picnic peninsula, and a playground on Pier 5. Fans of the so-called "beautiful game" cheered the play fields, while neighbors celebrated the construction of the Squibb Park footbridge.

Kill the music: Acclaimed music venue Zebulon shut down — and

co-owner Joce Soubiran blamed the "squares" who moved in around the Williamsburg club for causing its closure by calling in noise complaints.

Parked: The city received a \$29-million grant to install a speedy, bus lane along the B44 route from Sheepshead Bay to Williamsburg, but drivers are in an uproar over concerns that the bus lane will eat up parking spaces along the busy commercial thoroughfare.

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Midwood man does the robot

BY NATALIE MUSUMECI

Domo arigato, Peter Kokis — for showing us these costumes just when we needed you!

The life-long Midwood resident has become Brooklyn's very own Mr. Roboto by crafting extraordinary Transformer costumes out of ordinary household objects and performing in character across the borough.

Kokis found his calling as a robot craftsman and launched Brooklyn Robotworks after serving as an Army pilot and wrapping up an 18-year corporate career as a security director at a Manhattan luxury hotel — and he says building armored exoskeletons is his true passion.

"I've done all the macho, tough guy grown-up stuff and right now in this period of my life I'm having some fun as an artist," said the buff 50-year-old, sci-fi fanatic, who has made his living for the past year and a half performing in the homemade getups.



LATEST CREATION: Peter Kokis designs and builds robot costumes out of household objects.

CNG / Natalie Musumeci

He builds replicas of eminent robots including Optimus Prime, Bumblebee, and the Terminator out of hundreds of everyday items, spending as long as 13 months gathering supplies such as toothbrush holders, shoe horns, toilet seats, soap dishes, juicers, egg slicers, contact lens cases, and even dog bowls — but you can only tell if you get up real close and personal.

"I look for the visual complexity in every day items. I'm able to see the potential for something to

portray something else," said Kokis.

He spends as long as 600 hours building a single suit, but his favorite part is putting on the mask.

"I have the real fun by bringing the characters to life," said Kokis.

His artistic awakening began at Coney Island's famed Mermaid Parade in 2007, when he strode down Surf Avenue dressed as a creature he dubbed "squid boy" — decked out in red sweatpants with foam pool noodles for tentacles. The next year, after "Transformers" hit the box office, Kokis returned to the People's Playground dressed as a hybrid of "squid boy" and robot-in-disguise Optimus Prime.

In 2010, he made his first true Optimus Prime replica and in the years since, his costumes have only grown more intricate, more detailed, and more shocking to passersby.

"Where ever I go I become the focus or center of attention because I present

such an unusual thing to people," he said. "People's reactions range from the funny to the startling to the scary to the down right bizarre at times."

He dons his five suits — each adorned with a novelty "Brooklyn" license plate — for private parties and geeky galas, such as New York Comic Con, which draws top "cosplayers" from around the world.

Kokis takes his craft seriously: he trains for 15 hours every week so he can perform in his robot costumes, which weigh up to a staggering 164 pounds.

And once he dons the suit, he never breaks character.

"Every time I perform and am in costume it is the equivalent of running a marathon, while carrying someone on my back who has their hands over my mouth, nose and eyes," said Kokis, who loses between two and four pounds in water weight from stomping around in his mechanical



HE'LL BE BACK: Self-taught robot builder Peter Kokis designs robot costumes using everyday objects. This "Brooklyn Terminator" suit used materials from a toilet — including a potty-training seat for the pelvic girdle.

Photo by Alan Camuto

manner.

Kokis spends up to 90 minutes putting on his costumes, tightening more than 70 Velcro straps around his body to hold it all in place.

It's such a pain that he stops eating and drinking 15 to 18 hours before performances, lessening the risk of nature's call.

Once he's in costume, he

can barely breathe, he can't use the bathroom, he's on the brink of dehydration, and he his looks alone make people scream. But Kokis loves every minute of it.

"Underneath my helmet I have the biggest smile of all," said Kokis. "I'm never stopping. I'm going to continue to build characters and entertain people. This adventure will not end."



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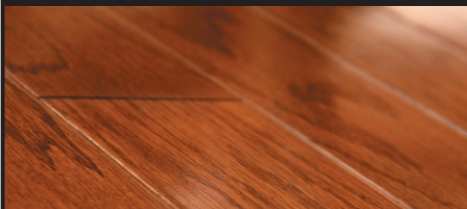
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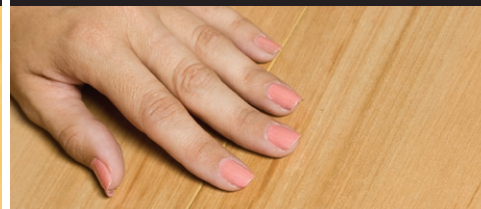
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What a spectacle

Cops arrested a suspect who they say stole a woman's wallet inside a Third Avenue eyeglass retailer back on Oct. 2.

The victim told police that she works inside the spectacles shop between Bay Ridge Parkway and 76th Street, where she left her wallet at 1:45 pm that day.

When the victim returned later, she told authorities that her wallet and the \$3,500 it contained had vanished into thin air.

Police arrested the suspect after reviewing surveillance footage at the establishment, which they say shows a thief strolling into the victim's office and nabbing her cash.

Sneaker thief

Police arrested a suspect for allegedly breaking into a man's 66th Street home and stealing the victim's fancy sneakers on Dec. 20.

The victim told police that he has security cameras installed on the front facade of his home between 11th and 12th avenues, which recorded an individual prying open his front door at 2:50 pm and disappearing into the house for a short time, before reappearing with a new pair of sneakers — the victim's.

Police officers reviewed the surveillance footage and took a suspect into custody.

70TH PRECINCT

FLATBUSH-MIDWOOD

Bad Santa

A thief stole a woman's credit card at an Avenue M dental office on Dec. 12 — to buy gifts for her kid, law enforcement officials claim.

The victim told investigators that she left her credit card inside a procedure room at the business between E. 18th and E. 19th streets at 3 pm, and that the only two people inside were the suspect and her child.

When police interrogated the suspect, she admitted to taking the victim's card so she could purchase presents, according to documents from the District Attorney's office.

69TH PRECINCT

CANARSIE

Screwed

Police arrested a woman who they say screwed shut the front door of her tenant's E. 80th Street apartment on Dec. 18, and then bit the victim's hand after he attempted to call 911.

The victim told police that he attempted to enter his apartment between Glenwood Road and Flatlands Avenue at 6:30 pm when he found that his front door was

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nailed shut.

When he asked his landlord to open the door, the woman allegedly brandished a knife in an attempt to ward off her bewildered tenant.

After the victim took out his cellphone in an attempt to call 911, the suspect bit his hand and fled with the cellphone, according to documents from the District Attorney's office.

Hot smokes

A man with a real tobacco craving was arrested for stealing 11 cartons of cigarettes from a Flatlands Avenue store on Dec. 22, according to cops.

The neighborhood merchant told police that he was working in the establishment between E. 102nd and E. 103rd streets at 7:58 am when a thief stuffed \$1,275 worth of smokes into a black bag and attempted to flee.

The store owner grabbed the suspect before he could abscond with his ill-begotten tobacco, according to documents from the District Attorney's office.

A scuffle ensued and as the two men struggled, a .357 caliber pistol allegedly fell from the suspect's jacket, investigators say.

60TH PRECINCT

CONEY ISLAND-BRIGHTON BEACH-SEAGATE

Brutal assault

Cops arrested a man for stabbing another gentleman — in the forehead — with gardening shears inside the Brighton Beach Avenue subway station on Dec. 22.

The victim told investigators that he was inside the train station near Brighton Sixth Street at 10:10 am when the suspect pierced him with the gardening instrument.

Hardware hound

A man was arrested for allegedly stealing hardware supplies from a Cropsey Avenue home improvement store on Dec. 22.

An employee at the hardware store near Bay 53rd Street told police that he was working at the business at noon when he noticed a man grab several carbon monoxide alarms, a shower head, and various tools, before attempting to flee with the loot without paying.

61ST PRECINCT

SHEEPSHEAD BAY-HOMECREST-MANHATTAN BEACH-GRAVESEND

Quick return

Two men were arrested for robbing a man on Avenue T on Dec. 19 and taking his iPhone.

The victim told police that he was inside a retail outlet near Bedford Avenue at 2:05 pm when the suspects shoved him, snagged his smartphone, and fled.

The victim gave chase, however, and managed to grab one of the suspect's jackets.

The suspect slipped out of the garment, however, but left the victim's iPhone behind inside his coat pocket, investigators say.

Apple picking

Police officers arrested a man for stealing another man's iPhone inside a Kings Highway subway station on Dec. 19.

The victim told police he was inside the transit station between E. 15th and E. 16th streets at 2:05 pm when the suspect slugged him in the face and nabbed his smartphone.

62ND PRECINCT

BENSONHURST-BATH BEACH

Razor rivalry

Police arrested a suspect who they say beat another gentleman on Kings Highway — then taunted him with a box-cutter — on Dec. 21.

The victim told investigators working that case that he was between W. Seventh and W. Eighth streets at 3:15 am when the suspect approached and slugged him in the face.

The suspect then drew a box-cutter and threatened the victim, according to documents from the District Attorney's office.

Running tackle

A suspect was arrested for his part in a brutal robbery on Bay Parkway on Dec. 4.

The victim told police that he was near 66th Street at 1:30 pm when the suspect sent him sprawling to the ground with a running tackle.

Once the victim was on the ground, the thief grabbed the man's iPhone away from his grasp.

An accomplice then ambushed the vic-

tim while he was struggling with the suspect, punching him in the face several times, police said.

Clocked on the Bay

Police officers arrested two suspects who they say beat a man and threatened him at knifepoint during a botched attempted robbery on Bay Parkway on Dec. 23.

The victim told investigators that he was near 85th Street at 9:37 pm when the suspects threatened to stab him if he didn't hand over his cellphone.

The victim refused, leading one of the suspects to slug him in the face before fleeing, according to reports filed with the District Attorney's office.

63RD PRECINCT

MARINE PARK-MILL BASIN-FLATLANDS-BERGEN BEACH

Shish kebab

A suspect was arrested for beating a man and then stabbing him with a two-pronged fork on Kimball Street on Dec. 19.

The victim told police that he was between Quentin Road and Avenue R at 2:45 pm when the suspect allegedly punched him in the face several times, slashed at him with a small knife, and then jabbed him with the cooking instrument, filings from the District Attorney's office indicate.

Mauled at the mall

Cops arrested a woman who they say punched a man inside a shopping mall on Dec. 23.

The victim told police that he was inside the Avenue U shopping center at 4:50 pm when the suspect slugged him in the head.

— *Colin Mixson*

78TH PRECINCT

PARK SLOPE

Cash swipe

Police officers arrested a furniture store delivery man accused of stealing more than \$3,000 in cash from the Degraw Street store where he works on Dec. 17.

The manager of the store between Third and Fourth avenues told investigators that the suspect was supposed to make his deliveries and collect the payments from the customers at around 4:30 pm.

The suspect told the manager that he got into a fight with his wife and that the cash suddenly went missing.

But the suspect later told police he went to a nearby fast-food restaurant — and that he did not get into a fight with his wife.

The suspect said that when he returned home from the eatery all of the money was missing, but he did not file a police report for the vanishing dough.

Nor did he inform his boss of the mis-

hap, according to documents from the District Attorney's office.

84TH PRECINCT

BROOKLYN HEIGHTS-DUMBO-BOERUM HILL-DOWNTOWN

Head bashing

Police arrested a female suspect who they say struck a woman on the head with a closed fist on Fulton Street on Dec. 22.

The victim told police she was near Bond Street at 12:10 am when the suspect grabbed her by her shirt, slammed her into a parked car, and bashed her on the back of the head, causing substantial pain to the victim, according to documents from the District Attorney's office.

The suspect faces charges of attempted assault, harassment, and menacing.

— *Natalie Musumeci*

94TH PRECINCT

GREENPOINT-NORTHSIDE

Triple threat

Police officers arrested a suspect who they say stole from a bodega on Bedford Avenue with two accomplices on Dec. 23 — using the old distract-and-plunder technique.

Police said the trio went into the store between N. Eighth and N. Ninth streets at 11:28 am and one of them stole goods, including the tip jar, while the other two distracted the clerk.

The three left the store, but one of them started cursing at a witness and they were stopped by cops outside, according to investigators.

No kicking

A suspect was arrested after he allegedly kicked an acquaintance several times during an argument on Greenpoint Avenue back on Oct. 5.

Police said the two men were between West Street and Transmitter Park at 12:45 pm when they started arguing.

One of them suddenly became violent and kicked the other man, fracturing his rib and causing him great pain, according to law enforcement officials.

The suspect was charged with two counts of assault, menacing, and harassment.

90TH PRECINCT

SOUTHSIDE-BUSHWICK

At gunpoint

Police officers arrested a suspect who they say pointed a gun at a passerby and stole his wallet on S. Second Street on Dec. 17.

The victim told investigators that he was between Union Avenue and Hooper Street at 7:22 am when the ruffian approached him with the gun and told him to turn around and empty his pockets. The perp then put his hand into the

guy's pocket and took his wallet, law enforcement officials said.

The man in custody has been charged with robbery, grand larceny, menacing, and criminal possession of a weapon.

Flip out

Cops cuffed an alleged intruder accused of attacking a homeowner after the resident caught him in her bedroom and found her jewelry missing on Broadway on Dec. 20.

The victim said she was at her house between Bartlett and Whipple street at 12:10 am when a creep entered her room. When she spotted the intruder rifling through her jewelry box, the crook punched her in the face several times and choked her, investigators say.

Police arrested a suspect on charges including robbery, burglary, assault, possession of stolen property, and possession of drugs.

— *Danielle Furfaro*

88TH PRECINCT

FORT GREENE-CLINTON HILL

A clean break

Police arrested a resident of a Tillary Street women's shelter who they say beat another dweller with a cane on Dec. 23, breaking the victim's arm.

Police said the victim and the suspect were in an elevator of the building between Prince and Gold streets at 7 pm when the suspect attacked.

The woman was charged with two counts of assault, menacing, and criminal possession of a weapon.

Stabbing

A man faces charges for a grizzly attempted murder on Fulton Street on Dec 19.

The victim was near St. Felix Street at 11:10 pm when an assailant lunged at him and stabbed him in the chest, according to documents from the District Attorney's office.

Law enforcement officials cuffed a suspect and charged him with attempted murder, assault, menacing, and criminal possession of a weapon.

The victim was taken to the intensive care unit of a Brooklyn hospital.

— *Danielle Furfaro*

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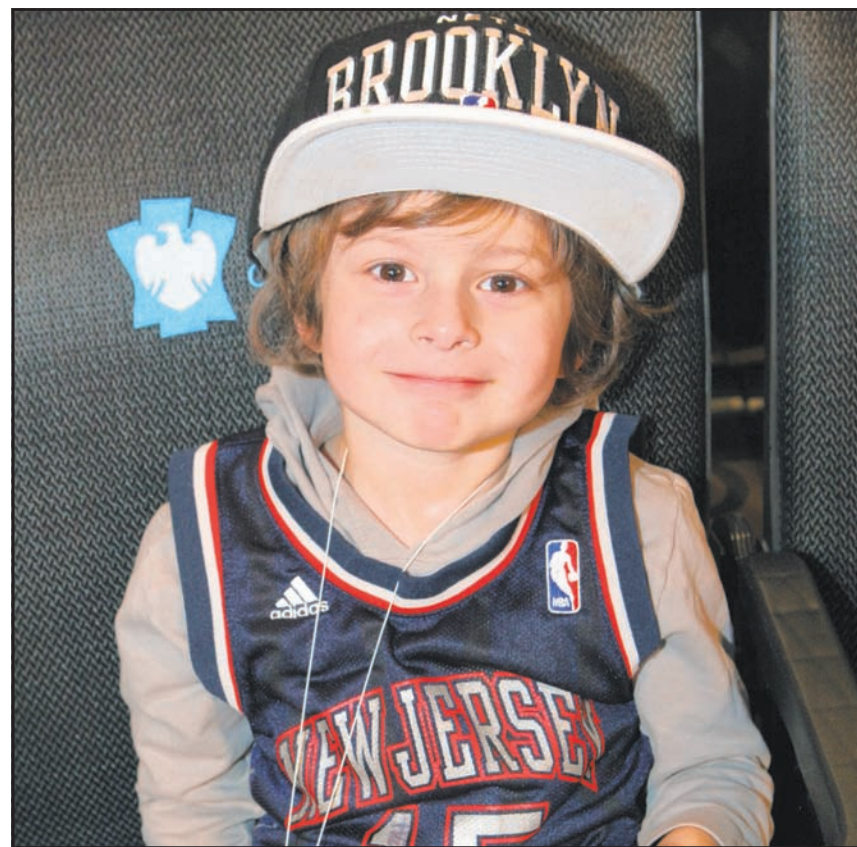


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In the running, again

Ridge's politico hopes third time will be the charm

BY WILL BREDDERMAN

A former Bay Ridge councilman known as a maverick long before that was considered politically cool is running for mayor — for the third time.

Sal Albanese, who lost his bid for the city's top seat to Rudolph Giuliani in 1997 and dropped out of the 2001 race when he failed to raise enough money, says New Yorkers are now ready for his style of leadership, which he claims is not beholden to anyone but the voters.

"I have 15 years of independent experience on the Council. I don't owe anybody anything," said Albanese.

Albanese was known for his trailblazing support of gay rights and strident backing of Mayor David Dinkins during his time in the Council between 1982 and 1997. But his inability to get along with party leadership — the Brooklyn Democrats, then headed



HIZZONER?: Sal Albanese posed for this shot with his family when he ran for mayor in 1996 — and now he's at it again. File photo

by disgraced Assemblyman Clarence Norman, took its time before finally endorsing Albanese over Ruth Messinger late in the 1997 election — hurt his chances during big races.

And political insiders say his reputation as a renegade will leave Albanese standing all alone in the election season.

"He's always been an outsider, never been popular with the leadership," said veteran political consultant Hank Sheinkopf, who is working on the campaign of challenger Bill Thompson. "It's not likely he'll raise significant money, and it's not likely he will do very well."

But Albanese, who was a teacher for 15 years before getting into politics and, for the last 15 years has worked as a financial consultant, has shocked the system in the past.

In 1989, Albanese was kicked off the primary ballot by a judge who ruled his petitions where invalid. Albanese went on to win the primary as a write-in candidate.

It's that kind of moxie that makes Albanese think his candidacy is more than quixotic.

"I plan on winning," he said. "If I didn't think I could win, I wouldn't be in the race."



SITT-ING PRETTY: Developer Joe Sitt is courting trendy retailers File photo

Coney

Continued from cover

spaces owned by a different landlord just steps away.

Sitt says the fourth space in his building on Surf Avenue between Stillwell Avenue and W. 12th Street will go to an undisclosed national tenant, but he says it's crucial to offer space to independent business owners.

"Coney Island's popularity has reached record proportions, but we can never forget what got us here — local, ahead-of-their-time business owners who brought flair, hip-ness and edge to the People's Playground," Sitt said. "While it is wonderful that national chains are now coming to Coney, we must always remember the history of this iconic neighborhood."

Sitt spokesman Stefan Friedman said Thor would lease the spaces at reduced rent for the 2013 season — though he would not name a figure

— and added that the controversial property giant was open to a longer-term arrangement.

Friedman raised the possibility of harboring a Sandy-damaged Coney business or bringing in an artisan shop from the northern sections of the borough.

"Things have really skyrocketed in Brooklyn, in Williamsburg, Bushwick, Cobble Hill, why shouldn't we get a little of that local flair in Coney Island?" Friedman said. "Coney Island has always been an eclectic place, and we're wide open right now."

Sitt hasn't won much support for his previous efforts to keep the kitsch in Coney Island — his attempt to open a flea market got panned in an era when it seemed like everybody and their bearded cousin was opening one.

But if Sitt's plan works, it won't be the first time that businesses from trendier parts of Brooklyn set up shop in Coney Island.

Last summer, Prospect Heights eatery Tom's Restaurant and DUMBO's Grimaldi's Pizzeria opened outposts in Coney Island. A plan to bring Park Slope's Zito's Sandwich Shoppe to the People's Playground wound up in a holding pattern, according to the blog Amusing the Zillions.

Friedman said the move to discount rent at the long-empty building was not due to a difficulty snagging bigger tenants — or because of the fallout from Hurricane Sandy.



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Markowitz cheers the Nets in holiday card

BY ELI ROSENBERG

Borough President Markowitz is dreaming of a black-and-white Christmas — at least according to this year's Brooklyn Nets-centric holiday card.

Markowitz's 2012 holiday dispatch riffs on Brooklyn's new home team, its home court at the Barclays Center, the growing number of celebrities who performed there, and, of course, the Beep's diminutive stature.

His cards of years past addressed more pressing social issues such as gay marriage and the controversial Prospect Park West bike lane, but this edition is a pure celebration of Brooklyn's new-found status as an entertainment hub — perhaps a necessary diversion in a borough still recovering from Hurricane Sandy.

The super storm is not depicted in the drawing itself, unlike Hurricane Irene's appearance on last year's mailing, but the lyrics of a ditty printed inside reference the natural disaster ("Sandy stormed in upon us, we took a big hit, but

we'll never quit").

Our analysts spent hours poring over the card, which sources from Markowitz's office said took more than two months to create and was drawn by Portland-based cartoonist Dennis Adler, a long-time Borough Hall collaborator.

Experts say the work shows a diverse range of domestic influences, pulling from the Hudson River School, "Where's Waldo" books, and the subversive underground comic book scene in San Francisco in the early 1970s. Here some things that jumped out to us:

- The slumping Nets rely on the vertically challenged Markowitz, two friendly Santa Clauses, and the Beep's parakeet, Beep, for some extra offense — perhaps a reference to Nets guard Deron Williams's struggles shooting the ball.

- Other Barclays Center attractions are front and center: An Islanders hockey player hints at his team's planned move to Brooklyn by skating across the hardwood using a candy cane as a stick, while Mickey and Minnie Mouse,

of "Disney on Ice," share the floor with the elephants from Ringling Bros. and Barnum and Bailey circus.

- There's plenty of star power: try to find the likenesses of Rihanna, Barbra Streisand, Bob Dylan, and the Rolling Stones. Our crack team of art experts struggled to find Justin Bieber, whose fans terrorized Prospect Heights in November, and Lady Gaga, who is hard to spot because she's not depicted in any of her most famous getups.

"We didn't want to put a hat on her because it would block the face above her, but she often comes out to perform with silver hair," Markowitz explained.

- Markowitz, a big-time Barclays Center booster, didn't pass up an opportunity to give a shout-out to



WHERE'S MARTY?: A team of experts concluded that Borough President Markowitz chose the Barclays Center as the focus for his latest holiday card because the Beep likely suffered a childhood trauma related to the exodus of the Brooklyn Dodgers. Community Newspaper Group

the insiders who brought the arena to Brooklyn. Rap mogul Jay-Z, who owns a tiny portion of the team, is easy to spot. But can you identify Nets owner Mikhail Prokhorov, Atlantic Yards mega-developer Bruce Ratner, Forest City Ratner executive MaryAnne Gilmartin, or Nets CEO Brett Yormark?

- A notable omission from the card includes the much-panned

Nets mascot and spelling curiosity BrooklyKnight.

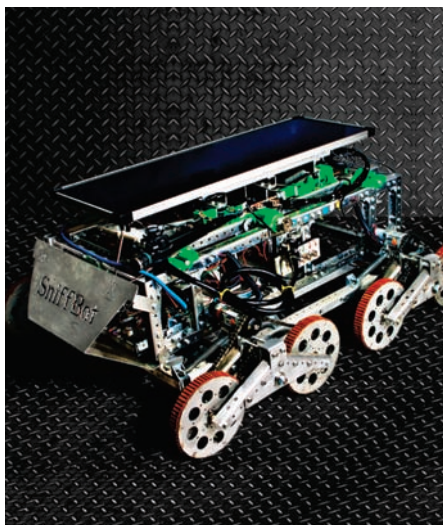
Markowitz says the holiday card has been a tradition cherished since he took office — and that he has been sitting on the Nets theme for some time.

"They're all humorous and positive," he said. "We waited for the arena to open before we decided to use it as a theme."

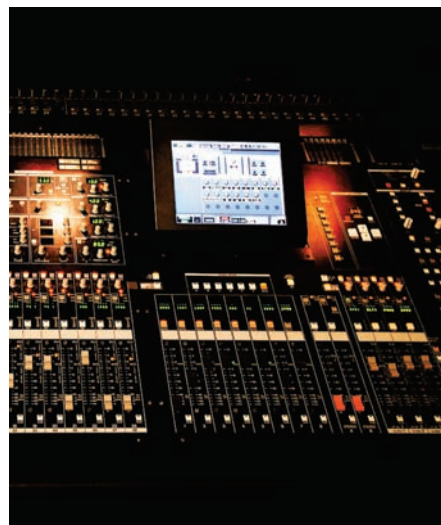
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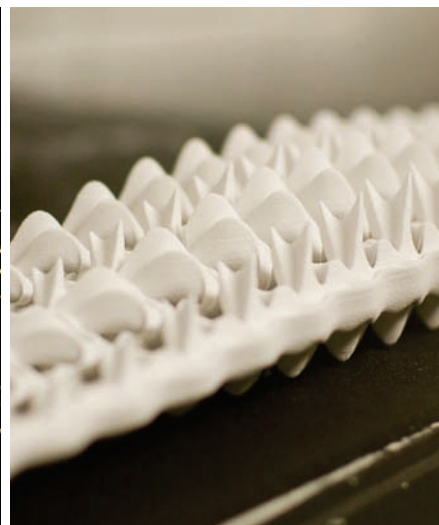
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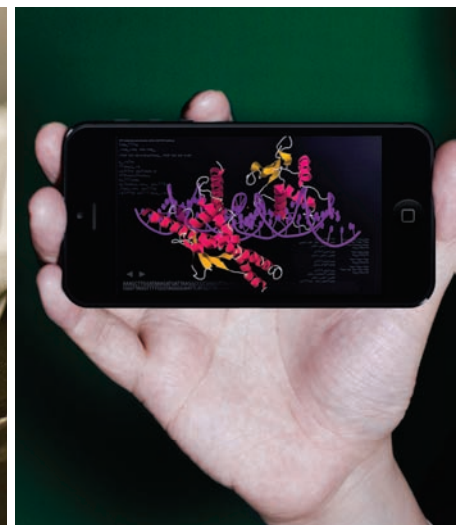
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IT'S A MIRACLE

Coney shelter gets holiday reprieve from eviction

BY WILL BREDDERMAN

An eviction-bound Coney Island charity received a Yuletide reprieve from its landlord, who postponed the bounce until after the New Year.

The 26-year-old Salt and Sea Mission was set to pack its bags and leave its longtime home at the corner of Mermaid Avenue and W. 16th Street by Thanksgiving, after Nino Russo — who also co-owns Sandy-shattered Gargiulo's Restaurant a few blocks away — needed the space to make up for damaged sections of his historic dining establishment.

But Russo had a big change of heart just in time for the holidays.

"We understand they need a little more time, and we don't want to put them out for Christmas," he said.

Mission founder Pastor Debbe Santiago, who runs programs for the homeless, at-risk youth, and battered women, was overcome by the gesture of goodwill.



SALT OF THE EARTH: Salt and Sea Mission founder Debbie Santiago was set to be evicted from her shelter's home in Coney Island, but the landlord offered her organization a last-minute reprieve until after the New Year.

Photo by Stefano Giovannini

"I'm so filled with joy," she said. "To be able to breathe and to be there for the holidays, and do our work where we've always done it."

Santiago said she is still trying to find a new spot for her organization which has struggled to stay open as donations have fallen in the flagging



Who needs reindeer?

Santa Claus rode through a Hurricane Sandy-devastated Gerritsen Beach on a red carriage pulled by Sophia, a white percheron, on a mission to bring a smile to kids' faces.

Photo by Steve Solomonson

economy.

She added that Salt and Sea is also ineligible for further government aid without a permanent location.

"I pray to God every day that we find something," said Santiago, herself a former homeless drug addict.

Councilman Domenic Recchia (D-Coney Island) said his office was trying to help the mission

find a new space.

"We're looking and trying to find something for Pastor Debbe, but nothing's come up yet," he said.

Russo said he felt bad having to turn out the group.

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R riders rejoice line's return

BY COLIN MIXSON

The R train doesn't have a reputation for being speedy, but ecstatic Brooklyn straphangers say last Friday's restoration of interborough service on the hurricane-damaged line saves them tons of time.

Whether heading to work — or skipping it on account of the alleged Mayan end date — commuters celebrated the transit link between Brooklyn Heights and lower Manhattan, saying it cut as much as 30 minutes off of journeys on the first day of cross-river service since Hurricane Sandy struck in October.

"Going back to Brooklyn, you would have to take the N down to the Barclays Center, but who wants to go all the way down there when you're heading Downtown?" asked Brooklyn resident Ron Adams, who blew off work on what he thought would be the last day of the world and instead spent a part of the day on the newly restored R train.

Interrupted service



SUBWAY SAVINGS: Liz Joseph said newly restored R train service between Brooklyn and Manhattan saves her 30 minutes each way.

CNG / Colin Mixson

caused by damage inside the inundated Montague Street Tunnel didn't just cause riders to backtrack during their commutes — it also forced them to rely on unpredictable connections.

"It's a lot easier having the R train back, now I can just get off at Court Street," said Prospect Heights commuter Liz Joseph, who found herself riding the C and F trains to get between Brooklyn and Manhattan.

The restoration of cross-river R service is the last piece of Brooklyn's subway

puzzle to return following the storm, which crippled the transit system and briefly forced Manhattan-bound commuters to wait on long lines for a "bus bridge," drive and wait in even longer gas lines, hop on their bikes, or simply walk.

But there is one thing riders from Bay Ridge to Brooklyn Heights might miss now that the R train is running its full route: all that exercise they got schlepping to distant stations or making extra transfers as an alternative.

"I had to take the F to Jay Street and then I would have to walk to Borough Hall," said Prospect Heights student Tarek Hassan.

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Labor pains at City Point project



UNITED: A coalition of union members and elected officials rallied against the Acadia Realty Trust, the developers of the City Point project. Community Newspaper Group / Natalie Musumeci

BY NATALIE MUSUMECI
Hundreds of union workers rallied at the under-construction City Point development in Downtown last Tuesday and accused developer Acadia Realty Trust of short-changing the non-union laborers building the massive housing and retail complex — which received a \$20-million federal bailout in 2009.

A coalition of unions including sheet metal workers and carpenters argued they should have been tapped for the job and claimed project officials had no excuse for not paying higher wages to the non-union construction crew employed at the Dekalb Avenue site because the development received the tax-exempt stimulus funds.

Rally-goers — includ-

ing politicians and members of the Brooklyn-based community group Families United for Racial and Economic Equality — chanted, blew whistles, and carried signs that read: “Acadia got bailed out; Brooklyn got sold out!”

“The only reason they’re not using union workers is because they don’t want to pay a fair wage,” said Terry Moore, the business manager of the Metallic Lathers and Reinforcing Ironworkers for Local 46.

A City Point spokesman would not disclose the wages of the 180 workers who built the first part of the project — a four-story retail structure that currently includes an Armani Exchange shop and is slated to host a Century 21 department store — but did say

that more than 80 percent of the employees were minorities or Brooklyn residents.

Union members claim City Point workers received as little as \$18 per hour with no benefits. The standard wage for a union carpenter is \$46.15 per hour, plus \$38.88 in benefits, according to the “prevailing wage” set by the comptroller.

City Point spokesman Tom Montvel-Cohen claims union protesters are wrong when they say the federal stimulus money is a taxpayer handout — it’s actually a bond that the developers will pay back in full, with interest.

“They have been saying this all along and it is not so,” said Montvel-Cohen, whose project could wind up being the tallest building in the borough.

“It’s borrowed money ... it is still a loan.”

And he claims the only city subsidy going toward the project will be used to create 120 units of below market-rate housing in the development’s second phase, which is slated to begin soon.

Union officials offered a contrary perspective.

“We have to raise the issue with the city of New York and say why our tax

dollars are being given to a developer who’s building without us — that’s wrong!” shouted Gary LaBarbera, president of the Building and Construction Trades Council of Greater New York.

A handful of city officials who spoke at the protest backed the union laborers.

“If you’re going to go through a public process, if you’re going to come be-

fore the city or the state and ask for a rezoning, if you’re going to accept tax-breaks, subsidies, or any kind of public benefit, then there is no question at all that your jobs are union, the project includes affordable housing, and the process is democratic with the communities involved — end of story,” said Councilman Brad Lander (D-Park Slope), eliciting cheers from the demonstrators.

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Path of most resistance

Prospect Park West bike lane foes win last-second appeal

BY NATALIE MUSUMECI

Opponents of the Prospect Park West bike lane won a last-chance appeal last Wednesday in their fight to remove the controversial cycling route.

A judge erroneously used a technicality to dismiss an August 2011 lawsuit filed by the bike lane foes, a state supreme court appellate panel ruled in a decision that will leave the fate of the path to be decided by the courts.

The panel rejected three of four claims seeking to undermine the divided cycling route by the anti-bike lane group Neighbors for Better Bike Lanes, but found that Brooklyn Supreme Court Justice Bert Bunyan made a mistake when he booted the case for missing the statute of limitations without first determining if the lane was installed as a “trial” street fixture, or as a “permanent” piece of infrastructure.

Better Bike Lanes lawyer Jim Walden, who contests city data indicating the lane has reduced speeding and made the roadway safer. “We will finally get our day in court and we will get to develop the evidence that will show the Department of Transportation has been lying about and manipulating the safety data from the beginning.”

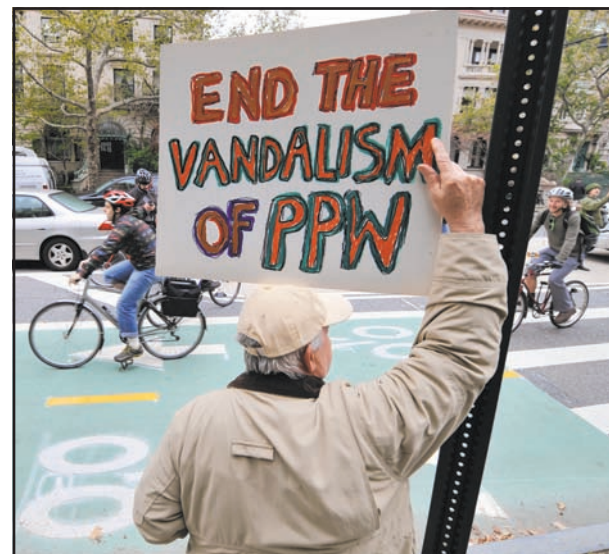
City officials promised bike riders that they have nothing to worry about.

“We’re confident that the Prospect Park West bike lane is here to stay,” said Department of Transportation spokesman Seth Solomonow in a statement.

“We are fully confident that the trial court will decide that there is absolutely no merit to what is left of this case. In the meantime, local residents will continue to enjoy the safety that this community-requested and supported lane has provided every day for the last two and a half years,” he said.

The city has spent more than \$140,000 defending the buffered bike lane in court — and cycling boosters say the case against the path is frivolous.

“It’s really quite irrational,” said Park Slope resident and cycling advocate Eric McClure. “They have this obsession with trying to get rid of something that the vast majority of the neighborhood has embraced ... it’s a bit perplexing what’s motivating them.”



ROAD RAGE: Opponents of the Prospect Park West bike lane, such as the man pictured above, won an appeal that will let them have their day in court — sparking outrage among supporters of the cycling path, such as the woman pictured below, who say the legal challenge goes against the will of the neighborhood. File photos



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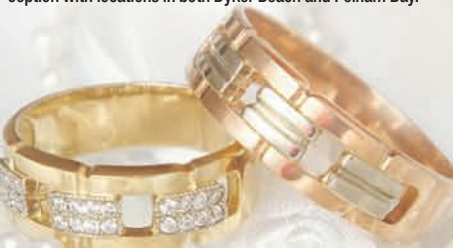
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Calvary Hospital announced that its 20th annual bereavement course will be available in Brooklyn for the first time. Classes will take place at St. Joseph's High School in Downtown every Wednesday from Jan. 9 to March 13, 2013.

The course is designed for those who work in the helping professions (social workers, nurses, funeral directors, etc.) who may need to address bereavement and grief-related issues in their professional lives. (The course is not for bereaved family members.)

The Hospital's 10-week course is taught by various specialists from Calvary Hospital and from Calvary@Home (Home Care and Hospice).

Upon completion, each participant will receive a Certificate of Attendance. Continuing Education Credits for funeral directors is pending approval from the New

York State Department of Health: Bureau of Funeral Directors and from the ANCC for Nurses. Fees are \$225 per person to attend all 10 sessions; \$200 each for two to four people registering from the same institution; and \$175 for five or more people. People may also choose individual sessions for \$50. Graduate students, who may take the entire 10-week course for \$50, must provide a copy of their student ID.

To register for the entire course, or individual sessions, go to www.calvaryhospital.org to download a copy of the registration form. Completed forms must be received at Calvary by Thursday, Jan. 3. Please complete one form for each participant. Individuals can also register at the door.

Calvary Hospital is the nation's only fully accredited acute care specialty hospital devoted exclusively to providing palliative care

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Schedule:

- Jan. 9: An Overview of "Normal" Grief and Disenfranchised Grief: Intuitive vs. Instrumental Grievers, Sherry R. Schachter PhD, FT.
- Jan. 16: Making Decisions at the End of Life Christopher Comfort, MD Delirium and Depression in the Dying Patient, Robert Brescia, MD.
- Jan. 23: Multi-Cultural Aspects of Grief, Father Chux Okochi and pastoral care staff.
- Jan. 30: The Hospice Perspective, Anthony Susi, LMSW, ACHP-SW Theories and Grief Counseling, Kristen Finneran, LMHC.
- Feb. 6: Death of a Parent and Death of a Sibling, Kristen Finneran, LMHC.
- Feb. 13: Death of a Spouse or Partner, Yonna Lovell, MS.
- Feb. 20: Death of a Child, Sherry R. Schachter PhD, FT.



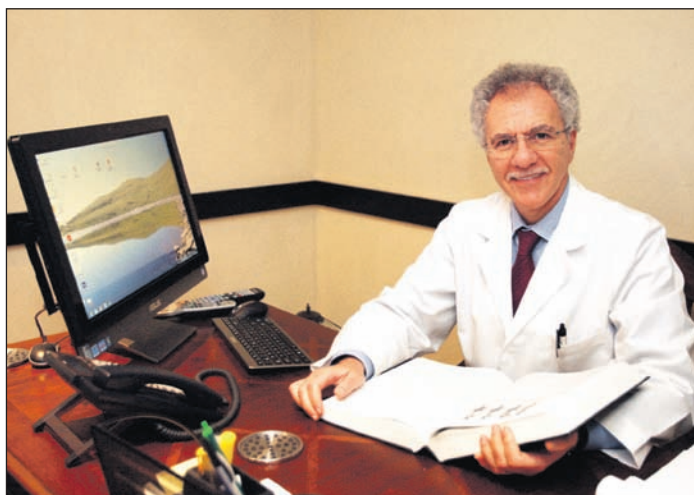
(From left) Cathy Coughlin, RN, congratulates Andrew Abrams, RN, who received top honors, with Catherine Gallogly-Simon, RN.

- Feb. 25: Initiating Bereavement Support Groups, Sherry R. Schachter PhD, FT.
 - March 6: Children and Death, Walesca Marmolejos, LMSW.
 - March 13: Grief and Trauma and Compassion Fatigue, Sherry R. Schachter PhD, FT.
- Pending CE approval from NYS Department of Health; Bureau of Funeral Directors.

Bereavement courses at St. Joseph's High School (80 Willoughby St.) Wednesdays, Jan. 9 to March 13, from 6 to 8 pm. Checks should be made payable to Calvary Hospital. Please send all registrations and payment to: Dr. Sherry R. Schachter, Director Bereavement Services, Calvary Hospital, 1740 Eastchester Rd., Bronx, New York 10461.

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Learning about chronic obstructive pulmonary disease

Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease affects thousands of people each and every year. The condition is largely caused by smoking or prolonged inhalation of lung irritants. There currently is no cure, but there are treatments available that can slow the progression of the disease.

Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease is a term used to categorize many different ailments of the lungs, most especially emphysema and chronic bronchitis. It occurs when there is airway obstruction or simply when a person has trouble breathing.

There are certain contributors to the disease. These may include:

- Inflammation of the air passages that restricts airflow.
- Excessive mucous that restricts airflow.
- Air sacs, called alveoli, lose elasticity and cannot properly inflate with air.
- Damaged walls between air sacs that compromise breathing.

Talking to a doctor or support group could be the first step needed to quit smoking and reduce the risk or progression of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.

According to the pharmaceutical company Merck, about 12 million people in the United States suffer from the disease. It is second only to heart disease as a cause of disability that forces people to stop working. It is the fourth most common cause of death, accounting for more than 120,000 deaths per year in the United States, and

those death rates are on the rise, with 60 percent more deaths now attributed to chronic obstructive pulmonary disease than there were 20 years ago. Men and women have equal death rates, though men are at a heightened risk for the disease.

In terms of treating the disease, options generally hope to lessen the severity of the symptoms. Quitting smoking is the single-most effective way to reduce the progression of the disease. Since chronic obstructive pulmonary disease is a progressive disorder, it will only get worse over time and could lead to death.

Doctors may prescribe medications for individuals with trouble breathing. Bronchodilators relax the muscles around the airways, helping to open them up and make breathing easier. Inhaled glucocorticosteroids also may be prescribed. These reduce inflammation in the airways to help improve airflow.

There are a number of programs and



Quitting smoking is the first step smokers with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease should take to slow down the progression of the condition.

medications available that can help smokers quit. Talking to a doctor or support group could be the first step needed to quit smoking and reduce the risk or progression of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.

Asthma brings greater flu risks

If you are one of the millions of Americans with a long-term health condition like asthma, this important information about flu applies to you. When combined with your existing health condition, the flu increases your risk of becoming seriously sick, which could result in an unexpected and expensive trip to the hospital — or even death.

“We have known for years that flu is a serious disease, especially for people with certain chronic health conditions,” said Dr. Anne Schuchat, Assistant Surgeon General of the U.S. Public Health Service and Director of the National Center for Immunization

and Respiratory Diseases.

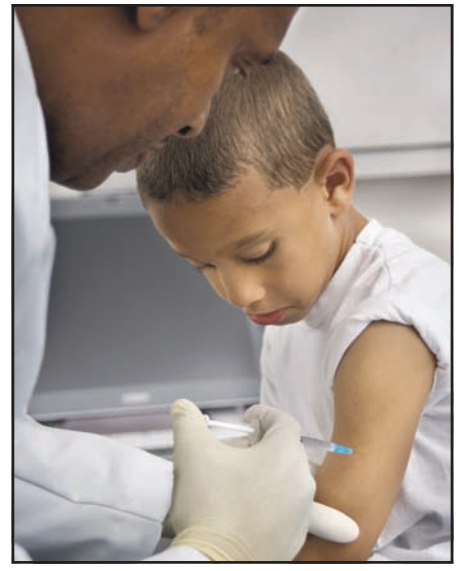
The burden of flu on people with asthma was demonstrated in the 2009 flu season, as the world faced its first flu pandemic in more than 40 years. Most of the deaths from 2009 H1N1 were in people who had at least one health condition, like asthma. People with long-term health conditions also were more likely to be hospitalized. The Center for Disease Control estimates that nearly 60 percent of children and more than 85 percent of adults hospitalized with 2009 H1N1 had one or more long-term health conditions or were pregnant.

Of those admitted to the hospital with 2009 H1N1 illness, asthma was the most common long-term health condition, followed by diabetes, chronic cardiovascular disease, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, pregnancy, neurological disorders (including stroke or seizure disorders in adults), and neuromuscular disorders. People who were morbidly obese (extremely overweight) also appeared to be at higher risk for severe 2009 H1N1 in some studies.

The message is clear: people with long-term health conditions should take action to protect themselves against the flu by getting a flu vaccine. Safe, reliable flu vaccines have been made for decades, and you cannot get the flu from the flu vaccine.

Millions of Americans are impacted by these conditions, although many people don't know that they have a long-term health condition. For example, diabetes impacts an estimated 23.6 million Americans, but 5.7 million people (24 percent of those who have the disease in the United States) don't even know they have it. Heart disease affects an estimated 26.6 million Americans. And asthma affects 23.4 million Americans. Ask your doctor whether you have a health condition that makes you more vulnerable to flu. If you do, be sure you get a flu vaccine.

Symptoms of flu include fever (though not everyone with flu will have a fever), cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose,




The 23.4 million Americans who are affected by asthma are at greater risk for serious complications from the flu — which is why anyone with asthma should get a flu vaccine.

body aches, headache, chills, and sometimes diarrhea and vomiting.

Flu viruses are thought to spread mainly from person to person through someone with the flu coughing, sneezing, or talking. Flu viruses may also spread when people touch something with the flu virus on it and then touch their mouth, eyes, or nose. Many other viruses spread these ways, too.

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Beep's new goal: Soccer

Markowitz wants professional 'futbol' in Brooklyn

BY ELI ROSENBERG

Borough President Markowitz wants to bring professional soccer to Brooklyn — but making his plan a reality will be more difficult than scoring a goal over a wall of German national team defenders, soccer insiders say.

The neighboring borough of Queens has the inside track on luring a Major League Soccer team, and backers who have already laid down \$3 million to bring a stadium to Flushing Meadows Corona Park claim they aren't even considering a Brooklyn franchise at the moment.

"We're 100 percent committed to Major League Soccer in Queens," said MLS soccer spokeswoman Risa Heller, who claims the league scoured many sites around the city before settling on the county to the north, which it calls "unquestionably one of the most vibrant soccer communities in the country."

But that hasn't stopped Markowitz from pushing Brooklyn as a counter proposal if the Queens plan — which calls for turning 10-

13 acres of parkland into a 25,000-seat stadium — hits the post.

And even if the proposed \$300-million Flushing Meadows stadium becomes home to a relaunched New York Cosmos club, the Beep claims Brooklyn would be the perfect home for a third metro area squad (the New York Red Bulls claim to represent the city, though they play in a neighboring state called New Jersey).

"As much as we like football or baseball or hockey, the way America is going with our ethnic diversity, soccer will be potentially as large as football," said Markowitz, noting there are great locations for a stadium in Bushwick, Brownsville, East New York, or Canarsie. "Why shouldn't Brooklyn be at the forefront of that effort and have truly a world-class soccer stadium?"

And unlike the Queens stadium, which could face opposition due to its proposed location inside a park, Markowitz says a Brooklyn soccer facility could be built on private property, though he declined

to name specific locations.

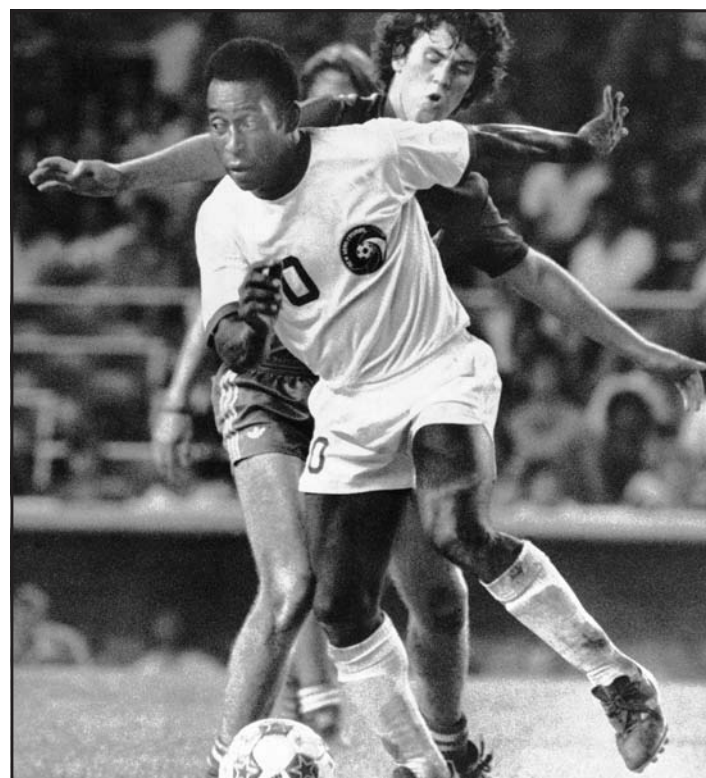
"Parcels would have to be assembled, no question about it," Markowitz said. "But there are spaces available — none of which involve parkland."

Even Brooklyn soccer boosters say Queens makes more sense — but claim Brooklyn could court a lesser-tier domestic soccer league than the MLS.

"There's more of every level of soccer being played in Queens at this moment," said Zac Rubin, the manager of the Upper 90 soccer store in Boerum Hill, who works with pro teams in the U.S. and abroad. "Queens is the right place for a team to be at this point."

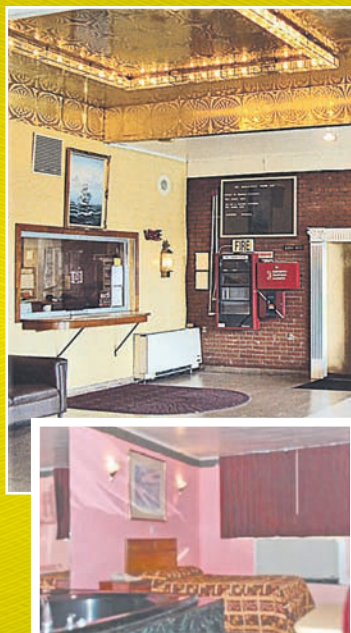
But Markowitz is undeterred, saying that though he will leave office soon, perhaps he can plant the seeds of a long-term project.

"I have a philosophy with a restaurant, if you cook great they will come, no matter where it is," he said. "If we could build a world-class stadium, I'm convinced that a major team will be an easier part to resolve."



KICK IT AROUND: (Above) Soccer legend Pele won't take the field when the New York Cosmos club relaunches — but (left) Borough President Markowitz still wants to bring the team or another professional franchise to the county of Kings. AP / Richard Drew

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Marty's amphitheater din to readers' ears

To the editor,

I read with interest that Borough President Markowitz has one thing left on his agenda before leaving office next year ("Marty: Brooklyn will have an amphitheater," online Dec. 18).

Is the construction of the amphitheater the major thing that he should be concerned with?

How about concerning himself with the high rents that people in the borough and throughout the city have to pay?

How about exerting influence on establishing rent controls on commercial establishments?

I remember years ago when he was at the forefront of tenant issues. He founded a tenant organization, much to his credit. Then, he became borough president and started hanging around Bruce Ratner and other real estate honchos. Boy, did his views change!

Some years ago, I read that when he bought his house, he stated that rents in the city are just too high. So? How about using his authority to try to change that?

Speaking of amphitheaters, it shall be music to my ears when Mr. Markowitz leaves office.

Ed Greenspan
Sheepshead Bay

Stan fan

To the editor,

I was in Bay Ridge yesterday and picked up a copy of your newspaper.

I was pleasantly surprised to see Stanley Gershbein's column, "It's Only My Opinion."

I live in Park Slope and his column stopped appearing in your downtown edition several years ago.

Apparently his common sense and wisdom were too much for the Park Slope liberals. The so-called "tolerant" people could not tolerate an opinion other than their own.

Best wishes for a happy and healthy New Year.

Mark S. Deutchman
Park Slope

MetroCurse

To the editor,

My misgivings about MetroCards as a replacement for tokens, as well as coins in turnstiles and bus slots, have proved well-founded.

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SOUND OFF TO THE EDITOR

LETTERS AND COMMENTS FROM OUR READERS

When I took a bus to Avenue X and Coney Island Avenue, it responded twice, "try again."

The driver told me to have a seat and get a new MetroCard when mine didn't expire until Sept. 30, 2014.

By comparison, I have had almost no problems paying by token or cash. I believe the Metropolitan Transportation Authority should check its own bus slots, as there is an occasional margin of error.

Elliott Abosh
Brighton Beach

Gun control

To the editor,

Everyone wants to evaluate teachers. Can we ever evaluate the teachers who gave up their lives for their students in Connecticut? When are we going to evaluate students? We have ticking time bombs sitting in our classrooms.

Sandy Hook mass murderer Adam Lanza was such a person.

Will someone explain to me why his mother kept such a cache of weapons in her home? She knew she had a problem child at home.

Some of these gun enthusiasts are totally off their minds and something must be done about it. Where are our elected leaders? They're too busy advocating gay marriage, teacher evaluations, and other things. At the same time, they conveniently ignore a major problem in this society — guns.

Nearly two years ago, when ex-Rep. Gabby Giffords was shot and a young child died during that situation, President Obama gave a similar speech. We don't need his tears, we need action — now.

A good leader must show leadership. The president all but ignored gun control during his first term.

Where are our educational leaders and their union counterparts in demanding that something be done to decrease the violence in schools?

I didn't need to see Randi Weingarten ringing doorbells for Obama last July, or serving nutritious lunches to pupils at a Colorado school. We have far too many pressing problems in our schools to be concerned with what she emphasizes, so as to divert our minds from the real problems.

Name withheld
Sheepshead Bay

Lameduck pols

To the editor,

There are good reasons why Manhattan Borough President Scott Stringer dropped out of the 2013 race for mayor.

Consider the city has a municipal budget approaching \$70 billion dollars with more than 220,000 employees. This is greater than many states and nations.

Stringer, who also previously served as a legislative assistant to Rep. Jerrold Nadler (D-N.Y.), along with serving as a member of the State Assembly, has no private sector experience. He has never built a business, balanced a budget, created jobs, met a payroll, or managed any significant agencies with large numbers of employees.

He has been running around town campaigning since November 2009, unofficially running for mayor as term limits prevent him from running Manhattan Borough President in 2013.

His dreams of running for mayor never got off the ground. Stringer has been consistently polling at no greater than five percent among potential Democratic Party primary voters over the past three years, coming in last among the four leading candidates. Now, he decides instead to run for comptroller. This hardly makes him a credible candidate. Stringer is just another career politician looking for his next meal ticket.

Former city comptroller and 2009 losing Democratic Party mayoral candidate William Thompson is a profile in courage for resigning as chairman of the Battery Park City Authority many months ago. He is free to run full-time for mayor with no conflicts of interest.

Contrast his courage with the other cowardly lions — City Council Speaker Christine Quinn, Comptroller John Liu, and Public Advocate Bill de Blasio running for mayor, and Stringer and Councilman Dominic Recchia (D-Coney Island) who are running for comptroller.

Councilman Dan Garodnick (D-Manhattan), who was previously an active candidate for comptroller, mysteriously dropped out of the race within days of Stringer's announcement. You have to wonder if some other political leaders made Garodnick an offer he couldn't refuse. After all, you don't want two candidates running for any citywide office who share the same Manhattan political base.

All of these candidates lack the moral courage of Thompson and continue to hold one public office while openly campaigning for the 2013 Democratic Party Mayoral Primary.

The lines are clearly blurred between their day job and the new job they each seek. All have been actively working the pay-for-play fundraising circuit, along

with visiting every local and county Democratic Party clubhouse on day one, after lameduck Mayor Bloomberg took his last oath of office in January 2010.

Quinn, Liu, de Blasio, Stringer, and Recchia start out with many advantages not available to ordinary challengers. During their respective terms of public office, each incumbent has daily television, radio, and newspaper exposure, press conferences, newsletters, guest columns in newspapers, letters to the editor, and speaking engagements, on a regular basis.

Don't forget the perks of public office, including announcements of member items (many of which taxpayers consider local pork-barrel projects), which are used to raise name recognition and assist in greasing the wheels of re-election, or attempts at a higher new office.

If Quinn, Liu, and de Blasio are serious about running for mayor, along with Stringer and Recchia for comptroller, they should resign their current public office today. End the charade by being honest enough to run full time on their own time and dime. Allow citizens a special election to elect a replacement who can represent their constituents without compromise.

It is time we elected someone who is not using one public office as a stepping stone to another.

Hard-working municipal civil servants who work full time can't campaign part time during the day, as Quinn, Liu, de Blasio, Stringer, and Recchia do.

They would have to either take a leave of absence or quit their day job.

Larry Penner
Great Neck, N.Y.

Good luck, Bam

To the editor,

I did not vote for President Obama, but I do wish him luck because he has a tough road ahead.

As senator, he stated that he never voted for any Republican proposal. Now he needs the Republicans to promote his agenda.

In 1945, after World War II, President Truman was faced with a bloated federal bureaucracy. He embraced the leader of the opposition party, former Republican President Herbert Hoover, to lead a bipartisan commission that actually reformed the government.

Maybe President Obama should review the history books.

Ugo M. Rosiello
Mill Basin

Stan has the Christmas numbers

This certainly has been a year of polls. Let me introduce you to one more that has nothing to do with politics.

The Nielsen people asked 3,000 youngsters what they wanted for Christmas, Chanukah, and Kwanza. Forty-eight percent of those under the age of 12 are wishing for an iPad. In the 13 and over group that number was only 21 percent.

After observing the many teenagers around me, I've got a feeling that the number is so low because so many in the older set already have one.

Here's a different poll taken a few years ago that I showed to Nicholas, the chubby, cheery Santa with a white beard who is working at a local mall.

Seventy-four percent of the several hundred Santas that participated in the poll tell us that little guys cry in their laps.

"What would you expect when a very young child is tossed into the lap of a huge stranger with a large beard just to pose for a photo? I'd be a bit frightened also if that was my first encounter with Old St. Nick."

Ninety percent reported having their beards pulled on by some of the bigger little guys who don't believe the beards are real.

"It's very painful to those of us who have genuine facial hair."

Sixty percent are coughed and sneezed on up to 10 times a day. Here's the convincer — 34 percent of the Santas are peed on regularly. Who'd ever think that little children could cause so much abuse?

"With all the excitement of seeing me, I really can't blame those children." Ol' Nick added. "What bothers me almost as much as the pee-pee bath is the reaction from the mummies. Most of them think it's funny. They laugh and laugh. They now have a cute story to tell at their mah-jong game. I'm smelly wet and they don't give me a two dollar tip or even an apology."

The English Christmas carol, the "Twelve Days of Christmas," was first published in the late 18th cen-



IT'S ONLY MY OPINION

Stanley P. Gershbein

tury. Choruses refer to it as a holiday "cumulative" song because each verse is built on a new line added to the one before.

They sing about the 78 different gifts such as two turtle doves, seven swans a swimming, and eight maids a milking. However, because of the repetition in each verse, there are actually 364 gifts over the 12 days.

Nobody knows if way back then anyone put an actual value on the different gifts "my true love gave to me."

Today, the average gift-giver would have to significantly raise the limit on his MasterCard because, according to a reliable source, the cost to him can be as much as \$107,000. That's a lot of money.

There are several ways one could actually reduce his total. For example, the drummers can go. Do you really think she would appreciate 12 drummers drumming in her head while she's trying to sleep late? Oy! Such a headache!

Add them to the 11 piper's piping, 10 lords a leaping, and nine ladies dancing. That's 42 more noisy people jumping around your living room on day number 12. Such commotion!

And this business about French hens? Go to Waldbaums and buy her a chicken instead or you can scratch the whole thing and take her on a cruise.

I am StanGershbein@Bellsouth.net wishing you all happy, healthy and safe holidays.

Gun control can't curb violence

The Sandy Hook massacre makes the heart weep, and demonstrates far too grimly how psychopaths live to vent their demons — by any means, and at whatever cost.

Adam Lanza's mass murder of 26 children and staff in a Connecticut elementary school, before turning the gun on himself, resurrects the debate about gun control.

That hackneyed albatross shows little sign of extinction in a self-absorbed culture that glorifies graphic violence, demands immediate gratification, fixes its ills with pills, and enfeebles good citizenship.

It's a deadly recipe that's cooked up disasters, including the Aurora, Colo., movie theater bloodbath that killed 12 people last summer, the 2011 attack of Rep. Gabby Giffords and five others in Arizona, the Binghamton immigration center carnage in 2009 that killed 14 people, the 2007 Virginia Tech slaughter which extinguished 32 lives, the Wendy's massacre in Queens of 2000 that annihilated five workers, and the 1999 Columbine High murders that wiped out 12 students and a teacher.

Stricter gun laws are only one piece of the disturbing jigsaw.

A ban on assault weapons seems the logical solution because Lanza



couldn't have wrought his evil without access to his mother's legal, industrial-strength weapons of mass destruction, according to popular thought.

But the demented don't need guns to murder the masses.

Michigan school caretaker Andrew Kehoe used a bomb to kill 45 people in the Bath School in 1927 — 38 of them children.

Unemployed Cuban refugee Julio Gonzalez set fire to a Bronx social club called "Happy Land" in 1990, decimating 87 people.

And the 9-11 terrorists used box cutters and hijacked commercial planes to obliterate nearly 3,000 people on America's worst day.

Even so-called progressive lands have their violent lot to bear.

Japan doesn't even keep statistics on its low gun crime rate, but that didn't stop disgruntled Japanese cultists in 1995 from carrying out a nerve gas attack in Tokyo's subways, killing 12 people and injuring thousands more.

Switzerland employs a reverse

strategy.

The law requires Swiss males to own a gun, and a popular saying is that folk are their own cops. Yet such blind trust didn't stop Swiss schizoid Friedrich Leibacher from blowing away 14 people with a combat rifle, pistol, and revolvers in a parliament building in 2001.

A ban on assault weapons and secondary gun markets is definitely a step in the right direction, but there needs to be a parallel course of action against the triggers of our bloodlust, including our dependency on the Internet — a virtual abyss distorting our reality.

Lanza was apparently a gamer, and while not all gamers are maniacs, our tech addictions have certainly helped to erode the contact skills that form the bedrock of humanity.

South Korea — one of the world's most wired nations, with more than 25,000 cyber cafes open 24 hours a day — set a precedent for the new phenomenon in 2002, when 24-year-old Kim Kyung-jae collapsed and died after gaming non-stop at an Internet cafe for 86 hours.

Guns cannot be blamed for our culture of violence when we, ourselves, are the deadly culprits — lock, stock, and barrel.

Instead of bans, let's teach respect

Step right up to the greatest show in town. The politicians have again rallied around the "gun control" flagpole.

Leading the charge is nanny Mayor Mike Bloomberg, who pretty much wants to ban everything he sees.

Each and every time a tragedy occurs we hear, "Ban guns, stricter laws, more control."

Understand that I grieve along with the rest of the country over the senseless crime in Newtown, Ct. It should never have occurred. But banning guns isn't the only solution. There are many more factors involved. Ones that our elected officials don't seem to care about, much less discuss.

It's easier to take the gun away than to teach respect of life or deal with mental illness. Why should our youth be taught such arcane notions or properly treated?

When I was a child, my mom displayed all her glass tchatchkes around the room. I was taught not to touch them. She didn't take them



NOT FOR NUTHIN'

Joanna DelBuono

away, she just made sure I learned to respect her things. This taught me respect and self-control. My teachers and parents taught me the golden rules: no killing, no stealing, and no disrespecting. So I learned not to kill, not to steal, and to respect others.

The most crucial aspect of preventing tragedies like the shooting in Newtown is start at the bottom and fix the people.

Make no mistake about it — our educators have failed, too. These lessons need to be taught in every classroom in every school, as well as in the home, every day. Whether parochial, private or city, these basic tenets should be part of every curriculum.

For starters, how about teachers paste their rooms with posters that read, "Thou shall not kill," "Thou shall not steal," "Thou shall respect the teacher in this room."

I know it all sounds rather biblical, however, I really believe that "Thou shall not kill" is more of a uni-

versal rule than a religious one. But I could be wrong.

After all, the liberals who set in place today's policies would know much better. Take a look at their choices — rainbows, life style, prophyllactics, how to be politically correct, and finally (the most important aspect of education), how to ace a citywide exam.

Yet, all we can come up with is "ban guns."

Don't ban songs that eschew violence just as readily as it eschews amorality and crimes against women.

Don't ban all those extremely violent video games that are targeted at young audiences.

Not for Nuthin™, but respect and self-control, albeit easy lessons to learn, are not taught to our youth. Maybe if these simple commandments were promulgated, instead of the tripe that passes for modern education, and more funds directed to the treatment of mental illness, instead of birth control for middle schoolers, there would be less of the tragedies that beset us, and our schools would again be safe for our children.

Wishing you all a safe and healthy new year.

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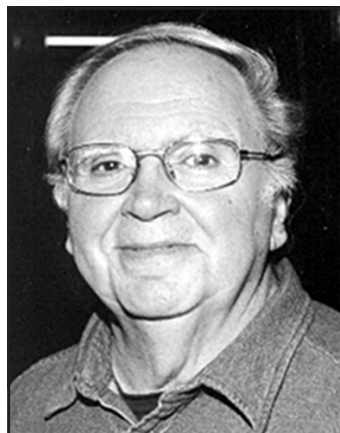
Carmines speaks from his pal Ed's heart!

I'm madder than the 2,000-year-old man when he realized that his jokes wouldn't fly with today's jet-set over the fact that another year has passed and all I've gotten is an extra candle on my birthday cake.

Look, you all know the ol' Screecher is no spring chicken, and sometimes, while I'm riding my trusty steed *Tornado* down 86th Street instead of walking, you'll hear me complain to myself about the so-called Golden Years aren't so "golden." In fact, they may be the opposite (but I don't know exactly what that is).

Thankfully, whenever I'm feeling sorry for myself, I've got old pals that cheer me up faster than my lovely wife Sharon can say "Carmines, your old pal Ed from Seattle is on the phone."

Now, I don't need to tell you that me and Ed were on the same swim team back when we were strapping young men going to Brooklyn Tech High School. So



BIG SCREECHER

Carmines Santa Maria

it's no surprise he knows how to pull on ol' Carmy's heart strings.

So you wouldn't be surprised

to learn that when I read his latest dispatch from Seattle, it brought a tear to my eye.

It's about getting older, and how we should worry less about our age, and just be happy we're able to complain about the price of milk.

Now's the point in the column where I cut and paste from an e-mail to make word count, but this time I think it's worth it:

"As I've aged, I've become kinder to myself, and less critical of myself. I have seen too many dear friends leave this world too soon; before they understood the great freedom that comes with aging.

"Whose business is it if I choose to read or play on the computer until 4 am or sleep until noon? I will dance with myself to those wonderful tunes of the 60s and 70s, and if I, at the same time, wish to weep over a lost love, I will.

"I will walk the beach in a

swimsuit that is stretched over a bulging body, and will dive into the waves with abandon if I choose to, despite the pitying glances from the jet-set.

"They, too, will get old.

"I know I am sometimes forgetful. But there again, some of life is just as well forgotten. And I eventually remember the important things.

"Sure, over the years my heart has been broken. How can your heart not break when you lose a loved one, or when a child suffers, or even when somebody's beloved pet gets hit by a car?

"But broken hearts are what give us strength and understanding and compassion. A heart never broken is pristine and sterile and will never know the joy of being imperfect.

"I am so blessed to have lived long enough to have my hair turning gray, and to have my youthful laughs be forever etched into deep grooves on my face.

"As you get older, it is easier to be positive. You care less about what other people think. You don't question yourself anymore.

"I've even earned the right to be wrong. I like being old. It has set me free. I like the person I have become.

I understand I am not going to live forever, but while I am still here, I will not waste time lamenting what could have been, or worrying about what will be. And I shall eat dessert every single day (if I feel like it).

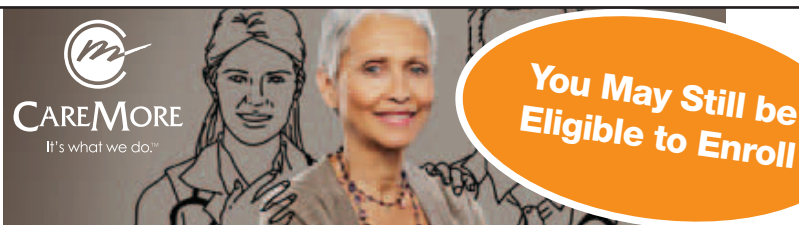
"May our friendship never come apart especially when it's straight from the heart and travels across the country to remind me!"

Thanks Ed, in these turbulent and unbelievable times, I really needed these words of comforting wisdom.

To and yours, dear reader, I wish you a healthy, prosperous and a peaceful new year.

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BLOCKBUSTER DEBUT: Cinema owner Andrew Elgart couldn't wait to open Williamsburg's new multiplex on Dec. 19.

Lights, camera, action!

New movie theater celebrates its debut in Williamsburg

BY NATALIE MUSUMECI

It's the premiere of the biggest blockbuster of the holiday film season: Williamsburg's brand new multiplex.

The much-anticipated Williamsburg Cinemas made its debut on Dec. 19 after prolonged delays in production, giving North Brooklyn film-goers the ability to see Hollywood's biggest hits without hopping on a Manhattan-bound L train.

The seven-screen, 1,000-seat movie hub on the corner of Grand Street and Driggs Avenue opened its doors and screened "The Hobbit" and "Life of Pi" in 3D, as well as "Lincoln," beginning at 1 pm.

The masterminds behind the Williamsburg Cinemas couldn't wait to dim the lights.

"We are pretty excited," said owner Andrew Elgart, whose father, Harvey Elgart,

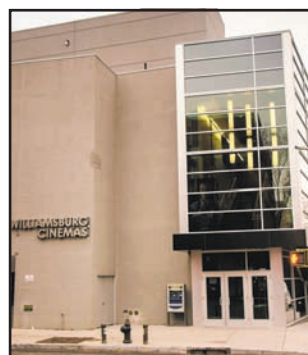
owns the long-running Cobble Hill Cinemas on Court Street and Kew Gardens Cinemas in Queens. "We're looking forward to seeing how the neighborhood responds."

Elgart is expecting good reviews.

"I can't imagine people not loving the place," he said. "It's spacious, there are amazing screens, and the sound and picture are fantastic."

Elgart said the three-story theatre, which will screen an array of major studio films as well as a mix of indie and art flicks, is equipped with a 7.1 Dolby Digital surround sound system, stadium-like plush seating, and all the standard movie-theatre concession favorites.

"It will be a great place to watch a movie," said the film man, who added that the sole reason he decided to build a new cineplex in the neighbor-



GRAB A SEAT: Williamsburg Cinemas is already attracting movie buffs to Grand Street.

Photos by Stefano Giovannini

hood is because the artsy area lacks sufficient silver screen access.

Williamsburg is home to the smaller dinner-and-a-movie joint the Nitehawk Cinema on Metropolitan Avenue, which shows some big hits alongside indies and popular one-off showings of classics,

as well as IndieScreen, which lives up to its name by showing unique independent films.

Neighborhood movie buffs are itching to get into the theater, where adult tickets go for \$11, matinee tickets cost \$8, and 3D flicks carry a \$2 surcharge.

And they hope the Williamsburg Cinemas fill the void left in the community when the Commodore Theatre closed in 2002 and was subsequently torn down.

"I'm super excited! I can't wait," said life-long Williamsburg resident Luis Alberto, who lives on N. Fifth and Roebling streets, just three blocks away from the multiplex. "It's nice to have a cinema that's going to play mainstream box-office films."

Williamsburg Cinemas [217 Grand St. near Driggs Avenue in Williamsburg, (718) 302-3422, www.williamsburgcinemas.com].

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There's a remodeled bank in town

BROOKLYN HEIGHTS

Bienvenue and willkommen to **Investors Bank**. It just completed its renovation and remodel and snipped the ribbon on the new space. Members of the Banks' executive team got the chance to have a sneak preview of the sleek new digs. Investors Bank offers a full-range of banking products, offering customers loads of support when it comes to reaching their financial goals. Which, of course, Standing O needs a lot of help with.



So, welcome, we're glad you are in the neighborhood.

Investors Bank [81 Court St. at Livingston Street in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 855-8500]

BROOKLYN HEIGHTS

Give a yuk or two

The **Brooklyn Autism Center** is hosting its annual fund-raiser, "Stand-Ups Give BAC." This fifth annual event raises the gelt to help support the center's students. And this year the top stand-up comics in the country will be on stage making your sides split. The laughs begin at **Caroline's** at 1626 Broadway between 50th and 51st streets in Manhattan. Hey, you get to give to a great cause and it's tax deductible, too.

What a way to start off the new year. Get yourself to Caroline's on Feb. 5. One ticket gets you two drinks, too.

The Brooklyn Autism Center [111 Remsen St. at Court Street in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 554-1027]

BAY RIDGE

Thanks for the wheels



State Sen. Marty Golden, (R-Bay Ridge) has done it again. Yup, that's right, Standing O fans, he's secured the funds to help replace the van belonging to the **Bay Ridge Center**

for **Older Adults** (that's BRCOA to you and me, but the big Standing O in the sky — my editor — hates acronyms!) that was totaled in an accident last spring.

The senator explained why he did the mitzvah: "The moment I heard of the accident, my first thought was to make sure that everyone was okay. But then once I knew there were no major injuries, my next thought turned to how can I help replace this."

So the spending senator secured the \$65,000 bucks to do it.

Our pal Marty did have ulterior motives



IN THE RED: (From left) Philip Lerner, Esq Gabriella Avellino, and Naeem Holms at the Red Stocking Soiree hosted by New York Methodist Hospital.

Swinging soiree for Sandy victims

PARK SLOPE

Each year, as it has since 1925, **New York Methodist Hospital** holds its fund-raiser Red Stocking Soiree, which brings in big bucks for worthy causes. This year the event had a special purpose — to raise money to aid hospital employees who were most severely impacted by Hurricane Sandy.

Some employees still remain displaced, more than a month since Sandy hit.

So, more than 150 guests attended the gala and enjoyed the culinary creations provided by some of the best eateries in Park Slope including **Anthony's on Fourth, Backyard, Baluchi's, Benchmark, Caramello, Casa Ventura, Faros, La Bagel Delight, Okeanos, Pinkberry, Piramide, Zito's Sandwich Shoppe** and executive chef **Jack Wolfe**, who routinely pre-

pares delicious delights for hospital staffers.

Even Standing O's boosting buddy **Borough President Markowitz** was on hand. Hey, where there is food, you know there is Marty. And you know his speechifying was one of the night's high-points.

While the praise, food, prizes, and Marty's speech were wonderful, what really made the night special is that this hospital has been a part of this community for more than 130 years and "we all work to help our patients and their families through some very difficult hours," said **Mark Mundy** president and CEO of Methodist.

Then our pal Mark thanked borough booster Markowitz for not only attending, but for sharing his spirit, too.

New York Methodist Hospital [506 Sixth St. between Seventh and Eighth avenues in Park Slope, (718) 780-3000].

though, "This van is for you to go on trips and more, but I look forward to being aboard for at least the first ride," he shared.

Bay Ridge Center for Older Adults [411 Ovington Ave. at Fourth Avenue in Bay Ridge, (718) 748-0873]

MIDWOOD

Art in the making

Three cheers to these budding artists at **Edward R. Murrow High School**. The enterprising and artistic students were rec-



DOWNTOWN

Little virus, big discovery

It takes a tough man to beat a virus, and Bay Ridge resident **Vasily Kolchenko**, associate professor of biological sciences at New York City Tech Downtown is a key player in beating the little buggers into submission. His team has made a fantastic breakthrough with enormous potential significance for the treatment of serious diseases.

This is the biggest discovery ever (well, except for electricity, which keeps Standing O typing), but now, thanks to our pal Vasily, it is possible, for the first time ever, to detect the smallest virus particle.

Until Vasily and his team made this discovery, scientists were only able to detect objects as small as bacteria, and viruses are way smaller than that!

When the good doctor uses a nano-antenna, really small viruses magically appear.

"The idea that light can 'sense' the presence of nanoparticles and respond to their arrival was groundbreaking," Vasily explained to Standing O. "And since all the deadliest viruses belong to the nano-world, our research proved truly innovative and its promise is almost unlimited."

We send out a macro Standing O to the nano-busting team.

New York City College of Technology [300 Jay St. at Myrtle Avenue in Downtown, (718) 260-3000].

ognized for their outstanding work and accomplishments in one of nine disciplines across visual, literary, and performing art fields.

The National Young Arts Foundation named **Vladislav Smolyanskyy, Dylan Matthew Moseley, and Alice Kirichenko** as the YoungArts Merit Award Winner in Visual Arts. Their works will be on display in the "How Much Do I Owe You?" exhibit in the Clock Tower Building at Queens Borough Plaza in Long Island City.

The works will be on display through March 2013, Thursdays through Mondays from 1 to 7 pm. What are you waiting for, take the trip.

Edward R. Murrow HS [1600 Avenue L and E. 17th Street in Midwood, (718) 258-9283].



New York

Harbor Watch



PEACE OUT: Country singing sensation Kellie Pickler dons combat gear during a USO holiday tour in Kyrgyzstan on Dec. 15.

Photo by Army Sgt. Tyrone Marshall

‘American Idol’ delivers cheer

HARBOR WATCH

Country music star Kellie Pickler and other celebrity entertainers brought a little Christmas Cheer to servicemen deployed in Afghanistan as part of the USO Holiday Show tour on Dec. 15.

The USO troupe also has entertained service members aboard the aircraft carrier USS John C. Stennis and at the Transit Center at Manas, Kyrgyzstan.

Pickler — an Albemarle, N.C., native — is traveling on her sixth USO tour and she’s keenly aware of the difficulties troops and their families endure during the holiday season.

“It’s always different coming here this time of the year,” she said. “[During] the holidays — Thanksgiving has already passed — everyone wants to be home with their families and loved ones.

“Then, Christmas is right around the corner,” Pickler continued. “It’s a hard time for all of you.”

The country music

singer and former “American Idol” contestant said she enjoys touring with the USO and has done so for quite some time.

“I love it,” Pickler said. “My very first trip was in [2007] ... and it’s by far the most life-changing thing I’ve ever been a part of.”

Pickler performed with her husband, Kyle Jacobs, and with David Michael Baker, who provided the musical backdrop for her vocal performances.

“We look forward to doing shows, but I think that the small intimate moments — just having breakfast together, lunch together, dinner together ... [are] where we can just sit, talk, and listen to one another,” Pickler said.

The singer, who said she comes from a military family, “gets” how hard it is for troops being away from their loved ones.

“I know it’s just as hard for your families back home, so they’re making a sacrifice as well,” Pickler said.

Pickler said she always

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Staff Sgt. is Ivy bound

Scholarship awarded for sailor to study chemistry at Harvard

HARBOR WATCH

Nothing in life comes easy. For some, it’s getting promoted to staff sergeant and for others; it’s getting a full scholarship to one of the most prestigious Ivy League schools in the world.

Luckily for Staff Sgt. Katherine Lamb, she was able to achieve both.

Lamb, knowledge operations manager at the Naval Consolidated Brig at JB Charleston, will be pursuing a doctorate in chemistry from Harvard in the fall of 2013 after completing a successful six-year enlistment.

Fellow Airmen say Lamb is revered throughout the Brig for her intelligence, yet she remains modest. Insisting on not bringing attention to herself, she spends most of her time learning about others, while encouraging and helping them pursue their education.

“Sergeant Lamb’s vibrant and friendly personality can light up an entire room,” said Master Sgt. Edward Phillips, Naval Consolidated Brig-Charleston Air Force superintendent. “She is just a very positive and outgoing person.”

Lamb said she learned the importance of education in Puerto Rico, where she was born. Her parents are an example of the American dream. Born into poverty, they moved to America seeking a better life when Lamb was 9. Her mother went on to become a college professor, while her father works for NASA.

“My parents used to tell me, it doesn’t matter if you have money,” said Lamb. “You could lose money; you can never lose an education.”



SMILE: Staff Sgt. Katherine Lamb is Harvard bound to pursue her doctorate degree in chemistry.

Photo by Airman first Class Tom Brading

It was a message she took to heart.

Lamb is already familiar with the New England area. Years ago, she took her parents’ advice and received her master’s degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge.

After graduating from MIT, she felt a sense of pride and patriotism toward the country that offered her so many opportunities. She surprised her friends and family by enlisting into the U.S. Air Force, not as an officer, but as an enlisted Airman.

“Everyone wonders, ‘why didn’t you become an officer?’” said Lamb. “Well, life isn’t about money. I was aware of officer programs, but for me, serving my country was enough reason to join. That’s why I did, and it was one of the best decisions

I’ve ever made. The enlisted men and women I’ve served with continue to do amazing things every day.”

For Lamb, being able to serve her country and build relationships in the Air Force has been as beneficial as any college classroom.

“The Air Force is one team,” said Lamb. “College lifestyle (especially an Ivy League caliber institution), is very competitive — people are constantly thinking about what’s best for themselves. It’s just the nature of how challenging those programs can be. But in the Air Force, although still challenging, I’ve learned how valuable teamwork is and I’ll always carry those lessons with me.”

Lamb gives back to the military every day by tutoring, mentoring, and educating people throughout her squadron.

“She’s constantly making sure I’m taking college classes,” said Marine Chief Warrant Officer John Nolan, Naval Consolidated Brig-Charleston security officer. “She inspires everyone to better themselves.”

According to Lamb, it doesn’t matter if she is testing for staff sergeant or applying to Harvard, hard work is the key to success. Every test she successfully passed, although to others seemed easy for her, came from hours of studying.

“Enlisted Airmen are vital to the success of the Air Force mission,” said Lamb. “Education is an essential tool for that success. So, when I see so many people bettering themselves by going to school, I think their stories are as compelling as mine. I’m just lucky to have such amazing and supportive people in my life.”

Volunteers remember fallen veterans

Wreaths Across America again pays tribute to service men and women at Arlington

HARBOR WATCH

Thousands of wreaths were placed at grave markers in Arlington National Cemetery on Dec. 15 by thousands of volunteers as part of the "Wreaths Across America" tribute. One of the volunteers, Sheila Patton, who lost her son, Army Staff Sgt. James Patton, traveled from as far away as Fort Campbell, Ky., to participate.

Patton came with her daughter and stationed they themselves at the grave of her son, 23-year-old Jimmy, who lost his life in Iraq in 2010. Patton felt a special calling, she said, to participate in the largest single venue of the nationwide "Wreaths Across America" tribute.

"This was something very important to me," she said. "I really wanted to be here, to be a part of all this, and to be able to honor Jimmy and all the others who are buried here."

The more than 25,000 volunteers converged in the early hours and laid an estimated 110,000 balsam fir wreaths, each adorned with a festive red bow.

"It's amazing to see all this," Patton said. "It's re-

ally inspiring to see all these volunteers come out and [to] realize how much they care."

This year's turnout was the largest since the annual "Wreaths Across America" tradition started in 1992. Morrill Worcester, president of the Worcester Wreath Company from Harrington, Maine, began donating holiday wreaths to decorate veterans' graves. The gesture caught on like wildfire, expanding every year to more military cemeteries nationwide.

At Arlington, the largest venue, a convoy of 34 trucks traveled from Maine to transport the donated wreaths.

Worcester and his wife, Karen, recognized a milestone in the "Wreaths Across America" effort as he presented the 1 millionth wreath since the program's inception to a Gold Star family and wounded warrior.

Mary Byers and her husband, Lloyd, who lost their son, Army Capt. Joshua Byers, in Iraq in 2003, and Army Sgt. Justin Lansford, wounded in Afghanistan this past spring, placed the wreath at the grave of Wil-



RIP: Sheila Patton, mother of Army Staff Sgt. James Patton, who was killed in Iraq, participated in a wreath-laying ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery on Dec. 15. Photo by William Miles

participating in this year's "Wreaths Across America" were men and women in uniform, many of whom placed wreaths at the graves of friends killed in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Marine Gunnery Sgt. Brian Evans, assigned to the Combat Service Support Company at The Basic School at Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va., said he felt moved to see so many people take time out of their busy holiday schedules to honor the fallen.

"This is a chance to recognize and show others we remember those that went before," he said. "And it really does show that the majority of the public still remembers and appreciates what we do."

"You know the public appreciates what you do and when you see all this, it proves that they really do care," echoed Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Andrew Boehmer from the Wounded Warrior Regiment at Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va.

Air Force Staff Sgt. Dominique Purvis, among about 50 members of the 579th Medical Group based at Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling, Washington, who journeyed to Arlington to participate in the tribute, struggled for words to describe her emotions.

"It's a beautiful, beautiful thing," she said. "You just can't really understand this kind of outpouring until you see it for yourself. It's overwhelming."

bur Trevant, a Vietnam veteran who died in April.

Looking out over the sea of volunteers as they gathered for opening ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery's Amphitheater, Karen Worcester challenged them to live up to the spirit reflected in Byers's last words as he told his fellow soldiers to "keep moving forward."

ing forward."

Worcester spoke about the deadly shooting in Connecticut the previous day and called on the group to take inspiration from Byers and the others buried at Arlington as they deal with life's challenges.

"We need to take some advice from Josh and 'keep moving forward' with what

they've taught us," she said. "And we need to teach our kids about the character of America, which is to take care of each other. By taking care of each other we take care of our country and share the lesson that our heroes have taught us."

Among the hundreds of school, church, community and veterans groups

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looks forward to USO trips.

"I always take a little something from each place when we go to each base," she said. "I always have a little special memory that I cherish and I never forget about it."

She said the USO tour's visit to a hospital was one example of those special moments.

"We were able to go to the hospital and try to take a little piece of home in there," she said. "[And] that's our goal coming out here. We just want to bring a little piece of home to you all."

Pickler was accompanied on the tour by Washington Nationals Major League Baseball players Ross Detwiler and Craig Stammen; Matt Hendricks from the National Hockey League's Washington Capitals; comedian Iliza Schle-

singer, winner of NBC's Last Comic Standing.

Sloan D. Gibson, president of the USO, and Shane Hudella, of "Defending the Blue Line," an organization that donates hockey equipment to military families, also joined the celebrities.

Pickler praised U.S. troops and their families for their sacrifices, and wished them all happy holidays as she joined Dempsey in serenading the troops with Bing Crosby's "A

White Christmas."

"I just want to say thanks so much for all that you do," she said. "Thank you to your families — we know that they make a huge sacrifice."

"This time of the year is really hard so I hope that you know that we love you," Pickler said. "The USO, all of us, we are praying for a safe return home for you all. We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

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Grand display: Celebrate the end of the year with a night sky full of light, with plenty of spots to see fireworks from Brooklyn Heights to Prospect Park to Red Hook.

File photo.

END THE YEAR WITH A BOOM

The definitive guide to watching fireworks

By Hannah Palmer Egan

Start the new year off with a public display of explosions! If you're turning to us for New Year's Eve fireworks tips, you probably already know not to join the huddled masses in Times Square. Here are the best places in Brooklyn for rocket-fueled delights — and best of all, they're free!

Grand Army Plaza Fireworks: Get cozy in the cold at Brooklyn's historic plaza around 11 pm for an explosive display sponsored by Borough President Markowitz. In addition to fireworks, enjoy the snacks, warm drinks, and live music.

For a quieter spot, you can enjoy Grand Army Plaza's show from within Prospect Park on the West Drive, and along Prospect Park West between Grand Army Plaza and Ninth Street. Bring lots of blankets and a thermos of hot chocolate.

(Plaza Street West and Flatbush Avenue).

Statue of Liberty Fireworks: Despite continued closure of Liberty Island post-Sandy, mean-green Lady Liberty will put her best foot forward to kick off 2013 with one of the city's largest pyrotechnic displays. Watch the celebration from any of the panoramic perches below:

The Brooklyn Promenade: Cozy up on a bench and take in the Manhattan view as you wait for the fireworks to start from this iconic pedestrian path in Brooklyn Heights.

(Columbia Heights at Middagh Street).

Brooklyn Bridge Park: Anywhere along the waterfront southwest of Brooklyn Bridge will allow a solid view the Statue of Liberty fireworks show. The park closes at 1 am.

(Water and Furman streets, in DUMBO).

Squib Park Footbridge: The new foot bridge connecting Brooklyn Heights to Brooklyn Bridge Park is slated to open

by New Year's, offering uninterrupted views of the Statue of Liberty and New York Harbor.

(Middagh Street between Columbia Heights & Furman Street).

The Brooklyn Bridge: The crest of the bridge offers a great view of the New York Harbor and since there is sure to be a crowd, it's an excellent place to ring in the new year with friends and strangers alike.

(Entrance on Tillary Street and Boerum Place).

Erie Basin Park: This waterfront locale beside IKEA will give you a front-row seat to New Year's Eve firework action and is perhaps the closest place to catch the Liberty Island Firework display without departing Brooklyn.

(Beard and Dwight streets., in Red Hook. Park is on the waterfront behind the IKEA store).

SAY HELLO TO THE YEAR'S END

Where to dance and drink during the countdown

By Hannah Palmer Egan

Whether you're looking to lube up with some liquid love at a local watering hole, catch some live entertainment, dance your pants off or eat your heart out on Brooklyn's finest cuisine, this borough's ready to dish up a good time on the year's most important party evening.

Here's the best of what the county of Kings has to offer on New Year's Eve:

Party and a show

Black & White & Masked All Over:

Drawing inspiration from Truman Capote's 1966 Black and White Ball, Gemini & Scorpio invite you to kick off the new year incognito at Fort Greene's Irondale Center. Sneak a kiss with a mysterious masked stranger as you enjoy live entertainment by aerialists Seanna Sharpe and Sara Zepezauer, as well as burlesque acts and impossibly sensuous acrobatics from Kinetic Architecture. Dance to a 13-piece circus orchestra and enjoy hand-crafted absinthe, a photo booth and psychic tales from the future. Attractions aside, Gemini & Scorpio offer quite possibly, the best people-watching in Brooklyn.

Black & White Masked Ball at Irondale Center (85 S. Oxford St. between Lafayette Avenue and Fulton Street in Fort Greene, www.geminiandscorpio.com). 9 pm–5 am, \$50–\$60.

Oui, merci: Drink a Hemingway and chat with the ghost of Gertrude Stein at Galapagos's 1920s Paris-themed cabaret. Enjoy bewitching burlesque, tantalizing trapeze, and aerial acts, then dance the night away after performances. Top-shelf open bar until 1 am.

Paris 1920s Floating Kabarette at Galapagos Art Space [16 Main St. at Water Street in DUMBO (718) 222–8500, www.galapagosartspace.com]. 10 pm, \$150.

Post-apocalyptic: With performances by Floasis crew, Doc Adventcha and Giant Squid, Swimming Cities and Gowanus Ballroom's "First Party Ever" celebrates the re-setting of the cosmic clock. Get brassy with Stumblebum Brass Band and dance to DJ sets throughout. Proceeds benefit Sandy recovery at Serret Metal Works and the Boatel, that floating overnight masterpiece in Far Rockaway.

The First Party Ever at Gowanus Ballroom [55 Ninth St. near Smith Street in Gowanus, (347) 460–2687, firstpartyever.brownpapertickets.com]. 9 pm–6 am, \$15–20.



Going all out: This year's festivities include a Truman Capote themed costume party, a Paris-themed cabaret, and a post-apocalyptic brass band! Photos by Jena Cumbo

Delirious dance parties

A bangin' good time: Yeasayer headlines BangOn!NYC's Brooklyn fete with a DJ set amid a packed lineup of spinners.

New Year's Eve 2013–Rebirth in Bushwick, near Montrose L station (exact address revealed upon ticket purchase, bangon-nyc.com). 9 pm–6 am, \$50.

The future is now: Headlined by London-based Amirali, Evolve is a bionic bash in a former trolley-repair shop features sets from over 15 DJs — and surface-mapped, 3D projections, and cosmic art-environments.

Evolve: The Future in Bedford-Stuyvesant, near Kingston-Throop C station (exact address to be announced, www.experienceevolve.com). 9 pm–6 am, \$75–165.

Otherworldly creatures: With Moby spinning a rare DJ set, Unicorn Meat's night of funky festivities promises circus performances and large-scale, participatory art installations.

Unicorn Meat's the Wander: A Cosmopolitan Experience in Williamsburg near Bedford L station (exact address to be announced, www.unicornmeatnyc.com); 9 pm–6 am, \$90–\$150.

Wine and dine

Open ReBar: Catch the annual New

Year's Eve party that offers a six-hour, fully open bar (yes, the good stuff), dinner and dessert buffets, live music, and an in-house screening of the Times Square Ball Drop at reRun. Brave the cold for a walk to nearby Brooklyn Bridge Park to catch midnight fireworks over New York Harbor.

ReBar [147 Front St., near Jay Street, in DUMBO, (718) 766–9110, rebarnyc.com]. 9 pm–3 am, \$119–150.

Turn up the romance: Impress your beloved with an intimate dinner at one of Brooklyn's best date restaurants. Vinegar Hill House's four-course prix fixe menu offers a classic French feast with optional wine pairings. Early seating is 6:30–8:15 pm at \$80–\$120, and late seating is 8:45–10:30 pm at \$100–\$140 and includes a midnight champagne toast.

Vinegar Hill House [72 Hudson Ave. near Water Street in DUMBO, (718) 522–1018, www.vinegarhillhouse.com].

Group hang-out: Hotspot Roman's is offering parties of six or more a rare chance to reserve a table. Although the menu will retain its regular, a la carte format, New Year's Eve will bring especially elegant fare (including oysters) and family-style options for sharing.

Roman's [243 Dekalb Ave. near Clermont Avenue in Fort Greene, (718) 622–5300, romansnyc.com].

Brooklyn's never-ending stories

Finally, the holidays are here and you have time to read a good book — without taking the subway.

Settle in at home — or on the plane, the traveling never ends — and crack open some fantastic fiction, some meaty non-fiction, a beautiful graphic novel, or a spunky story for your little one.

Beloved Brooklyn bookstores Greenlight in Fort Greene and WORD bookstore in Greenpoint gave us their favorite reads this year.



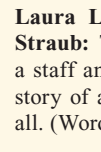
Big Mean Mike, Michelle Knudsen: If you're looking for a book for the little one in your life, this story of a big burly dog and some cute fuzzy bunnies is a sure bet. (Word)

Building Stories, Chris Ware:

Within this colorful keepsake box the purchaser will find a fully-apportioned variety of reading material ready to address the crushing sense of life wasted — presented beautifully. (Greenlight)



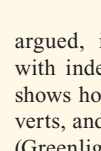
Far From the Tree, Andrew Solomon: Elegantly reported by a spectacularly original thinker, this book about raising exceptional children explores themes of generosity, acceptance, and tolerance. (Greenlight)



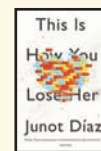
Laura Lamont's Life in Pictures, Emma Straub: This tale of Hollywood captured is a staff and customer favorite. It's a beautiful story of a full life, pitfalls and triumphs and all. (Word)



NW, Zadie Smith: Brooklynites love Smith, and her new novel is a brilliant take on both city life and on the ways we form our identities. (Word and Greenlight)



Quiet, Susan Cain: Passionately argued, impressively researched, and filled with indelible stories of real people, "Quiet" shows how dramatically we undervalue introverts, and how much we lose in doing so. (Greenlight)



This Is How You Lose Her, Junot Diaz: It was no surprise that Diaz's new short story collection was an instant success — his writing is engaging, funny, and incredibly moving. (Word and Greenlight)

Wonder, RJ Palacio: Both adults and kids have been crazy for Palacio's debut, and critics of children's book call it the break-out book of the year. (Word)



Greenlight Bookstore [686 Fulton St., at South Portland Avenue in Fort Greene, (718) 246–0200, greenlightbookstore.com] and Word Bookstore [126 Franklin St. at Milton Street in Greenpoint, (718) 383–0096, www.wordbrooklyn.com].

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Zarzuella de Mariscos
(lobster tail, clams, mussels, shrimp in lobster sauce)
Pollo Madrileña (chicken breast stuffed with ham & cheese)
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■ AROUND TOWN

BEST BITES OF 2012

Here are the most delicious dishes made in Brooklyn

By Will Levitt

Whether standing, sitting, or eating on the go, after a year of living in Brooklyn, most borough residents can boast that they've eaten everything under the sun.

In case the blur of food has left you in a daze, here's the most delectable dishes of 2012:

1. The Scuttlebutt Sandwich at Saltie, Williamsburg

You start smiling as soon as you order this sandwich. "I'll have a Scuttlebutt for here, please" — it's fun to say. You'll keep smiling as you wait for your sandwich in the adorable bite-sized shop, outfitted with nautical gear and staffed by a friendly, eager-to-please staff. But you'll have to smile and chew at the same time once your Scuttlebutt arrives and you take a bite. Sandwiched between two homemade slices of meaty Italian focaccia, the Scuttlebutt carries olives, capers, herbs, pickles, feta, hard-boiled egg and a slathering of fabulous aioli. Bright, balanced and briny, it's one happy sandwich.

[378 Metropolitan Ave. at Havemeyer Street, in Williamsburg, (718) 387-4777, www.saltieny.com].



2. The Finocchio Flower Power Pizza at Krescendo, Boerum Hill

Though she rose to fame as a pastry chef, Elizabeth Falkner has made a name for herself and her restaurant Krescendo with the Finocchio Flower Power. Falkner, who won the 2012 Naples World Pizza Cup, is bound to gain a legion of adoring fans thanks to the pie, which is topped with panna, provolone, braised fennel, fennel fronds, fennel sausage, fennel pollan, and fiori di finocchio. It's a celebration of fennel in all its forms, but with a light, flavorful dough charred just right in their wood-burning oven, it's really a celebration of pizza in its highest form.

[364 Atlantic Ave. between Hoyt and Bond streets in Boerum Hill, (718) 330-0888, www.krescendobrooklyn.com].



3. The Miso Ramen at Naruto Ramen, Park Slope



It's well known that not all ramen is created equal. Park Slope's crowded ramen joint Naruto Ramen serves big bowls of the good stuff that won't break the bank like Momofuku Noodle Bar or some of the other trendier spots in town.

My favorite at Naruto is the miso variety, which adds depth to an already flavorful soup stock. Atop the soup and chewy ramen noodles sits a fish cake, roast pork, boiled egg, radish, and scallions and nori. For \$9 (they have great deals Tuesday–Thursday as well), this might be some of the best ramen in town.

[276 Fifth Ave. between Garfield Place and Second Street in Park Slope, (718) 832-1111, www.narutoterakawa.com].

4. The Onion Quiche at Ovenly, Greenpoint

It has been said that if eggs were as rare as truffles, they would be even more valuable. The lovely Ovenly in Greenpoint, an oasis of baked goods quietly placed along the industrial Greenpoint waterfront, proves this saying true. While the tiny outpost is better known for some of the city's best oven-made sweets, the savory items stack up too. The onion quiche sitting on the counter always catches my eye, and proves itself a perfect treatment of the delicate egg. It has rich, creamy eggs baked into a light, flavorful quiche. No easy feat, but Ovenly bakes magic every time.

[31 Greenpoint Ave. at West Street, in Greenpoint, (347) 689-3608, www.oven.ly].



5. The Agnolotti, Hunter's, Smith Street

Agnolotti, the folded ravioli hailing from the Piedmont region of Italy, are not easy to come by in the States. Particularly hard to come by are the agnolotti that stand up to their Italian-made cousins. But at Hunter's Brooklyn in Cobble Hill, the tiny morsels are prepared with winter squash, sage, pumpkin seeds and Brussels sprouts — and they recall Northern Italy in every bite. Warm, buttery, and comforting, this dish is an escape to Italy right on Smith Street.

[213 Smith St. between Baltic and Butler streets in Cobble Hill, (718) 246-2221, www.huntersbrooklyn.com].



Watch them go! Don't miss these bands next year

By Eric Dryden

1. Ava Luna

These art rockers cram their tunes with buckets of disco and soul. Think Dirty Projectors meets Otis Redding and Donna Summers. Singer Carlos Hernandez bravely leads the band on guitar, synth, and vocals. He's supported by the lovely voices of Becca Kaufman, who also plays guitar, and Felicia Douglass, who also plays synthesizer. Their live performances showcase the group's fantastic chemistry and musicianship. Look for them to blow up after their tour in the beginning of 2013.



2. Lily and the Parlour Tricks

A sauntering trio of female vocalists fronts Lily and the Parlour Tricks, lead by the intoxicating Lily Claire. The band's performance often suggests a night in a New Orleans gin joint, but with some fierce, distorted guitar work, which makes their sound so dynamic. They demonstrate that range in an incredible live mashup of Black Sabbath's "War Pigs," Missy Elliot's "The Rain," and Nine Inch Nails "Closer" that is not to be missed.



3. Bear Hands

This band filled the Williamsburg venue Glasslands recently and blew the place out. Lead vocalist and guitarist Dylan Rau has a distinct, lashing vocal delivery, which compliments the band's fierce, yet danceable, music. It's always fun to watch a band that's been working for a few years and is really hitting their stride. They play Brooklyn shows frequently so be sure to find them before those ticket prices go up.



4. Little Green Cars

All the way from Ireland, the group recently signed a record deal with Glassnote records, which also represents Mumford and Sons. While there are definitely shared qualities between the bands in terms of vocal harmonizing and constructing anthemic songs, Little Green Cars' sound is more electric and modern. Their single "The John Wayne" is one of the best songs of 2012 and will have people singing along in offices and car rides for years to come.



5. Dent May

Dent May is a funky, synth rock band that wowed music fans in an unbelievably loud show in the basement of the Cake Shop. They are an unassuming group, letting their talent do the talking. Strong, mobilizing bass rhythms and drums allow the guitarist and namesake, Dent May, do the work he can do with cooing vocals and wandering guitar work. Hopefully they come back to Brooklyn soon — noted music writers are already offering up their couches.



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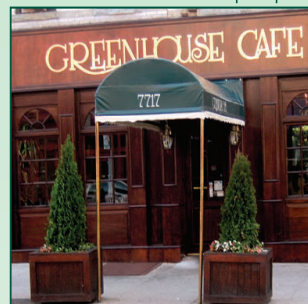
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FREE LIVE MUSIC: Freddy's Bar in Brooklyn is proud to present the acclaimed Folk Rock group Ray G Ward & the Light, along with special guest Cancion Franklin, in concert on Friday, December 28 at 9 PM. The show is free to the public. Free. 9 pm. Freddy's Bar [627 Fifth Ave. between 17th and 18th streets in Greenwood Heights (718) 768-0131] www.freddysbar.com.

MOVIE NIGHT: Shorts and a full length family appropriate movie. Free! 6:15. The Moxie Spot [81 Atlantic Ave. between Hicks and Henry streets in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 923-9710], themoxiespot.com.

GLOBAL SHOES: The exhibit, which incorporates cultural artifacts from the museum's collection and a variety of hands-on, feet-on activities, encourages children and their families to explore global cultures within the context of fantasy shoe store and factory. Suitable for children 5 to 12 years old. \$7.50 (Free for members and children under 1). 10 am-5 pm. Brooklyn Children's

Museum [145 Brooklyn Ave. at St. Marks Avenue in Crown Heights (718) 735-4400] www.brooklynkids.org.

ICE SKATING: Bring your own skates or rent a pair. \$9 (\$7 children) plus \$5 skate rental fee. 11 am-4:20 pm and 7 TO 11 pm. Aviator Sports and Events Center [3159 Flatbush Ave. (718) 758-7500].

CELEBRATE KWANZAA: Children 5 years old and younger learn about this African inspired holiday and its traditions, then make a craft. Free with museum admission. 11:30 am-12:30 pm and 2:30-3:30 pm. Brooklyn Children's Museum [145 Brooklyn Ave. at St. Marks Avenue in Crown Heights (718) 735-4400] www.brooklynkids.org.

NEEDLECRAFTING: Before video games, movies and TV there were indoor projects that helped pass the long winter nights. Try your hand at needlepoint. Free. 1-3 pm. Lefferts Historic Homestead [452 Flatbush Ave. between Empire Boulevard and Eastern Parkway in Park Slope (718) 789-2822] www.prospect-park.org.

HOLIDAY CIRCUS: Hosted by the Jolly old elf himself, the production features illusionist Brad Ross, canine trainer Irina Markova, the Castle Performing Bears and the clowns Alex Barney and Bill Murray. \$35-\$55. 3 and 7 pm. Millennium Theatre [1029 Brighton Beach Ave. at Brighton 11th Street in Brighton Beach, (718) 615-1500] www.holidaycircus.com.

BARCLAYS, NBA BASKETBALL: The Brooklyn Nets take on the Charlotte Bobcats. Starting at \$15. 7:30 pm. Barclays Center [620 Atlantic Ave. at Flatbush Avenue in Downtown, (212) 359-6387] www.BarclaysCenter.com.

MUSIC, BEAT GOES ON: Come through for a 90s hip-hop revival to benefit families of storm-hit PS 41 in Staten Island. \$15. 9 pm. Public Assembly [70 N. Sixth St. at Wythe Avenue in Williamsburg, (718) 782-5188], www.publicassemblynyc.com.

MUSIC, ELECTRONIC ROCK: Brothers David and Robert and Perlick Molinari, originally from Milwaukee, make up the electro-rock duo that is the French Horn Rebellion. They will play a melodic mix that will get music-lovers on their feet. \$8-\$12. 11:59pm. Cameo Gallery [93 North 6th St. in Williamsburg, (718) 302-1180] www.cameoony.net.

SAT, DEC. 29

MUSIC, JUMBO SHRIMP: Prawn plays with Gifts From Enola, Gates, Caravela. \$8. 7 pm. Public Assembly [70 N. Sixth St. at Wythe Avenue in Williamsburg, (718) 782-5188], www.publicassemblynyc.com.

MUSIC, TECHNO: Juan Atkins, widely known as "The Godfather of Techno" and one of the founders of the genre, will blow the roof off the Cameo Gallery. \$15-\$20. 11:59 pm. Cameo Gallery [93 North 6th St. in Williamsburg, (718) 302-1180] www.cameoony.net.

PARK SLOPE FLEA MARKET: Peruse antiques, collectibles, vintage, crafts, and furniture. 8 am-6 pm. PS 321 [180 Seventh Ave. between First and Second streets in Park Slope (917) 991-7807] www.parkslopeflea-market.com.

CELEBRATE KWANZAA: 11:30 am-12:30 pm and 2:30-3:30 pm.

See Friday, Dec. 28.

ICE SKATING: Noon-5:30 pm and 6-11 pm. See Friday, Dec. 28.

QUILT SHOW: The 21st annual show features theme of Cool-whether it's a cold wintery science, and cool colors. \$3. Noon-4 pm. Lefferts Historic Homestead [452 Flatbush Ave. between Empire Boulevard and Eastern Parkway in Park Slope (718) 789-2822] www.prospect-park.org.

NEEDLECRAFTING: 1-3 pm. See Friday, Dec. 28.

BARCLAYS, NBA BASKETBALL: The Brooklyn Nets take on the Cleveland Cavaliers. Starting at \$15. 7:30 pm. Barclays Center [620 Atlantic Ave. at Flatbush Avenue in Downtown, (212) 359-6387] www.BarclaysCenter.com.

SUN, DEC. 30

TOYS FOR TOTS DRIVE: See Friday, Dec. 28.

MUSIC, GOD LIVES IN JAZZ: Join us on December 30, 2012 to experience worship like never before with our special Holiday installment of our Jazz Vespers series, featuring the Jimmy Heath Quintet. Free. 3-4:30 pm. Emmanuel Baptist Church [279 Lafayette Ave. in Fort Greene (718) 622-1107] ebcholidayjazz-vespers.eventbrite.com.

SUNDAYS@SENESH: For newborns to preschoolers, includes open play in gym, guided play in music and movement, led by a early childhood instructor. \$15. 9 am-noon. Hannah Senesh Community Day School [342 Smith St. between First and Second place in Carroll Gardens (718) 858-8663].

3, 2, 1 HAPPY NEW YEAR: Children 5 years old and younger add a wish to the museum's New Year's Wish Mural, decorate a party hat and noisemaker. Free with museum admission. 11:30 am-12:30 pm and 2:30-3:30 pm. Brooklyn Children's Museum [145 Brooklyn Ave. at St. Marks Avenue in Crown Heights (718) 735-4400] www.brooklynkids.org.

GROUP, SINGLE WOMEN: Group forming 45 to 65 years old for movies, shows, lunch, dinner and trips. No walk-ins. RSVP required. Free. 2 pm. El Greco Restaurant [1821 Emmons Ave. at Sheephead Bay Road in Sheephead Bay, (718) 336-7908].

MON, DEC. 31

NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION: Calling all tweens and younger to come on down and celebrate the new year with balloons, noise-makers and a glass of ginger all to toast the countdown. Free. 7 pm. UNO Chicago Grill [9201 Fourth Ave. at 92nd Street in Bay Ridge (718) 748-8667] www.unos.com.

FIREWORKS: Come on down to the star-studded, annual celebration of New Year's eve with great entertainment, hot refreshments and fantastic firework display. Free. 11 pm-12:30 am. Grand Army Plaza (Union Street between Flatbush Avenue and Prospect Park West in Park Slope).

TUES, JAN. 1

SINGALONG: Come clap, dance, sing or just watch! \$2.50. 11:00. The Moxie Spot [81 Atlantic Ave. between Hicks and Henry streets in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 923-9710], themoxiespot.com.

NEEDLECRAFTING: 1-3 pm. See Friday, Dec. 28.

TEEN GAME TIME: Children 13-18 years old play video games. Free. 3-4 pm. Paerdegat Branch Library [850 E. 59th St. at Flatlands Avenue in Canarsie (718) 241-3994] www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org.

WED, JAN. 2

DANCE, DANCE CLASS: The Federation of Italian American Organizations of Brooklyn (FIAO) is again sponsoring its popular free ballroom dance instruction for teens and seniors alike in its ballroom dance classes on Wednesday nights. Special bonus: the instructor will be Carmine "Big Screacher" Santa Maria. Free. 6 pm. I.S. 96 [99 Avenue P, between W. 11th and W. 12th streets in Gravesend, (718) 232-2266].

THURS, JAN. 3

TOYS FOR TOTS DRIVE: See Friday, Dec. 28.

FRI, JAN. 4

ENTERTAINMENT, STORIES AND SPOKES: Biko Center in Bushwick Brooklyn will host its series First Fridays Live. This series brings the performing Arts to the community of Bushwick Brooklyn. On Jan 4th the program will feature "Stories and Rhythms of Polynesia and South India." \$20. 7 pm. Biko Center [1474 Bushwick Ave. in Bushwick, (917) 517-8558], www.bikocenter.org.

ART OPENING RECEPTION: NURTUREART is pleased to present The Order of Things, curated by Jamillah James and featuring artists: Lisha Bai, Leah Beeferman, Ethan Greenbaum, Elisa Lendvay, Demetrius Oliver, Allyson Vieira, and Joe Winter. The Order of Things considers the shift in our relationship to the universe in light of recent apocalyptic predictions. Free. 7-9 pm. NURTUREART [56 Bogart St. in Bushwick (718) 782-7755] www.nurtureart.org.

BLOOMING BABIES: Baby its cold outside is suitable for children 18 months to 2 and 1/2 years and teaches the little ones about the animals around the world and how they keep warm during the winter months. Free with museum admission. 11:30 am to 12:30 pm. Brooklyn Children's Museum [145 Brooklyn Ave. at St. Marks Avenue in Crown Heights (718) 735-4400] www.brooklynkids.org.

THREE KINGS DAY: Children 5 years old and younger make a jeweled crown to take home and discover the origins of the holiday. Free with museum admission. 2:30-3:30 pm. Brooklyn Children's Museum [145 Brooklyn Ave. at St. Marks Avenue in Crown Heights (718) 735-4400] www.brooklynkids.org.

SAT, JAN. 5

TOYS FOR TOTS DRIVE: See Friday, Dec. 28.

GLOBAL SHOES: 10 am-5 pm. See Friday, Dec. 28.

QUILT SHOW: Noon-4 pm. See Saturday, Dec. 29.

TRAIN WORKSHOP: Children of all ages create a grand central city in honor of the 100 birthday of Grand Central Terminal. Free with museum admission. 1:30 pm. New York Transit Museum [Boerum Place at Schermerhorn Street in Downtown, (718) 694-1600], www.mta.info/mta/museum.

BARCLAYS, NBA BASKETBALL: The Brooklyn Nets take on the Sacramento Kings. Starting at \$15. 7:30 pm. Barclays Center [620 Atlantic Ave. at Flatbush Avenue in Downtown, (212) 359-6387] www.BarclaysCenter.com.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: QUAD-ROUND LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/27/2012. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: Irina Shin, 835 Bay Ridge Avenue, #1R, Brooklyn, NY 11220. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

LEGAL NOTICE**Notice of Lien Sale:**

On Thursday January 10, 2012 at 1:00p.m., Secure Self Storage, located at 2829 West 21st Street, Brooklyn NY, 11224, will hold a lien sale. The contents of the storage units listed below will be sold for cash to the highest bidder. Contents are household goods, furniture, etc. For more information please call (718) 266-2600.

1000 Delia Sierra, 1094 Sabrina Horgan, 1099 Maria Guarnaccia, 1104 Ervin Jr. Johnson, 1121 Debra Jones-Ford, 1123 Elazar L. Lazarovitch, 1132 Mustafa Twaiti, 1145 Anselmo Paulino, 1154 Tatyana Galkovskaya, 1155 Zev Brenner, 1156 Zev Brenner, 1171 Alexandra Alieva, 1175 Olga Novikova, 1183 Kwok Men Chu, 1185 Kathleen Graham, 1195 Josif Mamrout, 1198 Jacqueline Aguilar, 1207 Michael Pan, 1211 Angelo Gordon, 1213 Oksana Chatkeviciene, 1220 E.M. Mohammed, 1221 Carl Muraco, 1221 Fabers Arcade, Inc. 1225 Rosa Suarez, 1229 Andre Jones.
Auctioneer: JP Lacon

LEGAL NOTICE**NOTICE OF SALE**

SUPREME COURT: KINGS COUNTY. THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON F/K/A THE BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE ON BEHALF OF CIT MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2007-1, Pltf. vs. DANIEL MARLON, Deft. Index #12629/08. Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale entered Aug. 22, 2012, I will sell at public auction in Room 274 of Kings County Supreme Court,

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360 Adams St., Brooklyn, NY on Jan. 10, 2013 at 2:30 p.m., prem. k/a 2409 Snyder Ave., Brooklyn, NY a/k/a Section 16, Block 5107, Lot 108. Said property beginning at a point on the Northerly side of Snyder Ave. with the Westerly side of Lott St.; being a plot 42 ft. 3 1/2 in. x 18 ft. 6 in. x 18 ft. Approx. amt. of judgment is \$604,798.35 plus costs and interest. Sold subject to terms and conditions of filed judgment and terms of sale. HENRY J. ACHIRON, Referee. COHN & ROTH, Attys. for Pltf., 100 East Old Country Rd., Mineola, NY. #82034

LEGAL NOTICE**SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS AND NOTICE**

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK - COUNTY OF KINGS INDEX NO. 13802/2011 NYCTL 2010-A TRUST AND THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, AS COLLATERAL AGENT AND CUSTODIAN FOR THE NYCTL 2010-A TRUST, Plaintiffs -against- J.E. ROBERTS HOLDINGS INC., ANNA VIOLA, and all of her respective heirs, next of kin, distributees, devisees, grantees, trustees, lienors, creditors, assignees and successors in interest, if they or any of them be dead, and their respective husbands, wives or widows, if any, all of whom and whose names and places or residence are unknown to plaintiff, except as herein stated, UNLIMITED LYNX CO., THE NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE, THE NEW YORK CITY ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD, ANTHONY VIOLA REALTY, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA-INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, and "JOHN DOE No. 1" through "JOHN DOE No. 100" inclusive, the names of the last 100 defendants being fictitious, the true names of said, defendants being unknown to plaintiffs, it

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being intended to designate fee owners, tenants or occupants of the lien premises and/or persons or parties having or claiming an interest in or a lien upon the lien premises, if the aforesaid individual defendants be dead, their heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, committees, devisees, legatees, and the assignees, lienors, creditors and successors in interest of them, and generally all persons having or claiming under, by, through, or against the said defendants named as a class, of any right, title, or interest in or lien upon the premises described in the complaint herein, Defendants.

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 101 HAMILTON AVENUE, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK BLOCK: 357 LOT: 13.

TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the complaint is not served with this summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the Plaintiff Attorney(s) within 20 days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York); and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint.

The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the tax lien described above. Plaintiff designates Kings County as the place of trial. Venue is based upon the county where the Property being foreclosed upon is located.

NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME

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FILED THIS FORECLOSURE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT, A DEFAULT JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED AND YOU MAY LOSE YOUR HOME.

SPEAK TO AN ATTORNEY OR GO TO THE COURT WHERE YOUR CASE IS PENDING FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON HOW TO ANSWER THE SUMMONS AND PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY.

SENDING A PAYMENT TO THE PLAINTIFF WILL NOT STOP THIS FORECLOSURE ACTION.

YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT.

WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT, ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Dated: September 27, 2011

New York, New York
ROSENBERG & ESTIS, P.C.
JAMIE C. KRAPP, ESQ.
ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFFS

733 THIRD AVENUE
NEW YORK, NEW YORK
10017

PHONE: (212) 867-6000
TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: The foregoing supplemental summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an Order of the Court dated OCTOBER 9, 2012 and filed along with the supporting papers in the Kings County Clerk's Office. This is an action to foreclose a tax lien.

SCHEDULE 1 - DESCRIPTION

ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the County of Kings, Borough of Brooklyn, City and State of New York, known and designated on the City of New York Tax Map as Block 357 Lot 13.

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Sealed bids will be received as set forth in instructions to bidders until 10:30 a.m. on January 24, 2013, at the NYS Dept. of Transportation,

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Contract Management Bureau, 1ST FLOOR SUITE 1CM, 50 WOLF RD, ALBANY, NY 12232 and will then be publicly read. A certified or cashier's check payable to the NYS Dept. of Transportation for the sum specified in the proposal or a bid bond (FORM CONR 391) representing "25% of the bid total" as specified in the contract proposal must accompany each bid. Bids may also be submitted via the internet using Bid Express (www.bidx.com). The Department reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Construction contract plans and proposals are sold only on compact disk (CD). The cost is \$10 per CD, plus \$8 shipping and handling if the CD is not purchased in person. The CD includes both the plans (if applicable) and the proposal in Adobe Acrobat PDF file format. Plans and proposals in Adobe Acrobat PDF format are also available on Bid Express (www.bidx.com) for a monthly subscription fee. CDs can be obtained from the NYSDOT, Plan Sales Unit, 1st Floor Suite 1PS, 50 Wolf Road, Albany, NY 12232, (518) 457-2124; or from the Regional Office noted below. Requirements: NYSDOT requires that all bidders and subcontractors present evidence of experience and financial standing. Subcontracting Provisions: Subcontracting is permitted as described in the Standard Specification B108-05. *Please call Contracts at (518) 457-3583 if you need a reasonable accommodation for person(s) with a disability to participate in our program. No Amendments are included on the CD. Amendments are posted on the NYSDOT and Bid Express Web Sites. The Contractor is responsible for ensuring that all Amendments have been incorporated into its bid. Notification on Amendments issued after a CD is purchased will be sent via e-mail to each person or firm purchasing CDs from the NYSDOT. NOTE: Amendments may have been issued prior to CD purchase. Contractors who pur-

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chased CDs must also check the NYSDOT Web Site (https://www.dot.ny.gov/doing-business/opportunities/const-notice) for a list of all Amendments. State Finance Law B139-j restricts contact with Department personnel after advertisement or notice of a government procurement. Details are provided on the NYSDOT Web Site. Federally Aided Contracts identify a DBE Goal, and 100% NY State Funded Contracts identify both MBE and WBE Goals. Contracts with 0% Goals are generally single operation contracts, where subcontracting is not expected, and smaller size contracts, both of which may present direct bidding opportunities for a Small Business Firm, including, but not limited to, D/W/MBEs. The New York State Department of Transportation, in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. 2000d-2, 2000d-4 and Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Department of Transportation, Subtitle A, Office the Secretary, Part 21, Nondiscrimination in Federally-assisted programs of the Department of Transportation and Title 23 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 200, Title VI Program and Related Statutes, as amended, issued pursuant to such Act, hereby notifies all who respond to a written Department solicitation, request for proposal or invitation for bid that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability/handicap and income status in consideration for an award. BIDDERS SHOULD BE ADVISED THAT AWARD OF THESE CONTRACTS MAY BE CONTINGENT UPON THE PASSAGE OF A BUDGET APPROPRIATION BILL BY THE LEGISLATURE AND GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

LEGAL NOTICE

Reg. 10, Subi Chakraborti, Regional Director, NYS Office Building, Veterans Memorial Highway, Hauppauge, NY 11788 D262220, PIN 0809.09, F.A. Proj. M230-0809-093, Nassau & Suffolk Cos., 2013 Durable Pavement Markings Contract, Bid Deposit \$750,000.00, NO PLANS, Proposals on CDs \$10, plus \$8 Postage. THIS CONTRACT CONTAINS SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR COMPLETION OF WORK. PLEASE SEE PROPOSAL FOR DETAILS. Goals: DBE 3% BG 1X 12/27/12

LEGAL NOTICE

1136 BUSHWICK LLC, a domestic LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 8/7/12. Office location: Kings County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Jack M. Sasson, 1947 E. 1st St., Brooklyn, NY 11223. General Purposes.

LEGAL NOTICE

1156 Myrtle Avenue LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/15/12. Off. Loc.: Kings Co. SSNY desig. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 2565 E. 17th St., Brooklyn, NY 11235. General Purposes.

LEGAL NOTICE

11 DECATUR, LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 12/5/12. Office in Kings Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 688 Sackett St., Brooklyn, NY 11217. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

LEGAL NOTICE

196 COURT ST LLC Art. Of Org. Filed Sec. of State of NY 07/02/2012. Off. Loc.:Kings Co. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY to mail copy of process to The LLC, 235 Court Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

LEGAL NOTICE

198 COURT ST LLC Art. Of Org. Filed Sec. of State of NY 07/19/2012. Off. Loc.:Kings Co. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY to mail copy of process to The LLC, 235 Court Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

LEGAL NOTICE

216 COURT ST LLC Art. Of Org. Filed Sec. of State of NY 07/02/2012. Off. Loc.:Kings Co. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY to mail copy of process to The LLC, 235 Court Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

LEGAL NOTICE

239 14TH STREET LLC App. for Auth. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 12/10/2012. LLC was organized in DE on 11/19/2012. Office in Kings Co. SSNY desig. as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY to mail copy of process to c/o Laura S. Hobbgood, 184 State St., Brooklyn, NY 11201. Required office at c/o BlumbergExcelsior Corp., Services, Inc., 1220 N. Market St., Ste. 606, Wilmington, DE 19801. Cert. of Org. filed with SSDE, 401 Federal St., Dover DE 19901. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

LEGAL NOTICE

247 GREENE AVENUE REALTY LLC, a domestic LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 7/27/12. Office location: Kings County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 129 Louisiana Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11207. General Purposes.

LEGAL NOTICE

325 WYCKOFF, LLC Art. Of Org. Filed Sec. Of State of NY 04/05/2012. Off. Loc.: Kings Co. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY to mail copy of process to THE LLC, 369 Palmetto Street, Brooklyn, NY 11237. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

LEGAL NOTICE

33 Nevins St LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 5/11/12. Office in Kings County. SSNY designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 4403 15th Ave #155, Brooklyn, NY 11219. Purpose: General.

LEGAL NOTICE

582 SECOND STREET REALTY LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/25/2012. Office loc: Kings County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: P.O. Box 310803, Brooklyn, NY 11231. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

LEGAL NOTICE

623 BERGEN STREET LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 12/7/12. Office in Kings Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 97 Marks St., Brooklyn, NY 11217, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

LEGAL NOTICE

6749 REALTY LLC, a domestic LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/25/12. Office location: Kings County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 6749 5th Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11220. General Purposes.

LEGAL NOTICE

8777 19 AVE, LLC , a domestic LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/24/12. Office location: Kings County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 1260 73rd St., Brooklyn, NY 11228. General Purposes.

LEGAL NOTICE

Atlantic Real Estate NY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 04/18/12. Off. Loc.: Kings Co. SSNY desig. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 60 Henry St., Ste 6B, NY, NY 10002. General Purposes.

LEGAL NOTICE

AMLIFE II LLC, a domestic LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/16/12. Office location: Kings County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Jack Segal, Esq., P.C., 1428 36th St., Ste. 219, Brooklyn, NY 11218. General Purposes.

LEGAL NOTICE

BANG STUDIO LLC Art. Of Org. Filed Sec. of State of NY 05/16/2012. Off. Loc.:Kings Co. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY to mail copy of process to The LLC C/O, 273 Van Brunt Street, Brooklyn, NY 11231. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

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BHG CLEANING SERVICES LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/31/2012. Office loc: Kings County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 81 Wiloughby St., Brooklyn, NY 11201. Reg Agent: Gregory Roberts, 81 Wiloughby St., Brooklyn, NY 11201. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

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CHOE'S HAPKIDO, LLC Art. Of Org. Filed Sec. of State of NY 08/09/2012. Off. Loc.:Kings Co. Corporation Service Company designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY to mail copy of process to The LLC C/O CSC, 80 State Street, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

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CLEAN PREMISE LLC Art. Of Org. Filed Sec. of State of NY 10/05/2012. Off. Loc.:Kings Co. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY to mail copy of process to The LLC, 210 E. 51 Street, Suite A19, Brooklyn, NY 11203. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

LEGAL NOTICE

CRUMCHAU LLC, a domestic LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 9/28/12. Office location: Kings County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 593 E. 17th, Apt. 1, Brooklyn, NY 11226. General Purposes.

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DM GUEST HOUSE, LLC Art. Of Org. Filed Sec. of State of NY 01/04/2012. Off. Loc.:Kings Co. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY to mail copy of process to The LLC, 190 Hancock Street, #1, Brooklyn, NY 11216. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

LEGAL NOTICE

EVERGREEN KINGS REALTY LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/10/12. Office Location: Kings County, SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: The LLC, 659 46th St., Brooklyn, NY 11220. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act.

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Fleming Daycare, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/12/12. Off. Loc.: Kings Co. SSNY desig. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 1380 E. 70 St., Brooklyn, NY 11234. General Purposes.

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HYDE AND SEEK PRODUCTIONS LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/20/2012. Office loc: Kings County. SSNY has been

designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 670 Humboldt St. Apt. 2, Brooklyn, NY 11222. Reg Agent: Rhiannon Hyde, 670 Humboldt St. Apt. 2, Brooklyn, NY 11222. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

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IVYLULU GROUP, LLC Art. Of Org. Filed Sec. of State of NY 01/04/2012. Off. Loc.:Kings Co. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY to mail copy of process to The LLC, 190 Hancock Street, #1, Brooklyn, NY 11216. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

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JCP MEDICAL SUPPLIES LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 09/21/2012. Office loc: Kings County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 974 East 28 St., Brooklyn, NY 11210. Reg Agent: Pincus Zigelbaum, 974 East 28 St., Brooklyn, NY 11210. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

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Name of LLC: 479 Hicks Street, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State: 11/19/12. Office location: Kings County, Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: 3006 Quentin Rd., Brooklyn, NY 11229. Purpose: any lawful activity.

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Name of LLC: Allied Realty Associates LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State: 10/11/12. Office location: Kings County, Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: PO Box 220-036, Brooklyn, NY 11222. Purpose: any lawful activity.

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Name of LLC: RAMPA Millennium LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State: 10/16/12. Office loc.: Kings Co. Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: c/o Business Filings Inc., 187 Wolf Rd., Ste. 101, Albany, NY 12205, regd. agt. upon whom process may be served. Purpose: any lawful act.

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Name of LLC: SPS TWO, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State: 10/29/12. Office loc.: Kings Co. Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: c/o Business Filings Inc., 187 Wolf Rd., Ste. 101, Albany, NY 12205, regd. agt. upon whom process may be served. Purpose: any lawful act.

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Name of LLC: The Maestro Global Media Group LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State: 10/16/12. Office loc.: Kings Co. Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: c/o Business Filings Inc., 187 Wolf Rd., Ste. 101, Albany, NY 12205, regd. agt. upon whom process may be served. Purpose: any lawful act.

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Notice of formation of 107 North First Street Realty LLC Arts. of Org. filed with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/13/2012. Office location, County of Kings. The street address is: 107 No. First St., Bklyn. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Ochs & Goldberg, LLP. 60 E. 42nd St. #4600, NY NY 10165. Purpose: any lawful act.

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Notice of Formation of 453 40th Street, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/15/12. Office location: Kings

County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 15 West 44th St., 7th Fl., NY, NY 10036, also the principal office address. Purpose: any lawful activities.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 8308 MARTINELLI REALTY LLC Arts of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/23/12. Office location: Kings County, SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 1270 85th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: any lawful activity.

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Notice of Formation of Chip & Block, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State on 12/4/12. Office location: Kings County. Princ. bus. addr.: 190 Bedford Ave., #200, Brooklyn, NY 11249. Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: c/o CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, regd. agent upon whom process may be served. Purpose: all lawful purposes.

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Notice of Formation of A-Class Management LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/2/12. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: National Registered

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Notice of formation of EDO REALTY LLC. Art. Of Org. filed with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/14/12. Office in KINGS County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 105 Freeman St., Brooklyn, NY, 11222. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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Notice of formation of ETHOS MANAGEMENT SERVICES LLC. Art. Of Org. filed with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/18/12. Office in KINGS County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 1484 East 52nd Street, Brooklyn, NY 11234. Purpose: Finance/Collections /Consultant.

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Notice of Formation of FC 8 Spruce Street Residential, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State on 10/18/2012. Office location: Kings County. Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to the principal business address: FCRC Statutory Agent, LLC, 1 Metrotech Ctr., Brooklyn, NY 11201, Attn: David L. Berliner. Registered agent upon whom process may be served: FCRC Statutory Agent, LLC, 1 Metrotech Ctr., Brooklyn, NY 11201, Attn: General Counsel. Term: until 10/18/2062. Purpose: any lawful activity.

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Notice of Formation of FCRC Modular, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State on 5/14/2012. Office location: Kings County. Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to the principal business address: FCRC Statutory Agent, LLC, 1 Metrotech Ctr., Brooklyn, NY 11201, Attn: David L.

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Berliner. Registered agent upon whom process may be served: FCRC Statutory Agent, LLC, 1 Metrotech Ctr., Brooklyn, NY 11201, Attn: General Counsel. Term: until 5/11/2062. Purpose: any lawful activity.

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Notice of Formation of Great Lakes Public LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State on 6/27/12. Office location: Kings County. Princ. bus. addr.: 706 Manhattan Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11222. Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: Great Lakes Public, 56 Eckford St. #1, Brooklyn, NY 11222. Purpose: all lawful purposes.

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Notice of Formation of HRMBCATS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/13/12. Office location: Kings County. Princ. office of LLC: 67 Partrick Rd., Westport, CT 06880. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to c/o Ms. Helen M. Block at the princ. office of the LLC. Purpose: To own, manage and lease or sell real estate.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: AST PERSONAL WEALTH SOLUTIONS, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/02/2012. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: THE LLC, 6201 15th Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11219. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: C & H WIRING LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New

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York (SSNY) on 09/27/2012. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: THE LLC, 35-15 84th Street, 2H, Jackson Heights, NY 11372. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: 1150 84th STREET REALTY LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 12/28/07, with an existence date of 01/01/2008. Office location: Kings County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 1150 84th Street, Brooklyn, New York 11228. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: TIF-FANY PLAZA LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 06/15/12. Office location: Kings County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 9322 Third Avenue, Suite 502, Brooklyn, New York 11209. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: EASY TIGER APPS LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 10/18/2012. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: C/O United States Corporation Agents, Inc., 7014 13th Avenue, Suite 202, Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: 130 GUERNSEY ST. LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 07/09/12. Office location: Kings County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 61-61 70th Street, Middle Village, New York 11379. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: NYRE INV LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 10/10/12. Office location: Kings County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 1573 East 31st Street, Brooklyn, New York 11234. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: CRYSTAL CLEAR DESIGNS, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 09/28/2012. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: Jason Crystal, 257 Gold Street, #9Q, Brooklyn, NY 11201. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: 314 PARK SLOPE REALTY LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 12/16/2008. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY

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shall mail copy of process to: THE LLC, 706 Trumbull Street, Elizabeth, NJ 07201. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: Not-a-Box Media Lab LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/08/12. Office location: Kings County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 2209 Bay Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11210. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: OFFICE OF URBAN TERRAINS LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/21/2012. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: Yehre Suh, 96 S. Portland Avenue 7, Brooklyn, NY 11217. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: SOUTH BROOKLYN RADIOLOGY PLLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 08/31/2012. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: THE LLC, 19 Girard St., Brooklyn, NY 11235. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: PANARCHION GROUP LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/14/12. Office location: Kings

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County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 316 101st Street, Suite 41E, Brooklyn, New York 11209. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.

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Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC). Name: GROUNDED, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 08/23/2012. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: THE LLC 67 RUSSELL STREET, APT 2R BROOKLYN, NY 11222. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. BG6x 12/13, 20, 27 2012- 1/3, 10, 17 2013.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: 522 CITY ISLAND LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 10/16/2012. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: THE LLC, 2617 East 17th Street, Unit 7E, Brooklyn, NY 11235. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: 14 ST. FELIX STREET LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/07/12. Office location: Kings County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 180 Alden Road, Woodmere, New York 11598. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: 1948 MGMT LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 06/07/2012. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: LILY KWAI WAH LEUNG 1948 86TH STREET BROOKLYN, NY 11214. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC). Name: THE GIFT MOVIE LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/21/2012. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: THE LINDA HOAGLUND 400 SOUTH 3RD ST. BROOKLYN, NY 11211 Purpose: Any lawful purpose. BG6x12/27, 2012. 1/3, 10, 17, 24, 31 2013.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: AMANDA WACHOB STUDIO LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 09/07/2012. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: c/o United States Corporation Agents, Inc., 7014 13th Avenue, Suite 202, Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: 187 BAY 29th, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/16/12. The latest date of dissolution is 12/31/2100. Office location: Kings County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it

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may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 8910 15th Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11228. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: COMPLEX SYSTEMS AND REPRESENTATION LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/13/2012. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: THE LLC, 465 Warren Street, Apt. 2, Brooklyn, NY 11217. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of LIT FILMS LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 8/16/12. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to: 7014 13 Ave. #202, Bklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of Orion Property Holding LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY on 10/12/12. Office location: Kings County. SSNY has been designated as an agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is to: The LLC, 849 57th St., Brooklyn, NY 11220. Purpose: To engage in any lawful activity.

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Notice of Formation of Ruby's Place Linden L.P. Cert. filed with NY Dept. of State on 7/5/2012. Office location: Kings County. Sec. of State designated as agent of LP upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to the principal business addr.: c/o C.C.M.S., 1 Hoyt St., 7th Fl., Brooklyn, NY 11201. Name/addr. of genl. ptr. available from Sec. of State. Term: until 12/31/2090. Purpose: any lawful activity.

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Notice of formation of SD Mash North LLC Arts. of Org. filed with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/4/2012. Office location, County of Kings. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Cohen & Perfetto, LLP, 444 Madison Ave. 5th Fl., NY, NY 10022. Purpose: any lawful act.

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Notice of Formation of Soe Myint M.D. PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State on 9/24/12. Office location: Kings County. Sec. of State designated as agent of PLLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: 1923 78th St., Brooklyn, NY 11214, principal business address. Purpose: practice medicine.

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Notice of Formation of TUNG FAMILY ASSOCIATES, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/03/12. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 96 Sixth Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11217. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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Notice of Qualification of 95 EVERGREEN SOLAR, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/15/12. Office location: Kin

County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 11/05/12. Princ. office of LLC: 1205 Manhattan Ave., Ste. 1210, Brooklyn, NY 11222. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC at the princ. office of the LLC. DE addr. of LLC: c/o Corporation Service Co., 2711 Centerville Rd., Ste. 400, Wilmington, DE 19808. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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Notice of Qualification of HG 299 MESEROLE LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/03/12. Office location: Kings County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 08/24/12. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, c/o Sholom & Zuckerbrot Realty LLC, Kaufman Astoria Studios, 35-11 35th Ave., Long Island City, NY 11106. DE addr. of LLC: Corporation Service Co., 2711 Centerville Rd., Ste. 400, Wilmington, DE 19808. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, Div. of Corps., John G. Townsend Bldg., 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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Notice of Qualification of HG 299 MESEROLE LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/03/12. Office location: Kings County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 08/24/12. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, c/o Sholom & Zuckerbrot Realty LLC, Kaufman Astoria Studios, 35-11 35th Ave., Long Island City, NY 11106. DE addr. of LLC: Corporation Service Co., 2711 Centerville Rd., Ste. 400, Wilmington, DE 19808. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State. Div. of

Corps., John G. Townsend Bldg., 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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Notice of Qualification of Kings Plaza Energy LLC. Authority filed with NY Dept. of State on 11/19/12. Office location: Kings County. Princ. bus. addr.: 401 Wilshire Blvd., Ste. 700, Santa Monica, CA 90401. LLC formed in DE on 11/14/12. NY Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: c/o CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, regd. agent upon whom process may be served. DE addr. of LLC: c/o The Corporation Trust Co., 1209 Orange St., Wilmington, DE 19801. Cert. of Form. filed with DE Sec. of State, P.O. Box 898, Dover, DE 19903. Purpose: all lawful purposes.

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Notice of Qualification of Lamonica's Pizza Dough International, LLC. Authority filed with NY Dept. of State on 10/31/12. Office location: Kings County. LLC formed in DE on 5/9/12. NY Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: The LLC, 1066 Gayley Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90024, principal business address. DE address of LLC: National Corporate Research, Ltd., 615 S. DuPont Hwy., Dover, DE 19901. Cert. of Form. filed with DE Sec. of State, P.O. Box 898, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: all lawful purposes.

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Notice of Qualification of Southwest Brooklyn Health Home LLC. Authority filed with NY Dept. of State on 11/8/12. Office location: Kings County. LLC formed in DE on 8/14/12. NY Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: Maimonides

Medical Center, Attn: General Counsel, 4802 Tenth Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11219, principal business address. DE address of LLC: 615 S. DuPont Hwy., Dover, DE 19901. Cert. of Form. filed with DE Sec. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity.

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NYC MUSIC AND DANCE LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/02/2012. Office loc: Kings County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Melody Blasenheim, 26 Dayton Lane, Manalapan, NJ 07726. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

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PORTFOLIO TV LLC, a domestic LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/16/12. Office location: Kings County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 396 Hancock St., #3, Brooklyn, NY 11216. General Purposes.

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President Villa Design & Decoration LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/10/12. Off. Loc.: Kings Co. SSNY desig. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 465 Ocean Pkwy., Apt. 3H, Brooklyn, NY 11218. General Purposes.

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PROJECTION CAPITAL MARKETS, LLC, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 5/7/12. Office location: Kings County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, c/o George Tull, 2284 E. 65th St., Brooklyn, NY 11234. General Purposes.

RCL Sales LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/09/12. Off. Loc.: New York Co. SSNY desig. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 8843 18th Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11214. General Purposes.

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ROBERT WHITEFORD, LLC, a domestic LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/30/12. Office location: Kings County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 255 Hicks St., Brooklyn, NY 11201. General Purposes.

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Ryan Boran Productions LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/29/12. Off. Loc.: Kings Co. SSNY desig. as agt. upon whom process may be

served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 109 Luquer St., 2A, Brooklyn, NY 11231. General Purposes.

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THERESE COLE GROUP, LLC Art. Of Org. Filed Sec. of State of NY 01/04/2012. Off. Loc.:Kings Co. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY to mail copy of process to The LLC, 190 Hancock Street, #1, Brooklyn, NY 11216. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

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TJS & KS, LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/04/2012. Office loc: Kings County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 1010 Hancock St, Brooklyn, NY 11221. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

VESTAL LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/10/2012. Office location: Kings County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: U.S. Corp. Agents, Inc., 7014 13th Ave., Ste. 202, Brooklyn, NY 11228. Reg Agent: U.S. Corp. Agents, Inc., 7014 13th Ave., Ste. 202, Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

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Name of LLC: GetupandRide LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State: 5/10/12. Office loc.: Kings Co. Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: c/o Business Filings Inc., 187 Wolf Rd., Ste. 101, Albany, NY 12205, regd. agt. upon whom process may be served. Purpose: any lawful act.

Notice is hereby given that a license, number TBD for beer and wine has been applied for by Angelvan Corp., d/b/a Cafe Ange Noir, at retail in a restaurant under the Alcohol Beverage Control Law at 247 Varet Street, Brooklyn, NY 11206, for on-premises consumption.

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— Bishop Ford's Jill Conroy

● 'I didn't want to disappoint him as a player.'

— Fontbonne's Cindy Henderson

Senior guard leads Fontbonne to victory

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

The Bonnies were down at the half, so Cindy Henderson stepped up.

Fontbonne Hall coach Steve Oliver pulled his senior guard aside during the midway break and put it to her plain and simple — the Bonnies were struggling to score and he was counting on her to lead them to victory. Henderson, who scored eight points, went to work on both ends of the hardwood and earned her team a hard-fought 30-26 win over the visiting St. John's Prep Red Storm in Brooklyn-Queens Division II girls basketball last Wednesday.

Henderson said she was happy to help when Oliver asked.

"He doesn't disappoint me as a coach, so, I didn't want to disappoint him as a player," she said.

She turned three steals into lay-ups in the second half and drew her third charge of the game on Red Storm star Carla Marfe to foul her out with 1:46 left in the contest. Meanwhile, the Bonnies grasped a tenuous 26-24 lead. Marfe led St. John's Prep with eight points.

"Cindy's toughness was a big part of us winning this game," said Oliver.

The Bonnies needed one last-gasp effort to seal the win. Siobhan Sammon hustled back on defense to block Nicole Shweit from behind on what could have been the tying lay-up. Kate Oli-

ver — who put in 10 points on the night — would score in transition to provide the final margin.

"I just knew I had to step on her and try not to foul," said Sammon, who added two late jumpers.

Coach Oliver was happy with the win, but wants to see his team get more production in the paint. Hurricane Sandy limited practice time early on and left four players living out of suit cases, their homes wrecked. Fontbonne, the defending diocesan champion, is still trying to catch its stride.

"The intensity is just not quite there yet," Oliver said.

He hopes the Bonnies' trip to San Diego for three

games in the Surf and Slam tournament during Christmas week will raise their spirits. There was a time following Sandy when the tournament trip seemed unlikely to happen, but that doubt has passed thanks to the support of parents and players. The team managed to raise \$5,000 through a raffle sale and the winner, Breezy Point resident Tom Wipf, gave \$1,000 back to the team so they'd be well fed on the journey.

With all the chaos and hardship, the Bonnies are looking forward to a little fun in the sun.

"It's just to get away from everything, relieve your stress, play basketball with my team, and have fun," Henderson said.



DEFENSE: Xaverian's George Lambert defends Mount St. Michael's Andrew Uate. Photo by Priyanka Katumuluwa

Xaverian falls over fouls

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

The Xaverian Clippers learned a hard lesson last Thursday — nice guys finish last.

Clippers coach Jack Alesi didn't realize his team had committed too few second-half fouls against Mount St. Michael until it was too late.

Xaverian didn't ramp up its defensive intensity until the final 4.2 seconds, when Alesi's players fouled three times in an attempt to force their host to the free-throw line.

Mount St. Michael managed to run out the clock and hold on for a 52-51 win in Catholic High School League Class AA boys basketball — and Alesi said he couldn't find an easy way to tell his team to get more physical.

"I didn't want to call a time out," Alesi said. "I couldn't just yell out to change our defense ... and be a little more aggressive."

His club still had a chance to win a back-and-forth. Joseph Dello Russo (nine points) hit his third

three pointer of the game to pull Xaverian (4-1, 2-1) within a point.

The Clippers then got a defensive stop with 12.9 seconds left, but failed to pull off a shot.

Mount, which had just one team foul at the time, hacked Robert Rossiter (seven points). On the ensuing inbound, point guard Lamel Fasion (13 points) tried to slip past KJ Riley, but lost the ball in the attempt.

"He was trying to get too cute," Alesi said. "He knew the guy was going to foul."

The coach knows his young team is up against a steep learning curve and was pleased with the way they competed overall. They did let the Mountaineers (4-3, 2-2) — especially center Stefan Chong — push them around in the second half, but refused to back down all the same. Despite some miscues, Alesi doesn't want to take his foot off the pedal.

"We made a lot of mis-



FALL WHERE IT MAY: Players from both St. John's Prep and Fontbonne Hall wait for the ball to drop in their Dec. 19 match. The Bonnies ended up on top with a 30-26 win. Photo by Stefano Giovannini

Archbishop takes Bishop

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Jill Conroy expects more than the lackluster performance her veteran Bishop Ford Falcons girls basketball team turned in during a 57-50 loss to the host Archbishop Molloy Staners on Saturday afternoon.

The senior guard watched her team shoot poorly and get beaten to loose balls and rebounds. Molloy used a 13-1 run to build a 16-point third quarter lead and went back up 52-40 midway through the fourth. Ultimately, Ford will remember Saturday's loss as its chance to move into first place in Brooklyn-Queens Division I.

"We can't play in streaks," said the Holy Family-bound Conroy, who had 12 points. "In order to win against tough teams we have to play consistent throughout."

That was coach Mike Toro's message after the contest. He felt Molloy (7-1, 3-0) played like it wanted the game more, remembering Ford's (4-2, 3-1) previous victory in last year's diocesan semifinals. If his club is going win a championship this season, Toro knows his opponents can't outwork them.

"We've got to find our heart," Toro said. "Are we going to be a team that



ON THE WAY: Bishop Ford's Jill Conroy leaps at the basket as Archbishop Molloy opponents nip at her heels. Ford would eventually lose Saturday's match.

Photo by Yinghao Luo

actually is one of the favorites or are we going to be one of those typical teams that can win one [big] game

and then can't do it the next?"

Ford attempted a rally late in the game. A 6-0 run brought the score to 56-50 with 1:03 left, but it appeared the Falcons would have a chance to get closer when Tanasia "Sweets" Blake grabbed a rebound and went dribbling up the right sideline.

She was trapped and turned the ball over after Toro chose not to call time out. He later admitted the call, or lack thereof, was a mistake. St. John's-bound guard Aaliyah Lewis would come up with a steal, but missed from close range down the other end.

"That's the point in the game they have to mature and know nobody is a hero," Toro said.

Lewis and Aaliyah Jones each scored nine points for Ford. James Madison-bound guard Amani Tatum led all scorers with 21 points, including nine during the 13-1 run. Carolyn Gallagher had 12 for Molloy.

Ford shot poorly from the free throw line and the field, including 0-10 from three-point range.

Conroy knows her team must perform better down the stretch.

"That's where you have to pick up the intensity," Conroy said. "Molloy was just a step ahead of us."



Holiday foul

Nets forward Gerald Wallace commits a soaring foul against Boston Celtics forward Jared Sullinger during the first half of Brooklyn's bitter 93-76 holiday defeat.

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Brooklyn is the gridiron King

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

One thing is for sure: Brooklynites were ready for some football this year.

The borough's high school programs put together another great season on the gridiron, with Erasmus Hall taking home its first-ever Public School Athletic League Championship division title and Lincoln returning to the semifinals.

South Shore won the public school bowl championship and squads such as Jefferson and Boys & Girls had strong years.

It wasn't just team play where Brooklyn excelled: the county of Kings produced some of the city's top recruits including Poly Prep lineman Jay Hayes, who is headed to Notre Dame, and Jefferson's Ebenezer Ogundeko.

All-Brooklyn player of the year: *Curtis Samuel, Erasmus Hall*

Samuel was the borough's most explosive player with big runs on offense and special teams. The highly recruited junior's two-point conversion run was the difference in Erasmus's 15-14 victory over Tottenham at Yankee Stadium for the school's first-ever city championship. Samuel — who missed last year's title game because of injury — scored 18 touchdowns and recorded 1,488 all-purpose yards as the Dutchman went a perfect 12-0. Coach Danny Landberg called him the best player he ever coached.

All-Brooklyn coach of the year: *Danny Landberg, Erasmus Hall*

It took Landberg 11 long years to bring the once-defunct program all the way to the top, stressing after each win during an undefeated campaign that the mission wasn't complete until the Dutchmen hoisted the trophy. It came in bittersweet circumstances as weeks early Landberg had to evacuate his Belle Harbor home because of Hurricane Sandy.

All-Brooklyn football first team

Running back: *Najee Champagne, Boys & Girls*

The senior was a dual threat and one of the biggest reasons the Kangaroos went 8-2 and reached the quarterfinals. He scored 16 touchdowns, 13 on the ground, and posted 1,090 all-purpose yards — not to mention pulling in three interceptions.

Defensive lineman and offensive lineman: *Jay Hayes, Poly Prep*

The Notre Dame-bound junior was the anchor of both Poly Prep lines. He provided plenty of running room for quarterback Chris Parker. Opposing teams ran plays away from Hayes, but he still was a dynamic force during Poly's 5-3 season.

Running back: *James Gales, Brooklyn Tech*

Gales had a monster season for the Engineers. The senior rushed for an astounding 1,345 yards and 18 touchdowns, carrying

Brooklyn Tech to a 7-3 record and spot in the quarterfinals.

Running back: *Antoine Holloman, Lincoln*

The Railsplitters were a bit of a ground and pound attack and Holloman was usually the one leading the charge. The junior was one of the league's top rushers with 1,281 yards and nine touchdowns to help Lincoln reach the semifinals.

Quarterback and defensive back: *Zach Kearney, Xaverian*

Xaverian didn't have a great season, but that doesn't diminish what the two-way star Kearney did. The senior nearly single-handedly carried the team with Laray Smith hurt early. He compiled 1,360 total yards and 15 touchdowns.

Quarterback: *Javon Moore, Lincoln*

Moore took over under center for Jessel Jones and brought all the pieces of the Lincoln offense together. The junior beat opposing players with his legs and his arm, throwing for 1,158 yards and 11 touchdowns and running for seven more scores.

Defensive lineman: *Ebenezer Ogundeko, Thomas Jefferson*

The senior has his pick of big-time colleges and didn't disappoint in his final season with Jefferson. The game-changing Ogundeko led the league in sacks with 15 and wracked up 71 tackles. He was unblockable at times.



CREAM OF THE CROP: Erasmus Hall's Curtis Samuel was named the All-Brooklyn Player of the Year for his 18 touchdowns and recorded 1,488 all-purpose yards as the Dutchman went a perfect 12-0.

Photo by Steve Solomonson

Quarterback and defensive back: *Chris Parker, Poly Prep*

The dynamic sophomore is one of the city's most underrated players. His four-touchdown and two-interception performance against Niagara Academy shows just how dangerous he is.

Defensive Lineman: *Thomas Plonski, Brooklyn Tech*

The Villanova-bound Plonski was a rock on the Engineers' defensive line. He could affect the game in so many ways, racking up 53 tackles and five sacks to go along with an interception and a fumble recovery.

Defensive back and quarterback: *Jonathan Samerson, Erasmus Hall*

There aren't many things the senior can't do on the

field, as evident in his three-touchdown performance in the semifinal. Samerson was also one of the Dutchman's top defenders, recording six interceptions.

Wide receiver and defensive back: *Kendall Thomas, Thomas Jefferson*

His nickname is "Speedy" for a reason. The senior was a big play waiting to happen on both sides of the ball. Thomas had 16 total touchdowns, three interceptions and 904 yards of total offense, including an 81-yard reception.

All-Brooklyn honorable mentions

Running back: *Dante Aiken, Bishop Ford*

Running back and defensive back: *Jhamel Cohen, South Shore*

Running back and defensive back: *Davin Col-*

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Defensive lineman: *Rashaad Coward, Sheephead Bay*

Line backer: *Malik Darling, Abraham Lincoln*

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Wide receiver: *Rodney Gonzalez, Bishop Ford*

Offensive lineman: *Chris Jones, Xaverian*

Line backer: *Tristan Laurore, Boys & Girls*

Running back: *Kahlil Lewin, Erasmus Hall*

Line backer: *Loumell Petion, Erasmus Hall*

Defensive back: *Khendell Puryear, Abraham Lincoln*

Running back: *Laray Smith, Xaverian*

Wide receiver: *Cameron Stapleton, Poly Prep*

Running Back: *Diequan Underwood, Canarsie*

Xaverian

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takes," he said, "I don't want to turn these guys into [Jets quarterback] Mark Sanchez. I don't want these guys thinking the way out of this is to go con-

servative."

Alesi hasn't made things easy in the early season. The loss to Mount was the first of three games in three days.

Following Christmas the Clippers travel to Alaska for the Doc Larson Roundball Classic at Wasilla High

School in Alaska, which produced such famous alumni as former Alaska governor Sarah Palin. Alesi believes it will be an educational experience.

"I always thought it would be cool to go there," Alesi said. "[The players] think I'm nuts."

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