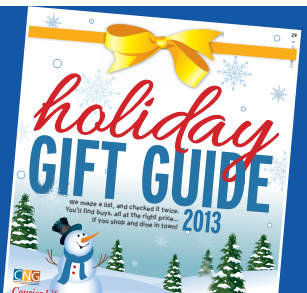


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He's Best at Sorting Actor

BY COLIN MIXSON

A man has stepped forward claiming to be the previous owner — but not the original owner — of the Emmy that a Bensonhurst singer and construction worker found in the trash near his 28th Avenue home two months ago.

Now that the search for the statue's source has sparked a media storm, the supposed former award-holder has a case of tosser's remorse.



PRIZE-FINDER:
Ismael Cekic has an Emmy.

"Now that this whole thing is coming up, I've definitely been thinking maybe I shouldn't have thrown it out," said Thomas Faye, who

claims to have bought the statuette at a yard sale 20 years ago.

Faye lived just down the street from Ishmael Cekic for three decades, until September, when he was forced to move after his building was sold, he said. The move forced him to cull the junk he had accumulated over the years, including the Emmy that he bought as a boy, he said.

The story of his finding the gold trophy may not be quite the glitzy

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SLOW DAY ON P'PARK WEST



Photo by Stefano Giovannini

Birds-giving

Borough President Markowitz and a crew of volunteers gave nearly a thousand turkeys and Thanksgiving sides on Monday to organizations that offer poor Brooklynites a complete Turkey Day meal. This effort has been a tradition for Markowitz since he first entered public office in 1978, according to his office.

Activists lower the speed limit

BY NATHAN TEMPEY

They're ped up.

A crew of road safety activists sick of waiting for the city to lower speed limits took matters into their own hands on Saturday night, posting faux 20-mile-per-hour speed limit signs along Prospect Park West, the road that lost a lane of car traffic to a controversial bike lane in 2010 and where a 12-year-old boy was killed by a van in early October.



Photo by Nathan Tempey

SLOW RIDE: This sign is a plea for slower cars.

"The idea that my kids would be taking their life into their hands when they get on a bike or cross the street here is ridiculous"

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It's the day after Thanksgiving. Hundreds of people are lining up outside of big-box stores hoping for great sales. What do you do? With so many great small businesses in Brooklyn, you sleep in. Why? Because those Black Friday shoppers are missing out on the day that

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— Jaime Lutz

Fort Greene and Dumbo

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SWEET RELIEF: (Clockwise from above) Brittany Hall, a clerk at Jacques Torres Chocolate in Dumbo, shows off some decadent treats. Is that special someone more of a Hazlewood or a Coltrane person? Alyse Lamb at Permanent Records in Greenpoint can help you answer that. Brooklyn Superhero Supply Company director Joshua Mandelbaum prepares for lift-off on Fifth Avenue in Park Slope.

Jacques Torres Chocolate [66 Water St. between Main and Dock streets in Dumbo, (718) 875-1269, www.mrchocolate.com].

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Slopers: Dump humps

BY MEGAN RIESZ

It has been a bumpy ride for Slopers who awoke last week to find that a set of speed humps that they thought were gone for good had reappeared.

The pair of safety swells returned last Thursday and neighbors say that cars hitting the hated humps shake their houses and rattle their nerves — and that the city should not have put them

there in the first place.

“If there was a school nearby, there would be a good reason, but there’s no good reason,” said retiree John Casson, who is demanding that the Department of Transportation remove the fresh asphalt lumps.

“For those of us who feel our houses shaking, it’s a real annoyance.”

Casson and others who

live on Berkeley Place between Seventh and Eighth avenues dispute the very traffic-calming premise of the protuberances, saying that they do not slow cars but instead only serve as noise-making ramps for speed demons gunning it to make the light at the Eighth Avenue end of the one-way street.

The hump haters do not deny that speeding is a

problem in Park Slope but say that it makes no sense to put big bumps on their block while leaving the one between Fifth and Sixth avenues, which is home to a school and a playground, flat as a pancake on a drag strip.

“I am confused as to why speed bumps were ever placed on this block in the first place,” said Daniel Per-

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Fake signs on Prospect Park West

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lous,” said Ben Shepard, a Gowanus activist whose kids attend school near Prospect Park West.

Shepard and eight others with the revived 1990s-era group Right of Way strung 10 of the simulation signs on lampposts running the length of the thoroughfare despite icy winds that at times threatened to knock over their ladder and send their protest placards airborne. The recent death of Samuel Cohen Eckstein should serve as a wake-up call for politicians and transportation planners who are weighing whether to reduce speed limits in residential areas to 20-miles-per-hour, the activists said.

“My son is the same age as Sammy and goes to the same school, MS 41, and I know his dad,” said Red Hooker Alan Mukamal, a founding Right of Way member who came out of activist retirement for the protest. “I couldn’t not do anything.”

The walk-by-night demonstration occurred three and a half weeks after Cohen-Eckstein’s parents testified before the Council in support of the Safe Streets Act that would lower the speed limit on residential streets narrower than 60 feet to 20-miles-per-hour, which has languished in the Council for the last two years.

Cohen Eckstein ran into the street chasing a soccer ball and, though he had the light when he entered the road, it quickly changed and the driver, who entered the intersection without slowing, could not stop in time, his mother Amy Cohen said, arguing that a lower speed limit could have saved her son’s life.

“Our family has suffered an unspeakable loss,” she said. “We only hope that something positive comes from Sammy’s death and are pleased that there seems to be growing concern and pressure to make our streets safer.”

Police do not suspect speeding to have been a factor in the crash that



DEPARTMENT OF TRANSFORMATION: Activist Keegan Stephan hauls a speed limit sign up a lamppost. CNG / Nathan Tempey

took Cohen-Eckstein’s life, the New York Post reported, and the investigation is closed and no criminal charges have been filed, according to Cohen. At last month’s hearing, she and her husband pointed to federal data that shows pedestrians have a 19 out of 20 chance of survival if they are struck by a car traveling at 20 miles-per-hour compared to a 12 in 20 chance at 30.

But the safe streets crusaders with Right of Way say that the slow-down bill is beside the point as the city’s Department of Transportation has said itself that it can lower speed limits on its own on roads within a quarter-mile of a school. Two-thirds of New York’s streets fit that bill, according to WNYC, as do all but one-and-a-half blocks of Park Slope, according to neighborhood civic groups that in 2011 applied to make the neighborhood a so-called “Slow Zone,” complete with lowered speed limits, speed humps, and other traffic-calming measures. The transportation department rejected the application because the neighborhood logged relatively few auto-crash deaths and injuries, according to Eric McClure, co-founder of Park Slope Neighbors, one of the groups behind the failed bid.

“We applaud what Right of Way is doing,” McClure said. “The effort to make New York City’s streets safer sometimes calls for working through official channels and, at other times, guerrilla action is more than justified.”

Cohen Eckstein’s death was still fresh in the minds of some of the people out walking on Prospect Park West on Saturday night. One dad strolling with his two sons wanted to know what all the flashing cameras, bikes, and the telescoping ladder were about and was surprised to learned that it had to do with his boys’ late classmate.

“These guys knew him, so I guess we approve,” said Peter Reuther of the protest.

The fatal crash hit MS 51 hard, the family said.

“There was basically no school for two days,” his son Josef, 13, remembered. The boy had been invited to Cohen-Eckstein’s bar mitzvah, which would have been Nov. 16.

The Department of Transportation removed the signs on Monday morning, an agency spokesman said.

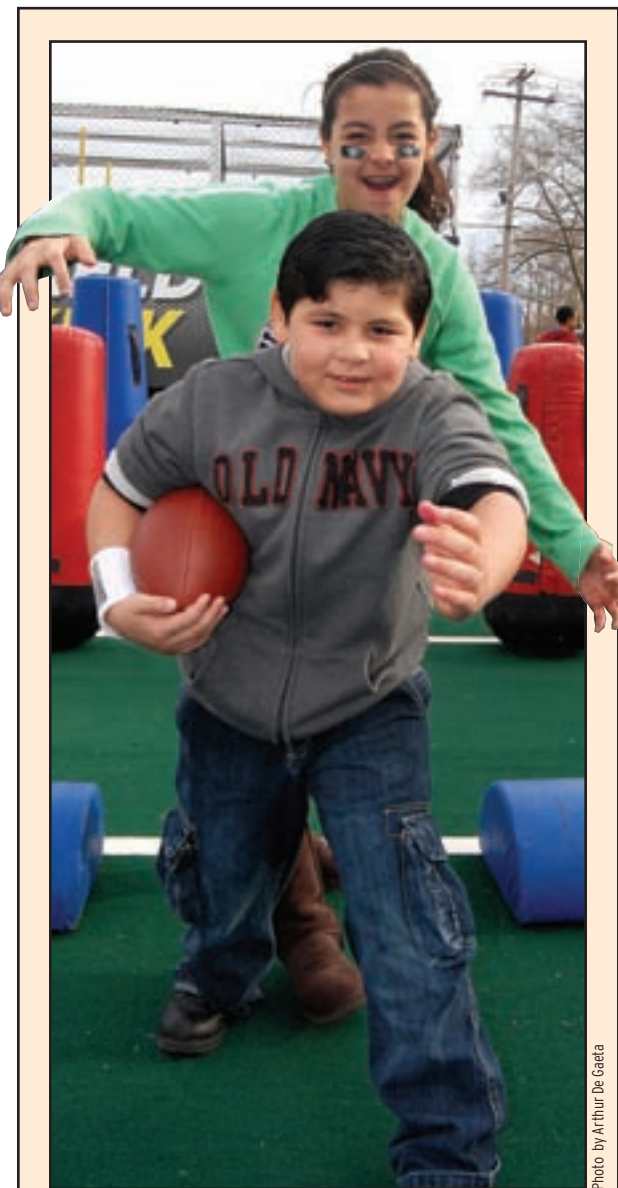


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Playing tackle

The 2014 Super Bowl at the Meadowlands kicked off early last week with a stop by the National Football League’s “Huddle Shuttle” — a mobile practice center — at Fort Hamilton Army Garrison on Nov. 23.

More than 200 came out to practice their tosses, field goal kicks, and touchdown runs, and to check out the awards and sports gear. Here, Laura Marin gets the jump on her brother Diego.

— Will Bredderman

PANEL'S METHO-DISTASTE

Slope Community Board members vote no on controversial hospital expansion plan

BY MEGAN RIESZ

A controversial plan to expand New York Methodist Hospital will shatter the calm of three blocks of century-old row houses, overwhelming neighbors with traffic, smog, and hulking, modern buildings, claimed members of a Park Slope panel that voted the proposal down at a heated meeting last Thursday night.

The 11 to 1 no vote followed a loud, sidewalk-clogging protest outside John Jay High School and, at the meeting, dozens of impassioned speeches for and against the plan that calls for demolishing 19th-century townhouses, including some brownstones, to make way for an eight-story, U-shaped medical complex. The hours of testimony were punctuated by boos from plan opponents that sometimes drowned out neighbors and Methodist employees singing the praises of the expansion, but the board's land use committee ultimately decided that, while the opposition might be rude, the outpatient facility expansion would unacceptably "alter the essential character of the neighborhood."

"I like to think that despite all the catcalls and things like that, the community was heard," said Peter Fleming, the committee's chairman. "I'm hoping the hospital isn't going to go through with its nuclear solution of building two buildings that nobody wants them to build."

Methodist has gone back to the drawing board twice in hopes of assuaging con-



cerns that the Center for Community Health, which is slated to take the place of 16 buildings on Fifth Street, Eighth Avenue, and Sixth Street, will overwhelm the neighborhood with traffic and out-of-place architecture. Hospital representatives unveiled the latest congestion-combatting modifications at the meeting, including an employees-only entrance at the corner of Sixth Street and Eighth Avenue and consolidating patient services and other programs into one section of the complex.

But the tweaks were not

enough to appease the committee or many among the 200-strong crowd that filed through a stripped-down version of airport security — a single metal detector manned by a school police officer that a board member said was brought in upon hearing of the planned protest. The rally drew 50 and many participants later took to the podium to argue that the outpatient center will rip the fabric of the low-rise, residential neighborhood and cause polluting traffic jams despite the hospital's claims to the contrary.

"Somewhat shockingly,



GROWING PAINS: (Clockwise from top left) Park Sloper Denisa Tomlinson shows her opposition to New York Methodist Hospital's expansion plans at a Community Board 6 meeting. The view of the proposed expansion from the corner of Eighth Avenue and Fifth Street, where Methodist plans to tear down a slew of old buildings to make way for the center. Councilman Brad Lander spoke in favor of the plan, claiming that Methodist needs to grow.

Photos by Stefano Giovannini

Methodist claims that its proposal will have actually no impact on air, no impact on traffic and no impact on air quality," said environmental lawyer and Park Slope resident Eve Gartner. "This is truly one of the great neighborhoods in the country, and probably in the world, and to allow Methodist Hospital to do so much damage to the beauty of our streets and to the health of our children requires a much greater showing of need and a much greater disclosure of impacts than we have seen from Methodist."

Hospital honchos and

pro-expansion neighbors, including clergy members and medical professionals, countered that changes in technology and health care business models have created the need for a new medical site, which will feature 12 operating rooms, physician offices, an endoscopy suite, a cancer center, and urgent care services.

Slope Councilman Brad Lander broke with the board committee, saying that the near-demise of nearby Long Island College Hospital in Cobble Hill drives home the need for Methodist to grow.

"Long Island College Hos-

pital is failing, in part, because they didn't have good long-term strategic planning for what was necessary for a hospital to do to be able to continue to operate in the 21st century," Lander said. "I think we're lucky to have neighborhood health institutions, and if we want Methodist to be able to continue for the next 100 years to function as a neighborhood health institution, then we have to try to figure out how to meet them halfway."

The community board committee said it would reconsider its denial if the hospital does more to address Slopers' concerns about traffic, construction, and pollution, but Methodist reps said that they are low on time for tinkering with the design and will have to talk over the next step in dealing with the local panel, the position of which is only advisory, before taking their case for rezoning to the city's Board of Standard and Appeals.

"I don't know what the response would be from my colleagues who have been working on this for six months, and who feel that they have been working in good faith, and have made changes, and are willing to continue making changes," said Methodist spokeswoman Lyn Hill. "But we do have the time schedule as well. We want this project to move ahead."

The hospital could build the complex without a zoning change, but would have to make the two buildings taller and narrower. The full board will vote on the plan next month.

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Park lovers to feds: No tank you

Gowanus activists say they have alternative to digging up beloved playground

BY MEGAN RIESZ

Gowanus residents are demanding that the federal government save a beloved park by moving a sewage tank it wants to bury beneath the green space to a privately-owned lot just a few blocks away.

The feds have said that they will install a four- or eight-million-gallon tank beneath the Douglass and DeGraw Pool and neighboring Thomas Greene Playground as part of the federally-mandated clean-up of the Gowanus Canal unless the city comes up with an alternative site by next August, and park lovers say that a vacant lot at the corner of Nevins and Butler streets that is owned by energy giant Con Ed would make a perfect one.

"It's an absolute empty lot that's even closer to the



Photo by Elizabeth Graham

canal than our park is," said Sue Wolfe, president of Friends of Douglass Greene Park.

The Environmental Protection Agency said that it would not comment until seeing a formal proposal from the city, which so far has balked at paying for the tanks and much of the rest of the federal Super-

fund scrubbing despite a federal mandate. That resistance has come primarily from the office of Mayor Bloomberg and it is unclear if it will continue under Mayor-elect Bill DeBlasio, who opposed the Superfund designation as a Park Slope councilman.

But a local politician said that wherever the



Photo by Stefano Giovannini

DOUBLE DON'T: (Left) From left, Don and Teddie Vietor and Sue Wolfe say the feds do not have to plunk a sewage tank below their beloved Double-D Pool (above) — especially since the brown-water catcher could go in this empty Nevins Street lot instead.

tanks end up, saving the park and pool that serve Brownstone Brooklyn and at least three public housing developments should be top priority.

"Whether it be at the Con Ed site or somewhere else, it is important that an alternative location for the retention tanks is found so that the Double-D Pool can

stay open," Councilman Levin said.

The planned tank is one of two \$78-million underground containers meant to catch sewage that wells up in the area's antiquated sewer system when it rains and keep the muck from spilling into the polluted waterway.

The other tank is bound

for a city-owned lot on Second Avenue between Fifth Street and the canal, where the city stores salt and the Gowanus Canal Conservancy gardens. The conservancy says it is resigned to relocating its office, compost gear, plant nursery, and storage — and put a hold on expansion plans — when the feds come knocking.

"It's not a bad thing for us," Gowanus Canal Conservancy program manager Natasha Sidarta said.

The feds have also promised to provide temporary digs for the displaced pool and playground, but park partisans say that there can be no substitute for the real thing.

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PARK SLOPE

Memory swipe

A crook swiped three laptops and a camera from a woman's apartment on Prospect Place on Nov. 20, police said.

The 28-year-old woman said she left her apartment near Flatbush Avenue at 10 am and came back at 4 pm to find her three MacBook Pros and Nikon camera missing.

Potty pooper

Cops cuffed a 29-year-old man who they say attempted to break into a mom's apartment on Union Street on Nov. 22 as she was potty-training her daughter.

The woman, also 29 told police she was teaching her tot toilet etiquette at the crib between Third and Fourth avenues at 10:45 pm when she saw the man trying to come in through the window. The pervy would-be burglar could not crack it open and eventually gave up, cops said.

Wack Sunday

A thief snatched a lady's wallet from her jacket pocket while she shopped at a department store on Flatbush Avenue on Nov. 24, police said.

The 28-year-old woman said she was in the store near Atlantic Avenue between 3:56 and 5:05 pm, when she realized that someone had reached into her coat and stolen her passport, driver's license, credit cards, \$1,590 in cash, and a Marc Jacobs bracelet.

Pizza perp

A quick bandit grabbed a cellphone from a woman's hand while she sat on a bench outside a Fifth Avenue pizzeria on Nov. 21, police said.

The 28-year-old victim was in front of a pizza place between Prospect Place and Park Place at 4:25 pm when a man took her iPhone from her hand and took off down Park Place and hopped into a four-door sports utility vehicle, cops said. The woman tried to use her Find My iPhone app with no success.

Land R-over

An antisocial auto-phile stole a Land Rover from its Second Avenue parking spot on Nov. 21, cops said.

The 40-year-old victim told the law he parked the vehicle between Eighth and Ninth streets at 9:30 am and, when he returned at 1:45 pm, the car was missing. There was no glass on the ground, cops said.

The man had previously reported the car missing in an unrelated incident on Nov. 15, but said he found it himself and canceled the SOS call on Nov. 17.

Clean sweep

A bathroom bandit took a woman's bank cards, car keys, driver's license, and \$400 in cash while she washed her hands

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at a public bathroom on Atlantic Avenue on Nov. 20, police said.

The 32-year-old victim told cops her banks called her around 11 pm and said about \$100 had been charged to two cards.

Rav score

A conniving criminal broke into a man's parked Toyota on Bergen Street on Nov. 20, cops said.

The man told officers he left his car between Carlton and Vanderbilt avenues at 6 pm and came back at 9 pm to find the car's passenger-side window broken. The criminal swiped the man's iPad, \$500, driver's license, credit and debit cards, and handbag.

Kawa-jockey

A depraved biker drove off with another man's motorcycle from a Seventh Street sidewalk on Nov. 24, police said.

The 22-year-old newly-minted pedestrian said he last saw his Kawasaki ride between Fourth and Fifth avenues at 1 am, and went to sleep not long after. His mother woke up at 3 am and realized the bike was gone, cops reported.

Automo-steal

A wily Japanese car aficionado zoomed off with a man's Toyota on Fifth Avenue sometime between Nov. 17 and 19, police said.

The 55-year-old victim said he parked between 14th and 15th streets at 10 pm on Nov. 17 and arrived at the same spot on Nov. 19 at 8:50 am, only to discover his vehicle vanished. There were no tire marks or debris at the scene, and there are no other keys to the car, the man said.

Subway snooper

A sneak thief stole a woman's bag from a contractor room in the Fourth Avenue-Ninth Street subway station on Nov. 17, cops said.

The woman left her bag containing an iPad, keys, camera case, and iPad box case in the unsecured room of the station near Ninth Street at 12:30 pm. When she came back at 4 pm, she realized the bag was stolen, police said.

— Megan Riesz

84TH PRECINCT

BROOKLYN HEIGHTS-DUMBO-BOERUM HILL-DOWNTOWN

Grouch ouch

Police arrested a guy who they say

punched someone in the face while riding the A train near the Hoyt-Schermerhorn stop on Nov. 22.

The assault happened at about 11:40 am and the ensuing scuffle with police held up the train and garnered the goon resisting arrest charges, cops said.

Gunning it

Cops cuffed a man who they say tried to steal a bunch of money from a group of phone store employees on Nov. 11 on Atlantic Avenue.

The suspect held his hand in his pocket like he was holding a gun during the robbery at 1:10 pm near Flatbush Avenue, according to reports.

Stool tool

A man was nabbed for throwing a bar stool at the proprietor of an Atlantic Avenue watering hole on Nov. 24, police said.

The booze-fueled assault happened at 5:10 am near Boerum Place, cops said.

— Jaime Lutz

76TH PRECINCT

CARROLL GARDENS-COBBLE HILL-RED HOOK

Smith snatcher

A bandit snatched a woman's iPhone on Ninth Street on Nov. 18, cops said.

The 27-year-old woman said she was near Smith Street on her way to the train at 7:25 pm when the fiend grabbed her phone and fled down Smith Street toward Court Street.

The woman used her Find My iPhone app and saw that the phone was last used on Clinton and Ninth streets, but cops say they could not track it down.

Picture perfect

Cops cuffed a man who they say swiped a picture from a factory warehouse on Ferris Street on Nov. 18.

The 45-year-old art lover from New Jersey left the warehouse between Wolcott and Dikeman streets at 12:50 pm holding a framed artwork worth \$10,000 but his mug was immortalized on a surveillance camera, cops said.

Man in the mirror

A man landed in handcuffs after striking the driver's-side mirror of a cop car on President Street on Nov. 24, police said.

Cops say they were responding to a verbal dispute near Smith Street at 2:55 am, where a 38-year-old man was arguing with his wife when the guy became angry

and hit the mirror of their marked Chevy, shattering it, according to reports.

Portable computers

A burglar stole two laptops from a man's Smith Street apartment on Nov. 15, police said.

The 27-year-old man said the unknown perp must have entered his apartment near Union Street between 11:30 am and 1 pm. There were no signs of forced entry, cops reported.

Gun and gone

A villain robbed a man at gunpoint on Ninth Street in the middle of the afternoon on Nov. 23, police said.

The victim said he was near Smith Street at 1:30 pm when the mugger demanded money from him and got \$85 for his trouble. Officers made several attempts to get a description of the robber, but the man refused to give any more details, according to police.

In the dark

A meanie scratched and robbed a woman on Hoyt Street on Nov. 13, police said.

The 27-year-old woman was in front of an apartment complex near Butler Street at 1:50 am when a man approached her and stole her iPhone along with \$20, she later told police.

The woman, who had bruises and scratches on her neck, said that "everything went dark" until 2:30 am, when she called 911.

— Megan Riesz

94TH PRECINCT

GREENPOINT-NORTHSIDE

Hardly aware

A man claiming to be the brother of an India Street hardware store owner stole merchandise from the place on Nov. 22, police said.

The con artist was granted access to the store, near Provost Street, at 7:50 am by an unsuspecting employee, cops said. The owner told police he has not heard from his actual brother in a while.

— Jaime Lutz

90TH PRECINCT

SOUTHSIDE-BUSHWICK

Heated on Hewes

Two toughs stole man's bike and attempted to shoot him as he ran down S. Fifth Street on Nov. 19, police said.

The 25-year-old man said he was riding his black bike toward Hewes Street at 4:40 am when the two bullies confronted him and grabbed his backpack containing a jacket, pants, gray T-shirts, a battery juice pack, and a sweatshirt. One of the goons then flashed a black handgun and racked it, frightening the victim, who ran off and left his bike behind, cops said. As he ran down the block, he heard a shot, cops reported.

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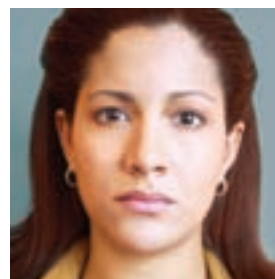
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City mum on \$1.5-million it awarded to now-dead company

BY JAIME LUTZ

The city might have a food fight on its hands — winner take \$1.5-million.

That is the amount that the city pledged to do-it-yourselfer company 3rd Ward to start a foodie business center in Crown Heights before company execs abruptly pulled the plug on their whole operation in October, leaving artists and teachers in Williamsburg and Philadelphia in the lurch and the grant and the Dean Street space up for grabs.

The city says it handed the corporation a chunk of the \$1.5-million grant before it folded, but it will not say how much. The money was meant to jumpstart a so-called “food incubator” as part of a development in the former Studebaker service station between Franklin and Classon av-

enues. The Mayor’s Office, Borough President Markowitz, and the city’s Economic Development Corporation hand-picked the artsy company for the project in February 2012, but the company collapsed suddenly last month after failing to raise \$1.5-million to plug an apparent budget hole, leaving members and employees without refunds and with just days to pack up their stuff.

Now the city is asking business owners to pitch their plans for how to run the culinary business center that will serve as a workshop for small-batch picklers, salsa-makers, and their ilk, according to an Economic Development Corporation spokesman.

The Mayor’s Office and the city development corporation refused to speak on the record about the status



DEAN STREETS: A development in the old Studebaker service station at 1000 Dean St. is on track to open without its anchor tenant 3rd Ward.

Photo by Stefano Giovanni

of the grant money given to 3rd Ward, as did Brooklyn Flea founder Jonathan Butler, who is financing the development. 3rd Ward and Next Street, a bank that reportedly took over some of the art company’s assets, did not respond to requests for comment.

Borough President Markowitz would not discuss the money either, but did issue a statement.

“This food incubator, which continues to move forward, promises to be a crucial component to economic development in one of

the most economically-challenged areas of the city,” Markowitz said, emphasizing that minority business owners should be considered to run the project.

The rest of the building’s office space is proceeding on schedule, with an opening planned for Jan. 2014, said Chris Havens, a realtor who is quarterbacking the development on behalf of Brooklyn Flea founder and investor Jonathan Butler.

The four-story industrial building will include a 250-seat ground-floor food
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Astroland Rocket ready to blast off

Park owners will restore iconic old ride

BY WILL BREDDERMAN

The Coney Island History Project has answered the city's call for a project proposal for the iconic Astroland Rocket, and it plans to bring the derelict ride to a location inside Deno's Wonder Wheel Park for restoration.

The historical preservation organization said that Wonder Wheel Park's owners, the Vourderises, will fully restore the one-of-a-kind attraction — and keep the Astroland Park lettering on its side as a memorial to the bygone space-themed park. Wonder Wheel Park hopes the rehabbed rocket will be the centerpiece of its annual History Day next summer.

The rocket ride — originally called the Star Flyer — made its debut at the 1962 opening of the now-shuttered fun zone. Seventy-one feet long and made of airplane-grade aluminum, the ship contains 26 seats and a screen that originally simulated a spacecraft launch. In later years, the defunct ride sat atop the roof of Boardwalk raw bar Gregory and Paul's — now called Paul's Daughter — between W. 10th and W. 12th streets, as an advertisement beckoning Coney-goers toward Astroland.

That play plex closed in 2008 and the next year park owners Carol and Jerry Albert donated the rocket to the city on behalf of the Coney Island History Project. The city has vowed numerous times over the years to restore the iconic piece of the People's Playground's past to the amusement district.

Authorities have stored the rocket at the Staten Island Homeport in Stapleton since then, and sources reported that the rocket got swamped during Hurricane Sandy and damaged by debris carried in the storm surge.



SAVED FROM THE HEAP: The Astroland Rocket has been stored here, outside old Navy buildings on Staten Island, since 2009.

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But repatriating the historic ride from Staten Island would make for a fitting trophy for Deno's Wonder Wheel Park after the Rock builds the world's largest Ferris wheel to rival

the Coney Island original.

The city tore down the only other remnant of Astroland, the long-idled Astrotower ride, in July after its severe swaying prompted fears it would fall.

Emmy

Continued from cover

epic Cekic was counting on when he set out on a quest to return the prize to its original owner last week.

As Faye tells it, he was walking down Bay 43rd Street with his mother in the early 1980s when they came across the trophy at a stoop sale between Stillwell and Benson avenues.

His description of the item matches Cekic's: an old, but handsome Emmy, with the band that would usually display the winner's name missing from

the base.

And the decision to toss it did not take much more thought.

"It was just collecting dust," he said.

So began Cekic's roller-coaster relationship with the object. Cekic, an actor and vocalist, found the Emmy in the trash on Sept. 20 and turned to the media for help finding the award's original owner last week.

Faye's tale leaves him and us without much to go on. Faye is no small-screen star, and the stoop sellers did not strike him as showbiz types, he said. He insists he does not want it back.



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Film school to Navy Yard

New media grad program to open at Brooklyn studio

BY JAIME LUTZ
Pittsburgh's most well-regarded university is starting a graduate arts and technology program in the

Brookly Navy Yard, further adding to the geographical confusion surrounding the film industry's attempts to turn the borough into Hol-

lywood Northeast.

Carnegie Mellon University — a Pennsylvania school well known for its drama and engineering programs — will begin running a special hybrid master's program focused on arts and technology out of the Navy Yard's Steiner Studios in 2015, Mayor Bloomberg announced last Wednesday.

"Steiner Studios, the Navy Yard, and the Brooklyn communities that they neighbor are at the heart of this exciting and innovative environment," Bloomberg said.

Steiner is the East Coast's largest film and television production center and has hosted shoots for the likes of "Spider-Man," Disney's "The Sorcerer's Apprentice," and HBO's "Bored to Death." To those Pittsburgh students whose dreams of a dual master's are dashed by the distance between classrooms, the studio says that

there is no place like this city for learning lens crafts.

"The convergence of media and technology is real and it belongs in New York," said Doug Steiner, the chair of Steiner Studios.

The grad school extension will be in heady company, with the recently-opened Made in New York Media Center in Dumbo for a neighbor and Brooklyn College's already-rolling graduate film program sharing the Steiner space.

Carnegie Mellon's curriculum will call students to action with multi-disciplinary offerings including social media, gaming, film production, architecture, and performing arts.

The university's program is coming to Washington Avenue near Flushing Street as part of the city's applied science initiative, which is an effort by Bloomberg to pepper New York with spin-offs of major



MICH TAGGER: Mayor Bloomberg leaves his mark at the Brooklyn Navy Yard in hopes of becoming Carnegie-Mellon-famous.

schools. Other such projects include the Cornell University and Technion-Israel Institute of Technology's annex campus on Roosevelt Island, at New York University's Center for Urban Science and Progress in Downtown. The three-term mayor, who leaves office in January, has high hopes for his educational legacy.

"In the years to come, we expect the initiative to spin off hundreds of start-up companies and create tens of thousands of jobs," Bloomberg said.

The Carnegie Mellon

move comes 113 years after Andrew Carnegie donated \$5.2-million to the city to build a system of branch libraries and could be viewed as a visitation by the steel magnate's restless ghost.

One Brooklyn resident had yet a different take on the new grad school.

"If only the University of Pittsburgh was opening a campus, then this city would finally have a good basketball team," said a sports fan who asked to be identified only as a yinzer, a term for a Pittsburgh native, for fear of reprisals.

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HIP HOLIDAY GOODIES:

(Clockwise from top) Kitchen manager Rica Borich shows off the cranberry and sage pie at Four and Twenty Blackbirds in Gowanus. Moist truffles at Jacques Torres Chocolate in Dumbo. Henriette Mork, a customer from Copenhagen, shows off the 1960s Jean Cocteau cookbook for children she purchased for \$40 at P.S. Bookshop in Dumbo.



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Smoke ban side effect: Added art school angst

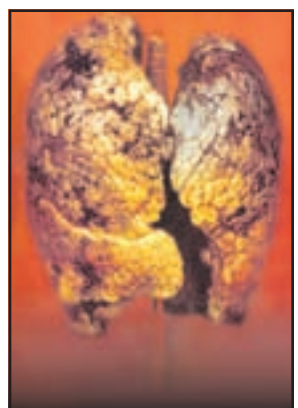
Under-21 crowd not happy now that they can't buy cigs

BY JAIME LUTZ

The Council passed a bill raising the smoking age from 18 to 21 earlier this month without too much fuss, but the change has Brooklyn art students gasping.

At Clinton Hill's Pratt Institute, where the air is as thick with cigarette smoke as it is creativity, some undergraduates are busy rolling up ways to get around a law that threatens half of the very foundation of their Camus-reading, nicotine-stained reputation.

"I will buy my packs in New Jersey and come on back and illegally smoke," said Nicole Ryerson, a 20-year-old Prattite who will not hit her next birth-



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day before the law goes into effect in about six months.

The tobacco toker wondered whether the measure

is more of a government conspiracy than a health initiative.

"It might just be another way to get tickets and money," Ryerson said, taking a drag.

Another artist-scholar she spoke to said it is misguided to take the musty habit out of the hands of the already-hooked.

"It's skewed to have someone addicted to something and then cut them off from it," said Michael, a 21-year-old student with friends who will find themselves illegal smokers soon. "I understand it's not healthy, but that's unfair."

The raised purchase age requirement applies to all tobacco products, includ-



BUTT OUT: Pratt students, from left, Sharon Bae, Maja Wittrup, and Ash Donnelly light up on their Clinton Hill campus. Their under-21 classmates will have a hard time scoring squares when a new law goes into effect. Photo by Stefano Giovannini

ing electronic cigarettes, a maker of which says the change will be hard on the 18-20 set.

"Someone who is 19 years old — do you think that they're going to just stop without an alterna-

tive to them?" asked Kevin Frija, chief executive officer of e-cig company Vapor Corp, which is pushing for its battery-powered butts to be exempt.

Not all aspiring Andy Warhols are against the to-

bacco ban, though.

"I always regret it," said 20-year-old Joe Ghaida, gesturing to his lit cigarette. "I think [the ban] might prevent people getting addicted, so I'm kind of for it."

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Foes and fans weigh in on Mr. Brooklyn

To the editor,

You devoted a good part of a recent issue to Borough President Markowitz's accolades ("Farewell to the King of Brooklyn," Nov. 15).

I would like to present the other side. Marty has done some good and he is one of the most charismatic and charming people one may ever meet. That being said, he seems to have lost interest in the people and what the people want and need.

Let me point to his desire to have an amphitheater at Asser Levy Seaside Park. That amphitheater was to be a six-month concert venue which would basically replace the only green space in the community with a building. Instead of having a park with a stage in it, it would have been a 10-story building with some grass and a few trees.

Most folks appreciated the six nights of concerts, though I must add that it was horrific for the neighbors who may have had a headache on those nights or whose windows shook from the blasting of the bass. It was also across from two religious institutions which was illegal. Let's not forget that upon investigation, it was discovered that for 19 years he did not have a sound permit, also illegal. So let's finally be clear. We were never against the six nights of music.

But the worst part was the way Marty manipulated the facts. He told everyone that the music was not wanted by the community. He even had Neil Sedaka speak against the community for shutting down the concerts. He went to the New York City Council-Committee on Public Safety and dropped names like Liza Minnelli, Neil Sedaka, and others, as if to say we were against these entertainers who most of us loved. It was such manipulative and ugly behavior his part. To describe more aptly what it was like watching Marty do this repeatedly in interviews, I remember some words from "My Fair Lady" that Rex Harrison spoke about a not-so-sincere character: "Oozing charm from every paw, he oiled his way across the floor and in a voice too loud." So much bravado instead of the truth.

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SOUND OFF TO THE EDITOR

LETTERS AND COMMENTS FROM OUR READERS

Also, why didn't Marty thank the 10,000 people who signed petitions saying that the advent of an amphitheater would make their lives miserable with noise and traffic in a residential area. The ethical thing would have been to say, "I'm so sorry, I wasn't aware, please forgive me, I will find a more appropriate location — and not outside your windows." The ethical thing to do would have been to discontinue the fight against "the people" he cared so much about and thank them for educating him about the issues, so he wouldn't do something so disrespectful to so many people.

But we all know Marty wants to have his name up in lights at any cost. Look at the \$2,000,000-plus light fixture he put up in Coney Island while the neighborhood was reeling from Superstorm Sandy, saying that the lights will be seen from Mars (what an ego) and it will bring more revelers to the amusement area which will better serve the largely impoverished community — a community still suffering from the loss of a hospital, medical facilities, schools, a library, and more.

We all know that the amusement area monies will not trickle down to the community! And now once again he is pushing his name to be up in lights in a community that doesn't have the money to go to his concerts and will have to live with the horrendous noise, mind-boggling traffic, and lack of parking for residents, creating a danger zone. Try getting an ambulance through the streets with seemingly endless traffic. We saw that a few years back watching ambulances, fire trucks, and city buses at a complete standstill in traffic during his concerts.

One of my least favorite tactics of his was the complete lack of respect for Brooklyn on signs welcoming folks to Brooklyn — "Welcome to Brooklyn, Fugheddaboutit." This is analogous to the dumbing down of Brooklyn. How embarrassing to announce to the world that we speak poorly. I have a very thick Brooklyn accent and thought "fugheddaboutit" was cute when I heard it as a youngster, but I am grown up now. To put it on a sign, to announce to the world at large that we are a people who don't speak well is embarrassing. "Fugheddaboutit" is our letterhead and invitation to others as they enter Brooklyn? Yuk!

Now that Borough President-elect Eric Adams is coming on board, maybe we can change those disrespectful signs. As far as Marty Markowitz, they tell me

he was a good guy at one time. As for now, fugheddaboutit!

**Chana Bela
Brighton Beach**

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To the editor,

I applaud the decision to have Marty Markowitz serve as liaison between the diplomatic community and local residents, businesses, and government ("Should Marty Markowitz become the city's envoy to the world?" online Nov. 20).

It would be a perfect fit to have Mr. Brooklyn as ambassador for the city. Public Advocate-elect Leticia James and Councilman David Greenfield (D-Midwood) are looking at the big picture by connecting Marty with promoting city tourism.

When we are looking at the big picture and promoting the New York brand globally, let's not forget the importance of empowering our students with the vast cultural and educational resources that the city has to offer. Our schools need to have a voice that will reach out to the Department of Cultural Affairs, and provide useful artists and cultural organizations to team up with our schools. Let's talk about the Alliance for the Arts, American Association of Museums, Americans for the Arts, Metropolitan Transportation Authority Arts for Transit, National Alliance for Media Arts and Culture, and the Arts and Business Council of New York. These organizations will provide valuable and effective tools to make learning fun for our students. Isn't fun the magic ingredient that puts a spark into learning? I would take the big-picture concept of student tourism, and focus on the sights and sounds of the wonders of Brooklyn.

Let's promote New York tourism and Brooklyn student tourism. We have the choice for the city ambassador, but now we have to look for a voice for our schools. It shouldn't be too hard, if you look closely.

**Scott Krivitsky
Coney Island**

Thanks-4-giving

To the editor,

Thank you to all who participated in the Madison-Marine-Homecrest Civic Association's Thanksgiving food drive by donating food and money. We collected approximately 20 frozen turkeys, several food gift cards, and 1,000 cans and packages of food for distribution to needy families in Brooklyn. The beneficiary was

the long-established food pantry at Our Lady of Refuge Church at Ocean and Foster avenues.

Special thanks to the businesses who hosted our collection boxes: Michael's Bakery, JoMart Chocolates, Mini-Mart and Pronto Pizza, all on Avenue R at Nostrand Avenue; Tom's Cleaners and Henry's Deli on Avenue S at Nostrand Avenue; T & D Bakery on Avenue U near E. 23rd Street; G & S Pork Store and Avenue U Fish Market, both on Avenue U near E. 27th Street; and Roosevelt Savings Bank at Avenue U and Nostrand Avenue.

Key Food on Gerritsen Avenue allowed us to set up a very successful food collection table, and Councilman Lew Fidler (D-Marine Park) and state Sen. Marty Golden (R-Bay Ridge) generously supported the event.

Ed Jaworski
The writer is president of the Madison-Marine-Homecrest-Civic Association.

Small-biz nod

To the editor,

Please support small retailers by joining your neighbors on Small Business Saturday on Nov. 30. Do the same as often as possible during the other 364 days a year. Skip the national chain stores' annual Black Friday madness, which now starts early Thursday at most large retail stores. Only PC Richards is closed. They allow their employees to stay home with family.

Take a pass on Cyber Monday for those who want to shop on the Internet. Enjoy your Thanksgiving meal, get a good night's sleep, and come out and support small business by shopping local. In these difficult economic times, it is especially important to patronize your neighborhood businesses. There are so many great options. These people are our neighbors. They work long hours, pay taxes, and provide local employment without the support of government subsidies at taxpayers' expense. If we don't patronize our local community stores and restaurants to shop and eat, they don't eat either.

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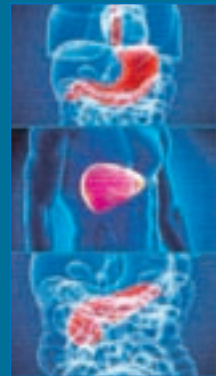
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Humps

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lov, a Berkeley Placer who filed a complaint with the Department of Transportation.

The activists are circulating a petition calling on the department and local politicians to erase the new paving job, and so far they say they have 44 signatures, but their complaints are likely to fall on deaf ears because not only did the neighborhood's Community Board 6 approve the 2009 installation of the first set of humps, but it came as a result of block residents documenting speeding and formally requesting them, according to a transportation department spokesman. Nor does there appear to be much support in surrounding Park Slope.

Three civic groups, including the community board, applied to the city's transportation department in 2011 to make the whole neighborhood an official Slow Zone. The transportation department rejected the bid, but one Berkeley Place resident wrote in the

application that the original speed humps on the street helped to discourage the parade of autos that the author said uses it as a Grand-Army-Plaza-bound alternative to nearby Union Street, and that Berkeley Place's bike lane makes slowing cars a particular priority there.

Local officials are not eager to jump on the dump-the-hump bandwagon.

"Speeding is a problem in Park Slope and throughout New York City, and it is important that we work together to keep New Yorkers safe," said Matt Ojala, spokesman for local Councilman Steve Levin. "Speed bumps are an important

traffic-calming measure that reduces speeds and increases safety."

But one block resident said the key to stopping speeding is not more asphalt, but changing traffic law and how it is enforced.

"The community would be better served if the city lowered the speed limit on all one-lane streets throughout the entire neighborhood and then followed up with a concerted effort to enforce the lower speeds," said Diane Greer. "It seems silly to install speed bumps on a few random residential streets as opposed to addressing speeding on all residential streets in the neighborhood."

Ward

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court and a beer hall on the Bergen side of the building, Havens said. And at least six "creative" tenants have inked leases for the building's top three floors.

According to the real estate broker, all the interest in the project shows there

will be no trouble finding an operator for the test kitchen or the building's shared office space, which 3rd Ward was also supposed to run.

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
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A 2010 nationwide telephone survey of 1,001 asthma patients found that while most patients with asthma understood the risks associated with uncontrolled asthma, they didn't always act accordingly.

"This finding demonstrates a serious disconnect between the perceived consequences of uncontrolled asthma and the necessary steps people should take to achieve better control," explained Dr. Shailen Shah, an asthma expert with PA Allergy and Asthma Consultants.

"Some people believe that asthma goes away when their symptoms do, but asthma is a chronic disease. The good news is that with the appropriate treatment regimen, the inflammation that causes the symptoms may be properly managed."

Additionally, there are simple steps patients can take to avoid unnecessary complications, beginning with an open discussion with a physician.

Understand asthma

People with asthma suffer from chronic lung inflammation, with symptoms ranging from cough-

ing and wheezing to chest tightness and shortness of breath. Additionally, asthma triggers such as air pollution, smoke, pet dander, pollen, and mold can set off an asthma episode.

It's important for patients to understand that when their asthma is under control with the help of their physicians, through lifestyle modifications, and the proper use of appropriate controller medication, they should exhibit few asthma symptoms.

Simple steps to control asthma

A physician can help create an asthma action plan and determine if a controller medication, in addition to a rescue medication, is appropriate.

"Using an asthma action plan...can help patients stay in the know and in control of their asthma," Shah stresses. "By understanding proper asthma management and appropriate use of medications, patients can help maintain control over their asthma symptoms and minimize the risks associated with uncontrolled asthma."

Improving indoor air quality

It's important to prepare your home for winter weather

With fall soon to give way to winter, many people will be spending more time indoors. Winter weather can be harsh, and it can be difficult for fresh air to make its way into a home once the warmer temperatures of summer and fall give way to the cold days of winter.

Poor indoor air quality can cause multiple problems. According to the Environmental Protection Agency, poor indoor air quality can increase a person's risk of developing pneumonia, and it also may aggravate existing respiratory conditions such as asthma. The agency also notes that long-term exposure to indoor air pollution can increase a person's risk for heart disease, respiratory diseases, and even cancer.

Because indoor air pollution can be so devastating, many homeowners look for ways to improve their indoor air quality, especially before the arrival of winter, when residents figure to spend such a significant amount of time indoors. Fortunately, homeowners can take many steps to do just that.

- Clean with soap and water. Soap and hot water can still clean a home effectively, and this age-old combination might be the healthiest way to clean as well. Many household cleaning products contain potentially harmful ingredients that can introduce toxins and irritants into a home. Avoid such cleaners and solvents when cleaning a home. If stains prove too stubborn for soap and water, be sure to open windows when using potentially harmful cleaners indoors.

- Purchase an air filtration system. Air filtration systems vary significantly in size, cost, and function. Some systems are designed to remove specific pollutants, and may not be effective at removing additional indoor air pollutants. Larger models tend to be most effective at filtering pollutants like dust, but such units are more expensive than smaller units. If your home is espe-



Mopping can remove pollutants the vacuum cleaner might have left behind.

cially dusty, then a large filtering system may prove a worthy investment.

- Open windows and doors when possible. Introducing outdoor air into a home is a great way to improve indoor air quality. Of course, opening windows and doors might not be feasible in the middle of winter. But take advantage of any such opportunities when they present themselves. For example,

after cooking a big meal, open the kitchen exhaust fan to allow fresh air into the home. Such fans are not large enough to cause a significant temperature drop in the home, but they can directly remove contaminants from inside the home, like those that might be emitted from gas stoves.

- Insist guests and residents remove their shoes. Chemicals can find their way into a home in a variety of ways, and you and your fellow residents or

guests may be tracking them into your home on your shoes. Keep a doormat inside all entryways, and insist guests and residents remove their shoes before entering your home. This reduces the amount of potential pollutants brought into your home and also makes cleaning the home that much easier.

- Break out the mop. Vacuum cleaners can be effective at picking up pollutants inside a home, but they also can leave things

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"Electronic cigarettes deliver nicotine without giving off smoke", said Dr. Suhail Raof, chief of pulmonary and critical care medicine at New York Methodist Hospital. "Intuitively, it would make sense to substitute these 'e-cigarettes' for real cigarettes. However, when we drill a little deeper, e-cigarettes vary greatly in their ability to deliver nicotine through the vapor they produce. Thus, the craving that smokers commonly experience when they quit may not go away. Also, these e-cigarettes contain other substances such as formaldehyde, acetaldehyde, and compounds of benzene and benzodiazepine. The long-term effects of inhaling these compounds are not known."

"What is known for certain is that e-cigarettes are highly addictive, just like tobacco cigarettes, and they contain carcinogens and toxic chemicals," said Dr. Lizamma George, associate chief of pulmonary medicine at Methodist. "The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has approved numerous products to help smokers kick the habit, including nicotine gum, patches, and lozenges — but electronic cigarettes have not been recommended by the FDA."



Dr. Suhail Raof works with a patient at New York Methodist Hospital.

New York Methodist Hospital's Institute for Asthma and Other Lung Diseases offers proven options for patients who want to quit smoking, including individual counseling sessions with pulmonologists familiar with the struggles of smoking cessation. In addition, the Hospital offers the Fred L. Mazzilli Lung Cancer Screening Program for the screening and diagnosis of early lung cancer.

The free Screening Program is recommended for patients who have a history of smoking and meet certain medical criteria. "For any smoker, the desire to quit is a crucial first step," said registered nurse Tatiana Melero, pulmonary division nurse who administers smoking cessation programs at the medical center. "However, using e-cigarettes as a smoking cessation regimen is not recommended. Quitting smoking is too important a goal to leave to chance."

For a lung cancer screening at New York Methodist Hospital, call (718) 780-LUNG. To find a physician who specializes in smoking cessation, call (866) ASK-LUNG [(866) 275-5864].

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Air quality

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behind. When a vacuum cleaner seems to be leaving some dust behind, take out the mop and, with just a little water, address the areas where dust is still lingering. Water should be enough to do the trick, and, unlike some clean-

ing products, water won't be introducing any additional harmful pollutants into the home.

•Smoke outside. Smoking inside a home is inviting trouble, especially during those times of year when the windows cannot be opened. Secondhand smoke is a significant source of indoor air pollution, as cigarette smoke

is known to contain more than 4,000 chemicals. Smoking indoors, whether an area is well or poorly ventilated, can be dangerous to smokers. Exposure to secondhand smoke puts adults and children alike at risk of several diseases, including asthma and cancer. If you or your fellow residents or visitors must smoke, do so outdoors.

Lung cancer is deadliest of all

Many people are quick to assume they will be immune to lung cancer if they simply avoid smoking tobacco, but the disease is much more complex than that, and understanding it could mean the difference between life and death.

Causes of lung cancer

While the National Cancer Institute reports that smoking is the leading cause of lung cancer, that doesn't mean nonsmokers — or those who quit smoking — still aren't at risk. In fact, many additional factors can increase a person's risk of lung cancer.

Secondhand smoke has long been known to be very harmful, and no one, not even children, is immune to its effects. The American Cancer Society notes that, in the U.S. alone, roughly 3,000 nonsmoking adults will succumb to lung cancer each year because of second-hand smoke. Choosing not to smoke is a good decision, but being around smokers and breathing in their smoke could prove just as deadly as smoking. The less a person is exposed to tobacco smoke, the lower his risk for lung cancer.

Another risk factor for lung cancer is radon, a radioactive gas that cannot be seen, smelled, or tasted. Radon forms in soil and rocks, and people who work in mines could be exposed. Radon can also be found in homes when it pushes its way through cracks in floors

or gaps around service pipes or in suspended floors. Testing a home for radon is inexpensive and won't take much time.

Additional causes of lung cancer include air pollution, asbestos, and even age. Older people are more likely to be diagnosed with lung cancer, as are those with a family history of lung cancer.

Does lung cancer have symptoms?

The deadliest form of cancer, lung cancer is perhaps so deadly because it does not often have many symptoms in its early stages. While some symptoms might manifest themselves in the early stages, most will wait until the cancer begins to grow before they make their presence felt.

As the cancer grows, the following symptoms might appear:

- A cough that continues to worsen or won't go away
 - Constant chest pain
 - Coughing up blood
 - A voice that grows hoarse
 - Frequent infections of the lungs, including pneumonia
 - Constant feelings of fatigue
 - Unexplained weight loss
- Each of these symptoms can occur even if a person does not have lung cancer. However, those who experience any of the above symptoms should consult their physicians immediately.

How is lung cancer diagnosed?

In many cases, individuals will experience one of the aforementioned symptoms of lung cancer and then visit their doctors. Such a visit should be made immediately, and patients should expect certain tests to be performed upon visiting their doctor. In addition to ordering some blood work, a doctor will likely perform

a physical exam to check for general signs of health and listen to breathing. During the physical, the doctor is likely to check for swollen lymph nodes, fluid in the lungs, and a swollen liver.

A doctor will also order X-ray pictures of the chest to detect if there are any tumors or an abnormal fluid buildup. A CT scan, which

takes pictures of the tissue inside the chest, will likely be taken as well. These pictures can show if there is a tumor, abnormal fluid or swollen lymph nodes.

When determining if a patient has lung cancer, a doctor will also enlist the help of a pathologist to study cell or tissue samples. These cells or tissues can be collected in a number of ways, and a doctor might order more than one test.

•**Bronchoscopy:** A thin, lighted tube is inserted

through the nose or mouth into the lung, allowing a close exam of the lungs and the air passages that lead to them. A cell sample can be taken with a needle, brush or other tool.

•**Sputum cytology:** Sputum, or thick fluid, is coughed up from the lungs and then checked for cancer cells.

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Great dane: Leske's co-owner Steven DeSimone and manager Harry Hawk show off a tray of their famous kringle.

Photo by Stefano Giovannini

Bay Ridge: A world of bakeries

By Will Bredderman

The Robicellis are the latest to the pastry game in Bay Ridge, but they are far from the first. The neighborhood has long been a smorgasbord of bakeries, from across countries and across continents. Here are just a handful of our favorites.

Leske's

This Fifth Avenue stand-out gives you a taste of Bay Ridge's Scandinavian past, specializing in Danishes, kringle, marzipan cake, and black-and-white cookies. The old-fashioned Brooklyn blackout cake and distinctive doughnut flavors are also a hit.

[7612 Fifth Ave., between 76th and 77th streets in Bay Ridge, (718) 680-2323, www.leskesbakery.com].

Jean Danet Pastry

A world of eclairs, napoleons, fruit tarts, baguettes, chocolate mousse, and customized cakes — all courtesy of owner Pat Giura, a graduate of the French Culinary Institute. This 40-year-old shop also trades in Italian treats and brick-oven pizza.

[7526 Fifth Ave., between 75th and 76th streets in Bay Ridge, (718) 836-7566, www.jeandanet.com].

Sweet Arayssi

The first Arayssi family bakery opened in mid-19th Century Beirut. In 1992, Sami Arayssi, a scion of the dynasty of delicacies, brought the traditional recipes across the Mediterranean Sea, the Atlantic Ocean, and the New York harbor to Fifth Avenue in Bay Ridge. The ovens here have been giving birth to barazik and ma'amoul cookies, turmeric cakes, coconut maa-karoons, mishmishya, and date fingers ever since.



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JUST DESSERTS

Robicelli's is back in Ridge — minus the sandwiches

By Will Bredderman

Call it a sweet second coming. Matt and Allison Robicelli, Bay Ridge's cupcake power couple, are making another bid to taste storefront success — and the pair say making it happen in their own native neighborhood will be icing on the cake.

Hot off the launch of their autobiographical cookbook, the Robicellis soft-opened their new bakery on Fifth Avenue between 90th and 91st streets on Nov. 26, four years after their high-end market two thoroughfares over closed.

Unlike the defunct deli, which made sandwiches and sold an array of gourmet goodies, the new shop will deal exclusively in the desserts that have made the pair's name famous in foodie circles nationwide. Though the pair have since been running a wholesale baking operation in Sunset Park, Allison Robicelli said she and her husband were eager to open a new retail store — so eager that the store's interior is still unfinished, leaving the kitchen exposed. Robicelli said she hoped the partially-complete space would fill customers'

appetite for Thanksgiving treats, and grant them unique insights into the bakery business.

"This is going to be a work in progress," Robicelli said. "People will get to come in and see the nuts and bolts of pastry-making."

In honor of fall, the Robicellis are rolling out a special line of seasonal cupcakes, such as pumpkin, pecan, and sweet potato. Going forward, Robicelli promised recipes reflecting Bay Ridge's zesty Italian, Greek, and Arabic mixture, with inspired ingredients such as date molasses, yogurt, and Asiago cheese — all sourced from local stores, including A.L.C. Italian Grocery, Athens Market, and Balady Halal Foods.

"This is going to be like our research and development lab," she said. "Anything that's small and different, we pick it up and use it in some way."

Robicelli said she and her husband — veterans of trendy outlets such as the DeKalb Market and Battery Place Market — chose to open their new store in Bay Ridge instead of a hipper neighborhood out of a sense of native

loyalty and pride. The confection queen pointed out that Ridgites who have moved away from the area often come back to complain about how much it has changed — without recognizing that they themselves contributed to the demographic shift.

"If you want good things in your community, you have to stay in your community and fight for them," Robicelli said.

But the pastry-maker also said she is betting some of the recent changes in Bay Ridge will give her bakery a better chance than her gourmet market ever had. She said that the neighborhood's relatively low rents are attracting young people from culinary and media circles — many of whom have brought a taste for eclectic cupcakes with them.

"All these creative types are moving here, people who understand the importance of going out and shopping local and staying local," Robicelli said.

Robicelli's Bakery (9009 Fifth Ave. between 90th and 91st streets in Bay Ridge, www.robicellis.tumblr.com).

[7216 Fifth Ave., between 72nd and 73rd streets in Bay Ridge, (718) 745-2115, www.arayssi.com].

Bay Ridge Bakery

The Greek-born John Nikolopoulos opened this confectionery in 1974. Besides baklava, olive-laced "mama's bread," and feta turnovers, Bay Ridge Bakery also whips up French cheesecakes and Italian cookies.

[7805 Fifth Ave., between 78th and 79th streets in Bay Ridge, (718) 238-0014, www.bayridgebakery.com].

Monaco's

Joe Monaco — a former East Village baker-to-the-stars, whose past clients included Frank Sinatra, John Belushi, and Elizabeth Taylor — struck out on his own and opened this pastry shop in 2011. His cannoli, strawberry shortcake, and repertoire

of croissants have since become legendary in the neighborhood.

[8511 Third Ave., between 85th and 86th streets in Bay Ridge, (347) 497-4409, www.monacosbakery.com].

Little Cupcake Bakeshop

Open since 2005, Little Cupcake Bakeshop brought a modern flavor to Bay Ridge's sweets scene. The store

touts its ecologically-designed interior and grass-fed and organic ingredients sourced from tri-state area family farms, along with cupcakes in flavors like "Dreaming Princess," "Hummingbird," and "Mott Street." Also, check out the giant Rice Krispie treats and mini-cheesecakes.

[9102 Third Ave., at the corner of 91st Street in Bay Ridge, (718) 680-4465, www.littlecupcakebakeshop.com].

■ AROUND TOWN

OFF TO THE MARKET WE GO!

Looking for a different kind of stocking-stuffers? Then check out our definitive guide holiday markets

BY MEREDITH DELISO

The turkeys have been stuffed and the pumpkin pie inhaled. Now it is time to turn your attention to the holiday season and the gift giving it inspires. If you are in the market for some unique gifts this year, we have rounded up some of the best holiday markets across Brooklyn. These shopping extravaganzas are all free to attend, too, so you can save your cash for goodies or maybe even something for yourself.

Made in NYC

It is the last weekend to catch this pop-up marketplace featuring locally-made apparel and accessories from more than 50 independent fashion designers.

Factory Floor at Industry City (241 37th St. between Second and Third avenues in Sunset Park, www.factoryfloorbrooklyn.com). Nov. 30 and Dec. 1 at 10 am–6 pm.

Crafted at the Canal

This holiday market gives a new meaning the term “re-gifting.” Each of the more than 20 vendors incorporate reused and upcycled materials in their crafts, so each gift is truly unique. Products include photographs in reclaimed lumber frames, pet toys, jewelry made from bicycle parts, and hand-painted wooden objects.

Build It Green! NYC (69 Ninth St. between Smith Street and Second Avenue in Gowanus, www.bignyc.org/crafted-at-the-canal) Dec. 6 at 5–9 pm; Dec. 7 at 10 am–5 pm.

Brooklyn Vintage Holiday Book Fair

For the book lover in your life, head to this holiday book fair presented by the Gowanus-based Honey & Wax Booksellers. Independent booksellers across the borough will offer rare, vintage, and out-of-print books.

Old Stone House (336 Third St. between Fourth and Fifth avenues in Park Slope, www.theoldstonehouse.org). Dec. 7 at noon–5 pm.

Stuff You Should Buy

The stuff in question is all from local designers. There will be jewelry, art, stationary, toys, skincare products, and even Christmas trees to browse, as well as activities such as face painting to entertain the little ones.

PS 321 (180 Seventh Ave. at First Street in Park Slope, www.ps321pta.squarespace.com), Dec. 7, 10 am–5 pm.

Flatbush Artist Group Holiday Show

Giving the gift of affordable art is easy with this holiday show from the Flatbush Artist Group. Sixteen artists will present their paintings, sculpture, drawings, prints, photography, and more in a Park Slope brownstone.

502 Ninth St. between Seventh and Eighth avenues in Park Slope, Dec. 7–8 at 1–7 pm.

Brooklyn Holiday Bazaar

Online store Brooklyn Makers goes offline with more than 30 vendors for this holiday fair. In addition to locally-made goods, such as clothing,



Market-ing team: The Handmade Cavalcade takes over the Space in Williamsburg for two days on Dec. 14, and 15, with its straight-from-Etsy goods.

Photo courtesy Etsy NY Team

jewelry, accessories, and gourmet food products, there will be craft workshops for kids and adults, and a gift-wrapping corner.

501 Union (501 Union St. near Bond Street in Gowanus, www.brooklynmakers.com), Dec. 8 at 11 am–6 pm.

Eat Pie and Shop

Support a good cause while crossing items off your shopping list. Proceeds from this holiday fair benefit P.S. 29. Items on offer include glass terrariums, handmade batik clothing, and organic pecans, amongst others from more than 40 vendors. There will also be a pie contest and professional photographers on hand to take family portraits.

P.S. 29 (425 Henry St. at Kane Street in Cobble Hill, www.eatpieandshop.org), Dec. 8 at 11 am–4 pm.

Greenpointers Holiday Market

More than 70 local makers will set up shop at this loft space. But you do not have to come here just to buy gifts. There will also be food and drinks, a DIY nail art bar, an origami ornaments craft table, terrarium workshops, and a holiday photo booth.

The Greenpoint Loft (67 West St. near Milton Street, fifth floor, in Greenpoint, www.greenpointers.com). Dec. 8 at 1–7 pm.

Holiday Handmade Cavalcade

Like Etsy? Shop it in person. This annual winter market is put on by the online handmade marketplace's New York team and regularly

draws upwards of 2,000 shoppers. More than 40 vendors will sell handmade clothing, jewelry, accessories, paper goods, bath products, toys and housewares. The first 100 guests on either day will score a free gift bag.

The Space (50 N. Third St. near Kent Avenue in Williamsburg, www.handmadecavalcade.com), Dec. 14–15 at 10 am–5 pm.

Vegan Holiday Shop Up

This pop-up shop brings vegan vendors together so you can shop in good conscious — and taste. Items include gluten-free mini pies from Gone Pie, loose-leaf chai from Chai Mookie, giant cookies from Vegan O'Brien, and magazines and recipe cards from “Chickpea Vegan Quarterly.”

Pine Box Rock Shop (12 Grattan St. between Bogart Street and Morgan Avenue in Bushwick, www.veganshopup.wordpress.com), Dec. 14 and 21 at noon–6 pm.

Winter Flea Market

Peruse jewelry, crafts, collectibles, and other gifts from the more than 40 vendors setting up shop at this congregation.

Bay Ridge Jewish Center (Fourth Avenue and 81st Street in Bay Ridge, www.bayridgejewishcenter.org), Dec. 15 at 9 am–4 pm.

S & J Crafts and Things Christmas Fair

Etsy shop S & J Crafts and Things is putting together its first fair. Holiday gifts include driftwood art, handmade jewelry, decoupage wine bottles, beauty products, and handbags.



Light my fire: (Above) The Brooklyn Candle Studio will bring its unique scents to the Brooklyn Makers holiday market at 501 Union on Dec. 8.

Photo courtesy Brooklyn Makers

Bejeweled: (Below) These necklaces from Marble Inc. are just some of the “stuff” you can buy at PS 321's Stuff You Should Buy.

Photo courtesy PS 321 PTA



Knights of Columbus Council #126 (3051 Nostrand Ave. at Quentin Road in Marine Park), Dec. 15 at 10 am–4 pm.

Holiday Goldmine!

This one is for the people in your life who always manage to look uniquely fabulous. The party organizers at Gemini & Scorpio are bringing together vendors that specialize in vintage items, corsets and crinolines, feathers, gemstone jewelry, and other generally sparkly things.

Gemini & Scorpio loft in Gowanus (address given upon RSVP at www.geminiandscorpio.com/events), Dec. 17 at 6–10 pm.

Holiday Marketplace

The Brooklyn Lyceum has been putting on its annual holiday marketplace for six years running. This go-around, it pops up right before Christmas, for all those last-minute shoppers. Peruse offerings from a variety of local vendors, including clothing, jewelry, children's items, and food products.

Brooklyn Lyceum (227 Fourth Ave. between Union and President streets, www.lyceummart.com), December 21–22 at 11 am–7 pm.

Williamsburg Winter Flea

The Brooklyn Flea outgrew its usual winter home at Skylight One Hanson, so it has found a new one in Williamsburg. There is room for more than 200 vendors, and a good portion of those will be food booths, in case you want to give the always-appreciated gift of deliciousness this year.

Brooklyn Flea (80 North Fifth St. at Wythe Avenue in Williamsburg, www.brooklynflea.com). Saturday and Sundays at 10 am–7 pm.

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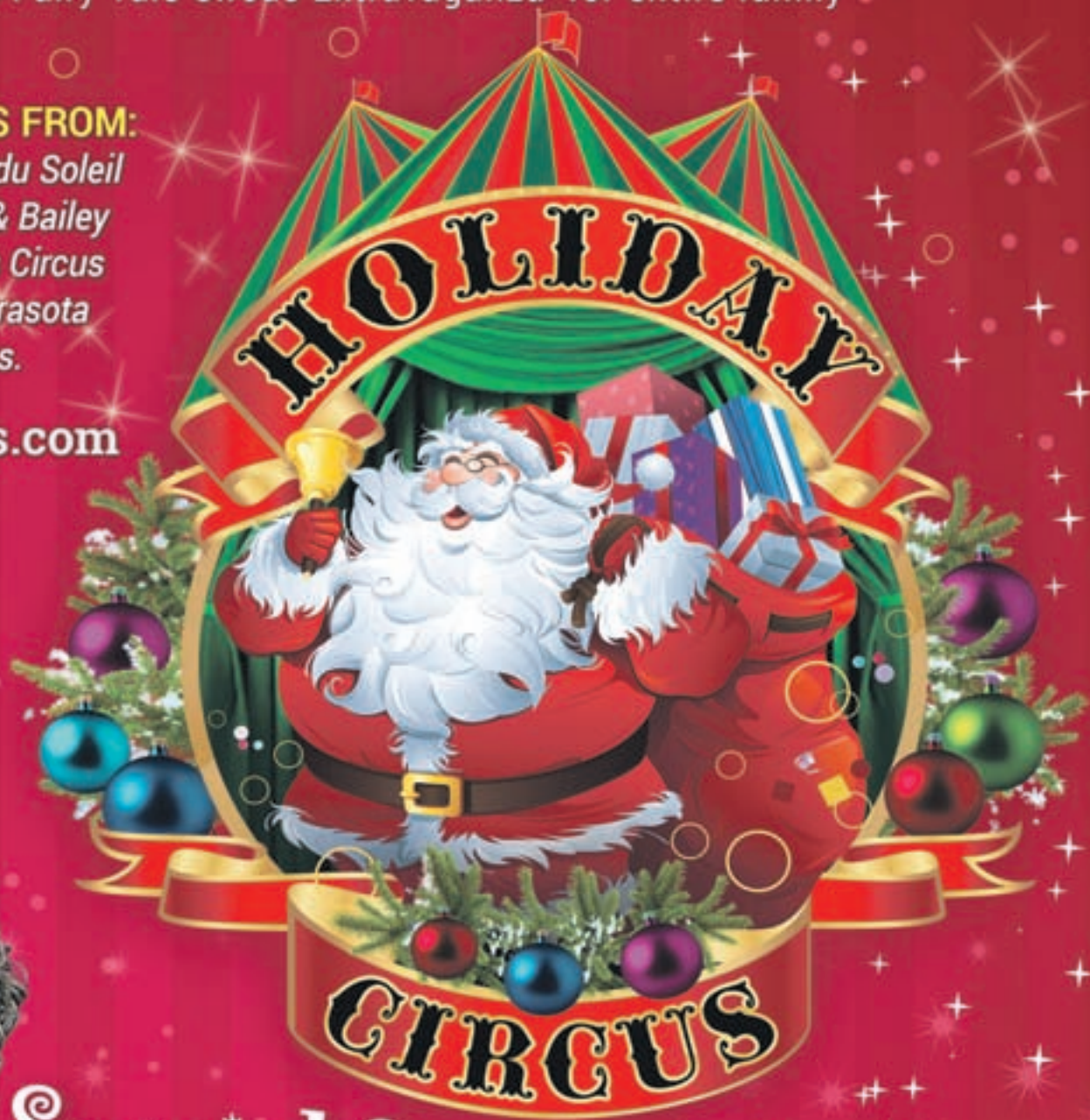
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GOT 'EM BOOKED

A slew of authors volunteer at borough bookstores for 'Indies First'

By Megan Riesz

A good book is hard to put down — especially when the author is staring you right in the face.

Writers across Brooklyn will don employee badges at their favorite indie bookstores on Nov. 30 as part of “Indies First,” a nationwide movement to support small businesses. As part of their duties, the scribes will sign books and schmooze customers — though they will not have to master the cash register.

“I don’t think any of us are expecting them to be expert booksellers,” said Jenn Worthington, events director at Greenpoint’s Word bookstore, which will host authors such as Emma Straub (“Laura Lamont’s Life in Pictures”) and Jami Attenberg (“The Middlesteins”). “It’s a fun thing to have them here.”

Indies First is the brainchild of Washington-based writer Sherman Alexie, who wrote an open letter in September urging writers to hand-sell their own books — and recommend their friends’ books — on “Small Business Saturday.”



An in-store appearance: Author Myke Cole at Word bookstore in Greenpoint, where he will volunteer on Nov. 30.
Photo by Cassandra Giraldo

“It’s the best part of the bookseller job, the part they are doing,” said Jessica Bagnulo, head of events at Greenlight Bookstore in Fort Greene, where Justin Torres (“We The Animals”) and others will be working. “Most authors are also passionate readers, so they love to talk about books. We’re not making them unpack boxes or anything.”

One Brooklyn author who has signed on for a shift said he is not intimidated by the holiday-shopping hordes.

“I faced down al-Qaeda in Iraq,” said fantasy novel author Myke Cole, who served overseas as a mercenary and paramilitary civilian for the Department of Defense. “I think I can handle a pushy customer or two.”

Bergen Street Comics and the Community Bookstore in Park Slope, and powerHouse Arena in Dumbo and South Slope, will join Word and Greenlight in the all-day event.

The authors say they are doing their part — now it is up to

shoppers to join them by filling Christmas stockings with locally-penned literature this year.

“This is just my way of giving back for all the young writers who got their start at Word events,” said Brendan Jay Sullivan, who is the author of “Rivington Was Ours,” a memoir chronicling his friendship with Lady Gaga. “Brooklyn has a strong literary community, so what better way to shop than to ask the experts?”

“Indies First” at Bergen Street Comics [470 Bergen St. at Flatbush Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 230-5600, www.bergenstreetcomics.com]. The Community Bookstore [143 Seventh Ave. between Carroll Street and Garfield Place in Park Slope, (718) 783-3075, www.communitybookstore.net]. powerHouse Arena [multiple locations, www.powerhousearena.com]. Word [126 Franklin St. at Milton Street in Greenpoint, (718) 383-0096, www.wordbookstores.com]. Greenlight Bookstore [686 Fulton Street at South Portland Avenue in Fort Greene, (718) 246-0200, www.greenlightbookstore.com]. Nov. 30.

Broadway does Southern Brooklyn

Stars of the Great White Way sing for supper at Kingsborough College

By Meredith Deliso

Broadway is coming to Manhattan Beach.

On Dec. 7, Kingsborough College will host “Sing For Your Supper,” a revue of Broadway numbers from a century of musicals.

The production, which originated at the Kaufman Music Center in Manhattan as part of its “Broadway Close Up” series, features seven Broadway regulars singing numbers by such beloved composers and lyricists as Irving Berlin, Stephen Sondheim, and Rogers and Hart.

Two-by-two and three-by-three, the performers will emerge to sing until the whole gang is on stage, in a show that highlights duets, trios, and ensembles from musicals such as “A Little Night Music,” “West Side Story,” “City of Angels,” “Grease,” and “The Scottsboro



Broadway at the beach: A cast of Broadway regulars will perform the best duets, quartets, and ensemble numbers from 100 years of musicals at Kingsborough College.

Boys.” Broadway buffs may recognize the show’s title as a quartet ditty from the 1938 musical “The Boys from Syracuse.”

“They’re the best duets, quartets, and ensemble numbers from the last 100 years,” said Anna Becker, execu-

tive director of On Stage at Kingsborough. “You really get a sense of how each type of song is wonderful.”

The performers themselves are veterans of such shows as “Wicked,” “The Book of Mormon,” and “The Addams

Family,” and include Heidi Blickenstaff, Lewis Cleale, Erin Mackey, Mary Michael Patterson, and Matthew Scott.

Scott, who was in the original cast of “Jersey Boys,” is returning to the Kingsborough stage after last appearing in “Noel & Cole In Love,” in 2011. Audiences loved him in that show, said Becker, and Scott said he plans on winning the crowd over once again.

“There’s nothing that I do other than these concerts that is more crowd-pleasing,” said Scott. “These are, without fail, bringing-the-house-down kind of nights.”

“Sing For Your Supper” at Kingsborough College [2001 Oriental Blvd. at Oxford Street in Manhattan Beach, (718) 368-5596, www.onstageatkingsborough.org], Dec. 7 at 8 pm, \$30-\$35.

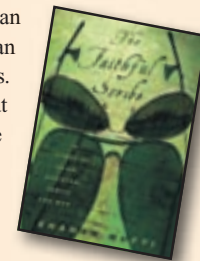


The best reads — handpicked by local bookstore employees

WORD’s pick: “The Faithful Scribe: A Story of Islam, Pakistan, Family, and War” by Shahan Mufti

Through the lens of his own family’s lives as citizens of Pakistan and the United States as well as through his extensively documented ancestry, Shahan Mufti examines the evolution of Pakistan from its formation to its current status. It’s a huge project to undertake, but Mufti balances the personal with the political, finding the human moments in history and the sweeping themes in everyday life. As both a memoir and a biography of a nation, it is well worth a read.

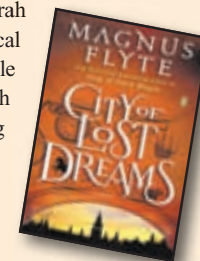
— Emily Pullen, WORD [126 Franklin St. at Milton Street in Greenpoint, (718) 383-0096, www.wordbrooklyn.com].



The BookMark Shoppe’s pick: “City of Lost Dreams” by Magnus Flyte

My favorite characters are back in this action-packed sequel to “City of Dark Magic.” Two years have passed since Sarah first met Prince Max and Nichol as Pertusato. Now back in Prague and subsequently Vienna, Sarah is racing to find a cure for young musical genius Pollina, who is gravely ill, while battling a mad scientist, a coquettish admirer, and an unseen enemy trailing her every move. Max and Nicholas are busy themselves in Prague with long-dead historical figures wandering around the city. Can the trio figure out how the events in Prague and Vienna are connected before it’s too late? Filled with all the villains, beloved heroes, alchemy, romance, and history as “City of Dark Magic,” “City of Lost Dreams” is a must-read.

— Bina Valenzano, co-owner, The BookMark Shoppe [8415 Third Ave. between 84th and 85th streets in Bay Ridge, (718) 833-5115, www.bookmarkshoppe.com].



Greenlight Bookstore’s pick: “This Is the Story of a Happy Marriage” by Ann Patchett

Ann Patchett, best-selling author of “Bel Canto” and “State of Wonder,” returns with a new collection of essays, “This Is the Story of a Happy Marriage.” In addition to being a writer, Patchett is co-owner of the independent bookstore Parnassus Books in Nashville, Tenn., and has become a well-spoken advocate of independent bookstores. This latest book mixes literature and memoir, which creates both a portrait and a philosophy of this amazing woman’s life. Great for fans of Patchett and literature-lovers alike.

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FRI, NOV. 29

GINGERBREAD LANE: It's a 300-square-foot village made entirely of edible gingerbread, royal icing and candy, and is a contender for the Guinness World Record for the largest gingerbread exhibit. Free with museum admission. 9:30 am–5 pm. New York Hall of Science [47-01 111th St., at Avenue of Science in Corona, (718) 699-0005 X353], www.nyscience.org.

FROGS — A CHORUS OF COLORS: See more than 150 live frogs, including 10 species of colorful dart-poison frogs. Learn about their importance to ecosystems and the threats they face in the wild. Suggested admission \$19, \$10.50 children, \$14.50 seniors and students. 10 am–5:45 pm. American Museum of Natural History [Central Park West at 79th Street in Upper West Side, (212) 769-5200], www.amnh.org.

ART, "TWICE MILITANT: Lorraine Hansberry's Letters to "The Ladder": New exhibition examining a lesser-known aspect of the life of the award-winning author of the landmark play "A Raisin in the Sun." \$12 (suggested). 11 am–6 pm. Brooklyn Museum [200 Eastern Pkwy. at Washington Avenue in Prospect Heights, (718) 638-5000], www.brooklynmuseum.org.

ARTPALOOZA: Children 5 years old and younger explore their artistic side with glue, paint, and color. Free with museum admission. 11:30 am and 2:30 pm. Brooklyn Children's Museum [145 Brooklyn Ave. at St. Marks Avenue in Crown Heights, (718) 735-4400], www.brooklynkids.org.

FANTASTIC TUNNELS: Learn all about the train tunnels beneath the city. Free with museum admission. 11:30 am, 1:30 and 3 pm. New York Transit Museum [Boerum Place at Schermerhorn Street in Downtown, (718) 694-1600], www.mta.info/mta/museum.

ART, "MATERIAL HANDLING": New work by sculptor Noah Loebberg. Free. 1–6 pm. Robert Henry Contemporary [56 Bogart St. at Seigel Street in Bushwick, (718) 473-0819], www.roberthenrycontemporary.com.

ART, "LEADERS OF MEN": Exhibition of work by Marek Danielewski. Free. 1–7 pm. Yes Gallery [147 India St. near Manhattan Avenue in Greenpoint], www.yesgalleryyes.com.

NATURE ON THE GO: A naturalist leads children and families around the center, where they learn about what's all around the park. Free. 1–2 pm. Prospect Park Audubon Center [Enter park at Lincoln Road and Ocean Avenue in

Prospect Park, (718) 287-3400], www.prospectpark.org/audubon.

ART, "UNTIL WE REMEMBER THE SAME": New work from Katarina Poliacikova. Free. 2–6 pm. Open Source [306 17th St. near Sixth Avenue in Park Slope, (646) 279-3969], open-source-gallery.org.

FILM, "THE SPIRIT OF THE BEEHIVE": As part of "Kid Stuff," a series of art house favorites exploring childhood through the eyes of some of cinema's greatest auteurs. \$9–\$13. 2 pm, 4:30 pm, 7 pm, 9:30 pm. Brooklyn Academy of Music [30 Lafayette Ave. between Ashland Place and St. Felix Street in Fort Greene, (718) 636-4100], www.bam.org.

THEATER, "A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM": Theatre for a New Audience's inaugural production, directed by Julie Taymor. \$75–\$100. 7:30 pm. Polonsky Shakespeare Center [262 Ashland Pl. at Fulton Street in Fort Greene], www.tfana.org.

THEATER, "MIRACLE ON 34TH STREET": The Narrows Community Theater performs the holiday classic in a musical. \$10–\$20. 8 pm. Shore Hill Community Center [9000 Shore Rd. at 91st Street in Bay Ridge].

THEATER, "ANALOG.UE": A new monologue from Daniel Kitson. \$25. 8 pm. St. Ann's Warehouse [29 Jay St. between John and Plymouth streets in Dumbo, (718) 254-8779], www.stannswarehouse.org.

MUSIC, DEAN WAREHAM, PAPER CUTS: \$20 (\$17 in advance). 9 pm. Bell House [149 Seventh St. at Third Avenue in Gowanus, (718) 643-6510], www.thebellhouse.com.

SAT, NOV. 30

OUTDOORS AND TOURS

HUNT FOR WILD CHICKWEED: Led by naturalist/author "Wildman" Steve Brill. RSVP required at least 24 hours in advance. \$20 (\$10 children) suggested donation. 11:45 am. Grand Army Plaza (Union Street between Flatbush Avenue and Prospect Park West in Park Slope).

PERFORMANCE

THEATER, "ALADDIN AND THE WONDERFUL LAMP": Puppet adaptation of the most famous of the 1001 tales of the Arabian Nights. \$9 (\$8 children). 12:30 pm and 2:30 pm. Puppetworks [338 Sixth Ave. at Fourth Street in Park Slope, (718) 965-3391], www.puppetworks.org.

MUSIC, BIG EYED BLUES FESTIVAL: Featuring international blues performers from the New York City region. \$35 (\$30 in advance). 3–11:30 pm. The Commons Brooklyn [388 Atlantic Ave. between Bond and Hoyt streets in Boerum



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Hill, (718) 919-0697], www.bigeyedblues.com.

SALES AND MARKETS

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OTHER

ROCKET PARK MINI GOLF:

Putt your way through a nine-hole miniature course that teaches the science of spaceflight. \$6 (\$5 children, plus museum admission). 10 am–6 pm. New York Hall of Science [47-01 111th St., at Avenue of Science in Corona, (718) 699-0005 X353], www.nyscience.org.

ART, "BROOKLYN UTOPIAS: IN TRANSITION": Artists, activists, architects, designers, and urban theorists consider differing visions of an ideal city through the "concrete" example of Brooklyn. Free. 11 am–4 pm. Old Stone House [Fifth Avenue between Third and Fourth streets in Park Slope, (718) 768-3195], brooklynutopias.wordpress.com/upcoming-exhibitions.

"THE RED BALLOON" "WHITE MAN": Both flicks were directed by Albert Lamorisse. \$7 (\$9 adults). 11 am. BAM Kids [30 Lafayette Ave. at Ashland Place in Fort Greene, (718) 636-4129], www.bam.org.

NATIONAL GRID'S EARTHWORKS: Children learn about harvesting and gardening. 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.

ART, "LIVE, LOVE AND JAZZ": Exhibition from illustrator Frank Morrison. Free. Noon–3 pm. House of Art Gallery [408 Marcus Garvey Blvd. at Hasley Street in Bedford-Stuyvesant], www.hoagallery.com.

POP-UP AUDUBON: Explore the wilds of the park. Free. Noon–4 pm. Prospect Park Audubon Center [Enter park at Lincoln Road and Ocean Avenue in Prospect Park, (718) 287-3400], www.prospectpark.org/audubon.

INTRODUCTION TO BIRD

WATCHING: Children learn about the over 250 species of birds that call Prospect Park home. Free. Noon–1 pm and 1–2 pm. Prospect Park Audubon Center [Enter park at Lincoln Road and Ocean Avenue in Prospect Park, (718) 287-3400], www.prospectpark.org/audubon.

OPEN ICE SKATING: Break out the blades and start practicing your jumps. \$9 (\$5 skate rental). 1–3:30 pm. Abe Stark Ice Skating Rink [West 19th Street and the Boardwalk in Coney Island, (718) 946-6536].

HISTORY IN YOUR HANDS: Children learn how to process wool into yarn, card, spin and use a drop spindle and even make a felt ball to take home. \$3 (free for children). 1–2 pm. Lefferts Historic Homestead [452 Flatbush Ave. between Empire Boulevard and Eastern Parkway in Park Slope, (718) 789-2822], www.prospectpark.org.

RACE AROUND THE YARD: Enter a potato sack; spoon race, and other old fashioned games. \$3. 2:30–3:30 pm. Lefferts Historic Homestead [452 Flatbush Ave. between Empire Boulevard and Eastern Parkway in Park Slope, (718) 789-2822], www.prospectpark.org.

SUN, DEC. 1

PERFORMANCE

MUSIC, CHAMBER MUSIC: Featuring clarinetist Matthew Fontana. Free. 6 pm. Good Shepherd Church [Avenue S and Batchelder Street in Marine Park, (718) 998-2800].

OTHER

ART, "HOUSEWARMING: Notions of Home from the Center of the Universe": 10 am–8 pm. See Friday, Nov. 29.

ARTY FACTS: Children 4 to 7 years old explore the galleries, enjoy an activity and take an art class. \$10 materials fee plus museum admission. 11 am and 1:30 pm. Brooklyn Museum [200 Eastern Pkwy. at Washington Avenue in Prospect Heights, (718) 638-5000], www.brooklynmuseum.org.

MEET THE HOLIDAY: Children celebrate Hanukkah and make

a themed gift bag to take home. Free with museum admission. 11:30 am and 2:30 pm. Brooklyn Children's Museum [145 Brooklyn Ave. at St. Marks Avenue in Crown Heights, (718) 735-4400], www.brooklynkids.org.

"ANNE FRANK, A HISTORY FOR TODAY": The exhibit offers to shed light on the lessons of hope and compassion revealed in Anne Frank's story. Free. 12:30 pm – 3:30 pm. Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd [7420 Fourth Ave. at 74th Street in Bay Ridge, (718) 745-8520].

WINTER ON THE FARM: Learn how to make a patchwork quilt and spin wool into thread. Also enjoy Dutch treats and a visit from St. Nicholas. \$3. 1–4 pm. Lefferts Historic Homestead [452 Flatbush Ave. between Empire Boulevard and Eastern Parkway in Park Slope, (718) 789-2822], www.prospectpark.org.

PENNY SOCIAL: Help out the school and honor the life of Dorothy Orlowski with games, prizes, shopping, and more. Free. 1 pm. Our lady of Perpetual Help Gym [552-59th St. at Fifth Avenue in Sunset Park, (718) 376-1620].

HOUSE TOURS: Children take a view of life on a 19th century farm and tour the Lefferts family legacy. \$3. 1–3 pm. Lefferts Historic Homestead [452 Flatbush Ave. between Empire Boulevard and Eastern Parkway in Park Slope, (718) 789-2822], www.prospectpark.org.

SPIN THE DREIDEL: Spin and enjoy a day of food, entertainment, and latkas. RSVP required. \$10 (\$5 children (\$15 non-members: \$10 children). 2–4 pm. Bay Ridge Jewish Center [405 81st St. at Fourth Avenue in Bay Ridge, (718) 836-3103].

FILM, "FANNY AND ALEXANDER": As part of "Kid Stuff," a series of art house favorites exploring childhood through the eyes of some of cinema's greatest auteurs. \$9–\$13. 3 pm. Brooklyn Academy of Music [30 Lafayette Ave. between Ashland Place and St. Felix Street in Fort Greene, (718) 636-4100], www.bam.org.

GRINCH DAY: Celebrate the season with a reading of the Dr. Seuss classic, "How the Grinch Stole Christmas." Free. 3 pm. Barnes and Noble [267 Seventh Ave. in Park Slope, (718) 832-9066].

TREE LIGHTING: Annual event, nativity, and mass, plus announcing the Faculty Award honorees. Free. 6:30 pm. Visitation Academy (90th St. and Ridge Boulevard in Bay Ridge).

MON, DEC. 2

SHAPE UP NYC: Girls get 6 to 13 years old learn all about fitness and fun. Free. 4–4:45 pm. Red Hook Recreation Center [155 Bay St. at Clinton St. in Red Hook, (212) 360-3304], www.nycgovparks.org.

PORTRAITS WITH SANTA: Bring in the family and your pet for a free photo shoot with the head elf, Santa. Free. 4–6 pm. Yuppy Puppy/Green Pup [544 Union St. between

Third and Nevins streets, (347) 799-1812].

FILM, "KES": As part of "Kid Stuff," a series of art house favorites exploring childhood through the eyes of some of cinema's greatest auteurs. \$9–\$13. 4:30 pm, 7 pm, 9:30 pm. Brooklyn Academy of Music [30 Lafayette Ave. between Ashland Place and St. Felix Street in Fort Greene, (718) 636-4100], www.bam.org.

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE: Registration is ongoing. Free. 6:30–9 pm. FDR High School [5800 20th Ave. at 59th Street in Bensonhurst, (718) 621-8843].

HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING: Featuring entertainment, giveaways, a sing-along with the Guild for Exceptional Children Choir, and a visit from Santa. Rain date Dec. 3. Free. 6:30 pm. Owl's Head Park (68th Street and Colonial Road in Bay Ridge).

THE MOTH STORYSLAM: Storytelling competition hosted by Peter Aguer. \$8. 8 pm. Bell House [149 Seventh St. at Third Avenue in Gowanus, (718) 643-6510], www.thebellhouse.com.

COMEDY, NOVELIZATION: A Reading Series Based on the Original Motion Picture: Dramatic readings of literary masterpieces such as "The Goonies," with hosts Liam McEneaney, Marlow Riley, and Heidi Vanderlee. \$7. 8 pm. Union Hall [702 Union St. at Fifth Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 638-4400], www.unionhallny.com.

TUES, DEC. 3

THEATER, "HICCUP HELP": Show for children of all ages presented by The Paper Bag Players. \$8. 10 am and noon. Kumble Theater at Long Island University [DeKalb and Flatbush avenues in Downtown, (718) 488-1624], www.brooklyn.liu.edu/Kumble-Theater.

DREIDEL, DREIDEL, DREIDEL: Learn about the traditions behind Hanukkah. Free with museum admission. 11:30 am and 2:30 pm. Brooklyn Children's Museum [145 Brooklyn Ave. at St. Marks Avenue in Crown Heights, (718) 735-4400], www.brooklynkids.org.

TREE LIGHTING: Councilman Stephen Levin is officiating at the annual lighting ceremony and holiday party featuring the dancers from Dancewave and P5 38. 6–8:30 pm. Belarussian Church (401 Atlantic Ave. and Bond Street in Boerum Hill).

HANUKKAH CELEBRATION: Family arts and crafts, interactive storytelling, sing-alongs with Gilad and latkes and donut eating contest. Hosted by the Kings Bay Y North. RSVP required. Free. 6–8 pm. King & Grove Hotel (rooftop lounge) [160 North St. between Berry Street and Bedford Avenue in Williamsburg, (718) 407-6377].

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READING, KIMBERLY MC-CREIGHT: Author of "Reconstructing Amelia." **Free.** 7-8 pm. powerHouse on 8th [1111 Eighth Ave. between 11th and 12th streets in Park Slope, (718) 666-3049], www.powerhousearena.com.

TALK, THE HYBRID PUBLISHING EXPERIENCE: Barry Lyga discusses the author experience in both digital and traditional print publishing. **Free.** 7 pm. Word Bookstore [126 Franklin St. between Milton and Noble streets in Greenpoint, (718) 383-0096], www.wordbrooklyn.com.

TALK, THE STOOP SERIES: Subsonic to Supersonic: Artist Rafael Vargas-Suarez and composer Stephen Barber discuss Vargas-Suarez's work in relation to music and sound. **Free.** 7 pm. BRIC House [647 Fulton St. at Rockwell Place in Fort Greene, (866) 811-4111], bricartsmedia.org.

COMEDY, ASK ME ANOTHER: A Holiday Extravaganza: Night of trivia, comedy, and music hosted by Ophira Eisenberg. \$20 (\$15 in advance). 7:30 pm. Bell House [149 Seventh St. at Third Avenue in Gowanus, (718) 643-6510], www.thebellhouse.com.

COMEDY, GEEKING OUT: Comedy show with Jason Zimble, Mara Herron, Steve Heisler, and The Vigilante. \$8 (\$5 in advance). 8:30 pm. Bell House [149 Seventh St. at Third Avenue in Gowanus, (718) 643-6510], www.thebellhouse.com.

WED, DEC. 4

HAPPY HANUKKAH: Children celebrate the holiday and make a decoration to take home. Free with museum admission. 11:30 am and 2:30 pm. Brooklyn Children's Museum [145 Brooklyn Ave. at St. Marks Avenue in Crown Heights, (718) 735-4400], www.brooklynkids.org.

FRANKEN SCIENCE: Children in grades three to four become mad scientists and learn all about science. Free with museum admission. 3:30-6 pm. New York Hall of Science [47-01 111th St., at Avenue of Science in Corona, (718) 699-0005 X353], www.nyscience.org.

READING, "THE ELF ON THE SHELF": A holiday tradition with crafts and activities. **Free.** 4 pm. Barnes and Noble [267 Seventh Ave. at Sixth Street in Park Slope, (718) 832-9066].

BALLROOM DANCE CLASSES: For beginners of all ages. **Free.** 6-9 pm. FIAO Beacon Community Center at IS 96 [99 Avenue P. between W. 11th and W. 12th streets in Bensonhurst, (718) 232-2266].

TREE LIGHTING: Santa will be on hand along with entertainment provided by the Xaverian High School Glee Club and Band, the Guild for Exceptional Children Chorus, and Mary Carosino. Rain date Dec. 5. **Free.** 6:30 pm. Shore Road Park Gazebo (Shore Road and 90th Street in Bay Ridge).

MUSIC, THE TROUBADOUR OF BETTY GLOBESTRA, RASHANIM: As part of the Sephardic Music Festival. \$15 (\$12 in advance). 7 pm. Knitting Factory [361 Metropolitan Ave. at Havemeyer Street in Williamsburg, (347) 529-6696], sephardicmusic-festival.com.

THEATER, "A CHRISTMAS CAROL": This is a radio play adapted by Beth Ann Hopkins from the Dickens classic and features Susanna Bad-diel, Jordan Coffey, Jonathan Hopkins, Charlie Kravits, Ron McClary, Eleanor McCormick, Vinnie Penna, Clara Strauch, Corey Whelihan and Katie Willmorth. \$15 (\$10 children). 8 pm. Robert Acito Park House (Court and Garden streets in Carroll Gardens), smithstreetstage.org.

THURS, DEC. 5

ART, "TAMARA STAPLES: The Magnificent Chicken": Exhibition that explores and documents historic, bred chickens known as "The Fancy." **Free.** 10 am-7 pm. powerHouse on 8th [1111 Eighth Ave. between 11th and 12th streets in Park Slope, (718) 666-3049], www.powerhousearena.com.

TRANSIT TOTS: Children 2 to 5 years old with parent or caregiver listen to stories, play games and learn fun facts about the transit system. Free with museum admission. 10:15 am. New York Transit Museum [Boerum Place at Schermerhorn Street in Downtown, (718) 694-1600], www.mta.info/mta/museum.

MEET THE MUSEUM: Little ones and their caregivers explore art and culture through gallery activities and art making. call for fees. 11 am and 4 pm. Brooklyn Museum [200 Eastern Pkwy. at Washington Avenue in Prospect Heights, (718) 638-5000], www.brooklynmuseum.org.

CRAFTING: Children make a Star of David to take home. Free with museum admission. 11:30 am and 2:30 pm. Brooklyn Children's Museum [145 Brooklyn Ave. at St. Marks Avenue in Crown Heights, (718) 735-4400], www.brooklynkids.org.

WEIRD SCIENCE: Grades 1-2: Explore the weird and fascinating world of science with fun hands-on activities. Free with museum admission. 3:30-6 pm. New York Hall of Science [47-01 111th St., at Avenue of Science in Corona, (718) 699-0005 X353], www.nyscience.org.

READING, SARAH MACLEAN, ELOISA JAMES, JULIA QUINN: Authors of "No Good Duke Goes Unpunished," "Once Upon a Tower," and "The Sum of All Kisses," respectively. Moderated by Natalie Zutter of Bookish. **Free.** 7 pm. Word Bookstore [126 Franklin St. between Milton and Noble streets in Greenpoint, (718) 383-0096], www.wordbrooklyn.com.

SPORTS, NETS VS. KNICKS: A lil' hometown rivalry. \$115-6,000. 7 pm. Barclays Center [620 Atlantic Ave. at Pacific Street in Prospect Heights, (917) 618-6100], www.barclayscenter.com.

TALK, FROM SQUATTING TO

TRUSTS: Strategies of Commoning the City in Berlin and New York: Panel discussion on the latest ideas and struggles on community land trusts and squatting in New York City and beyond. **Free.** 7-10 pm. The Base (1302 Myrtle Ave. at Stockholm Avenue in Bushwick), thebasebk.org.

PARK SLOPE BINGO CLUB: Join Dick and Perry for some hot bingo action. Free to enter, \$5 to play. 8 pm. Union Hall [702 Union St. at Fifth Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 638-4400], www.unionhallny.com.

COMEDY, HEART OF DARKNESS: Hosted by Greg Barris, with Elizabeth Gallagher Kennick, Jena Friedman, Rich Stein. \$12 (\$10 in advance). 8:30 pm. Bell House [149 Seventh St. at Third Avenue in Gowanus, (718) 643-6510], www.thebellhouse.com.

FRI, DEC. 6

READING, GINGERBREAD FUN: Listen to the classic tale of The Gingerbread Man and make one to take home. Free with museum admission. 11:30 am. Brooklyn Children's Museum [145 Brooklyn Ave. at St. Marks Avenue in Crown Heights, (718) 735-4400], www.brooklynkids.org.

SHABBAT SERVICE: Worship and then dine on a Russian-themed dinner. RSVP before Nov. 26. \$20 (\$25 non-members, \$10 children). 6 pm. Bay Ridge Jewish Center [405 81st St. at Fourth Avenue in Bay Ridge, (718) 836-3103].

MUSIC, EMELINE MICHEL: The musician discusses her career, inspirations, and experiences as one of Haiti's most famous international musicians. Followed by a special performance accompanied by guitarist Makarios Cesaire. RSVP requested. \$10 (suggested donation). 6-9 pm. FiveMyles Gallery (558 St. Johns Pl. between Classon and Franklin avenues in Prospect Heights), tiny.cc/HCXrsvp.

A NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM SLEEPOVERS: Break out your sleeping bags and experience the Museum like never before. This unique after-hours program will thrill kids ages 6 to 13 and their caregivers. \$145 per person, \$135 (members). 6 pm. American Museum of Natural History [Central Park West at 79th Street in Upper West Side, (212) 769-5200], www.amnh.org.

READING, "POLAR EXPRESS": Long before the movie there was the book. **Free.** 7 pm. Barnes and Noble [106 Court St. between State and Schermerhorn streets in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 832-9066].

READING, KEVIN SAMPSELL: Author of "This Is Between Us." With Julia Fierro, Chelsea Hodson, and Joseph Riippi. Presented by Vol. 1 Brooklyn. **Free.** 7 pm. Word Bookstore [126 Franklin St. between Milton and Noble streets in Greenpoint, (718) 383-0096], www.wordbrooklyn.com.

DANCE, CAMILLE A. BROWN & DANCERS: Performing "Mr. TOL E. RAnCE." \$20 (\$15 students and seniors). 7:30 pm. Kumble Theater at Long Island University [DeKalb and Flatbush avenues in Down-

town, (718) 488-1624], www.brooklyn.liu.edu/Kumble-Theater.

THEATER, "PUPPETS & POETS": A festival from Alphabet Arts exploring and celebrating poetry and puppetry. Evening cabaret for mature audiences. \$15. 8 pm. The Bushwick Starr (207 Starr St. between Wyckoff and Irving avenues in Bushwick), www.thebushwickstarr.org.

MUSIC, CHRIS STAMEY AND PETER HOLSAPPE: Performing the album "Mavericks." \$15. 8:30 pm. Bell House [149 Seventh St. at Third Avenue in Gowanus, (718) 643-6510], www.thebellhouse.com.

MUSIC, EUGENE MARLOW'S HERITAGE ENSEMBLE: As part of BAMcafe Life. **Free.** 9 pm. Brooklyn Academy of Music [30 Lafayette Ave. between Ashland Place and St. Felix Street in Fort Greene, (718) 636-4100], www.bam.org.

MUSIC, ANNA VON HAUSS-WOLFF, NOVELLER: Presented by The Skint. \$12 (\$10 in advance). 9 pm. Union Hall [702 Union St. at Fifth Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 638-4400], www.unionhallny.com.

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MUSIC, JUDITH OWEN AND HARRY SHEARER'S HOLIDAY SING-ALONG: As part of BAMcafe Life. **Free.** 9 pm. Brooklyn Academy of Music [30 Lafayette Ave. between Ashland Place and St. Felix Street in Fort Greene, (718) 636-4100], www.bam.org.

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SALES AND MARKETS

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OTHER

GINGERBREAD FUN: Listen to the classic tale of The Gingerbread Man and make one to take home. Free with museum admission. 11:30 am. Brooklyn Children's Museum [145 Brooklyn Ave. at St. Marks Avenue in Crown Heights, (718) 735-4400], www.brooklynkids.org.

ST. NICHOLAS DAY: Hear stories and create a greeting card. Free with museum admission. 11:30 am. Brook-

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

BRUNCH WITH SANTA: Visit with Santa and drop off a gift for the Toys for Tots event. \$15 (Free children under 2). Noon-4 pm. Monte's [451 Carroll St. between Nevins Street and Third Avenue in Gowanus, (718) 852-7800].

CREATE A STATION: Children of all ages fashion a terminal city of their own, with trains, tunnels, skyscrapers, roadways, and more. 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.

COOKIE TAKEDOWN: Just in time for the holidays. \$15. 2-4 pm. Bell House [149 Seventh St. at Third Avenue in Gowanus, (718) 643-6510], www.thebellhouse.com.

"FROZEN PLANET": A screening of an episode featuring arctic wolves. A real live wolf would also be present, courtesy of the Wolf Conservation Center. \$25. 2 pm. Videology (308 Bedford Ave. at S. First Street in Williamsburg), www.videology.info.

READING, NATHANIEL MARUANS: Author of "Nerf: The Ultimate Blaster Book." RSVP requested. **Free.** 4-5 pm. PowerHouse Arena [37 Main St. at Water Street in Dumbo, (718) 666-3049], www.powerhousearena.com.

SPORTS, BATTLE OF BROOKLYN: Zab "Super" Judah and former Two-Time, Two-Division World Champion Paulie "The Magic Man" Malinaggi duke it out in the ring. \$31-\$256. 4:30 pm. Barclays Center [620 Atlantic Ave. at Pacific Street in Prospect Heights, (917) 618-6100], www.barclayscenter.com.

NIGHT SKY: Join with rangers and learn all about the stars and view them. **Free.** 6 pm. Salt Marsh Nature Center [3302 Avenue U in Marine Park, (718) 421-2021].

BIBLIOBALL: Benefitting the Literacy for Incarcerated Teens and the BOOKlyn Shuttle. Featuring burlesque, DJs, drink specials. \$30 (\$23 in advance). 8 pm. Bell House [149 Seventh St. at Third Avenue in Gowanus, (718) 643-6510], www.thebellhouse.com.

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Beth Israel doc gets 'whole' award

MIDWOOD

The love was pulsating at **Beth Israel Medical Center-Kings Highway Division**, when **Dr. Chaim Bernstein** was presented with the Wholeness of Life Award.

The honor recognizes health care practitioners who demonstrate respect for hu-



man beings as whole persons, shared **Dr. Harris Nagler**, president of the center.

"Dr. Bernstein is loved by all for his warmth, kindness, excellence as a clinician, and for his care and compassion," he said.

Dr. Bernstein also possesses rare quality: a great bedside manner, which he attributes to treating patients as people in need of expert care — every time.

"Every patient is different even if they have the same disease," he said. "I am always mindful that each encounter a patient has with me is the most important part of their day, and I strive to emulate the dedication of mentors, who were never too tired or too exhausted to go that extra mile for patients."

Standing O wishes more physicians would emulate Dr. Bernstein, and wishes him continued success.

Beth Israel Medical Center [3201 Kings Hwy. at E. 32nd Street in Midwood, (718) 788-6913].

DOWNTOWN

Building confidence

High fives to the **Hope Program** for receiving the neighborhood Builders award, which comes with a \$200,000 grant from the **Bank of America Charitable Foundation**.

The program helps boroughites to launch and grow their careers by providing, vocational, educational, and social services, in addition to training in literacy, math, computer skills, workplace communications, stress management, customer service, and other skills necessary for job development and growth.

The proof is in the pudding.

"Hope has some of the highest job placement and retention rates in the industry," said **Jeff Barker**, New York City president from Bank of America.



THANKS FOR CARING: Matthew and Nicole Kabel of Bay Ridge with children Thomas, 7, William, 4 and Sally, 14 months, who was diagnosed with infant leukemia about five months ago, accept a check from Bay Ridge Cares staff on Nov. 17.

Photo by Elizabeth Graham

Thanks a whole bunch to brunch crew

BAY RIDGE

Big-hearted volunteers at **Bay Ridge Cares** organized a fund-raiser at the Wicked Monk last month, and raised \$10,000 for 13-month-old **Sally "Sunshine" Noel Kabel**, who suffers from infant leukemia.

Then they presented Sally and her family — dad **Matthew**, mom **Nicole**, and sibs **Thomas, 7**, and **William, 4** — with a check for the amount at a "thank you" brunch for the vollies on Nov. 17.

Organizer **Kristen Pettit** sprang into action after learning about the Kabel's family plight on Facebook.

"We decided that we wanted to make the neighborhood a better place," she said. "We wanted to help this family."

The large-scale effort was part of living in a small, tight-knit community, said Bay Ridge Cares founder **Justin Brannan**.

"Bay Ridge comes together like no other place on earth," he said. "We take pride in Bay Ridge being a small town in a big city — when someone falls down, we pick them up, when someone needs help, we come together, that's what this is all about."

Now that's what Standing O is talking about.

Standing O is hopeful that the Hope Program will continue to open doors of opportunity for people seeking the American Dream.

The Hope Program [1 Smith St. at Joralemon Street in Downtown, (718) 852-9307].

BENSONHURST

World traveler

Standing O sends out bouquets of roses to modern-day renaissance woman **Camille Pepe Sperrazza**. "Commodore Camille," a Courier Life business writer and owner of the World Awaits Travel agency, was named one of 2013's top 25 agents by Travel Agent magazine.

The intrepid world traveller is well qualified — she has been on more than 50 cruises and visited more than 67 countries.

"It's important for me to recommend places I have personally experienced, so I visit resorts and make personal connections every chance I get," she said. "I constantly educate myself to retain 'certified expert' status for cruise lines and destinations that include Saint Lucia, Jamaica, Puerto Rico, and others."

Camille also carves out time in her busy schedule to teach journalism at Joseph B. Cavallaro Junior High School, enlightening and educating our youngsters about the Fourth Estate.

She is also on the board of Travel Agents of Brooklyn and Staten Island, and is affli-



PARK SLOPE

Golden man goes to...

Bravissima to **St. Saviour High School** sophomore **Taylor Taglianni**. The talented teen has been selected to attend **Reel Works Teen Filmmaking School** in the Slope. The program is limited to only a few candidates and acceptance is by invitation only.

Following in the footsteps of Tinseltown directors Michael Moore, Oliver Stone, and Steven Spielberg, Standing O pal Taylor plans to make a short film about the human touch, and how computers and artificial intelligence are making their way into the arts.

Computers can create original music, paintings, and poetry these days, but Taylor is concerned that young people will be quick to accept the tekkie approach above the human element that is essential to artistry in the creative process.

Standing O wants to know if Will Hal from "2001: A Space Odyssey" be starring?

St. Saviour High School [588 Sixth St. between Eighth Avenue and Prospect Park West in Park Slope, (718) 768-4406].

ated with the International Air Transportation Association, and Vacation.com.

Standing O sends out a great big huzzza to Camille, and wishes that she keep on traveling, keep on educating, and keep on connecting people to wonderful new destinations.

CONEY ISLAND

En garde

Get your epee ready to parry, thrust, and reposte at the **New York Fencing Academy**. The club has an impressive success rate of competitive young members winning medals from around the world.

Nathan Vaysberg took home the gold in the 14-year age group, **Jacklyn Khrol** received the silver in the 10-year category, **Skyler Liverant** was presented the bronze, and **Romaine Cannone** earned third place in the French Cadet Qualifier.

Head coach **Misha Mokretsove** has produced several nationally ranked fencers, who have earned champion and finalist titles in the North American Cups, Summer Nationals, Super Youth Circuits, and the French Cadet Team.

New York Fencing Academy [2896 W. 12th Street between Surf and Neptune avenues in Coney Island, (718) 996-0426; www.fencenyfa.com]

● 'It was just a great feeling. We just kept rolling, we knew we couldn't stop.'

— South Shore running back Dupreme Robinson on the Vikings' second-straight title win.

● 'This year there are no excuses.'

— Nazareth senior Sofia Roma on her team's determination to win the Federation championship

South Shore cruises to second-straight title

Powerful offense, stingy defense bring Vikings win

BY ANTHONY PARELLI

The offensive juggernaut that is South Shore showed just how explosive it could be in the Public School Athletic League Bowl title game.

The top-seeded Vikings scored three touchdowns in as many minutes in the second quarter to take control of the game. The outburst gave South Shore all the points it needed to put the exclamation point on an undefeated season by topping No. 2 McKee-Staten Island Tech 34-12 for its second-straight city title at Springfield Gardens high school on Sunday afternoon.

"I knew if we could get going it would be over," said Vikings running back Dupreme Robinson. "It was just a great feeling. We just kept rolling, we knew we couldn't stop."

He scored twice to put South Shore (12-0) up 12-0 with 8:00 left in the first quarter. Robinson scored again in the second quarter by plowing over the safety from eight yards out to bring the South Shore lead to 18-0. On the ensuing kickoff, the Vikings' Enoch Jemmott recovered a Seagulls fumble at midfield and Robinson immediately made the play. He scored his fourth touchdown of the game on a 49-yard burst around right end. The next possession by McKee-Staten Island Tech (10-2) resulted in another fumble recovered by South Shore. This time it was Equan Yu-



SUPREME: South Shore's Dupreme Robinson makes his way down the field with the ball during the school's win against McKee-Staten Island Tech in the city title game on Nov. 24. Photo by Ken Maldonado

nus exploiting a hole up the middle for a 35-yard touchdown to give South Shore a 34-0 lead.

"I think Dupreme scored the majority and just watching him run the ball today was incredible," South Shore coach Matt Ciquera said. "This is the last game he played at South Shore and he's been the main reason this program turned around."

Robinson not only powered the offense but anchored a defense that was

stingy all day, allowing only two second-half scores when the Vikings already had a comfortable lead. McKee-Staten Island Tech got a 15-yard scoring run by Terrence Ravenell and a 15-yard pass for a touchdown from Justin Tufaro to Arslan Awan.

"Defensive-line-wise, I felt we stuffed them, and not just this game but all year long," Ciquera said.

South Shore felt slighted by the league at the beginning of the year by not

being bumped up to the Champion division after winning the Bowl championship last year. The squad used that as motivation to work harder towards that goal this season.

"It was something to help us fight and work harder," Robinson said. "That's what the coaches put in our head and that's what we did as a family and as a unit. It was up to the coaches and the players, and we just came and did what we had to do."



BLOCKAGE: Midwood's Michaela Appel goes up for the block against Susan Wagner during the semifinals at Hunter College on Nov. 24. Photo by Steve Schnibbe

Midwood reaches 1st final since 2001

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Midwood's celebration was a long time coming.

The Hornets bench erupted and rushed the court after freshman Julie Greenspan's set hit the floor at Hunter College last Sunday.

It ended 12 years of frustration for No. 2 Midwood as it beat No. 3 Susan Wagner 25-22, 25-22, in the semifinals to earn its first trip to the Public School Athletic League Class A girl's volleyball final since 2001. The Hornets lost in the semifinals four of the last five seasons — including to the defending Falcons last year.

"It's just a great feeling when a freshman comes in and serves the last point. It just shows how well we work together," senior outside hitter Alexandra Gordon said. "We haven't made the final since 2001. It's definitely rewarding."

Midwood (15-0) sealed the victory by grinding out a tight second set. The two teams went almost point for point un-

til Wagner took a 16-14 lead. Midwood got even at 17-17 thanks to a kill from Celine Walker. An ace from setter Elizabeth Genis put Midwood up 23-20. A error by Wagner (14-1) and Greenspan's ace closed out the set. Hornet's coach Thomasina Lenzi said her team in the past was unable to make the plays needed to close out a match of this magnitude.

"We had to recompose ourselves and make better passes on the defense so the hitters could hit harder at the net," she said.

The athletic Gordon was the star of the first set with early help from junior Michaela Appel. Gordon was consistently putting down passes from Genis. Her consecutive kills and blocks helped give the Hornets a 15-13 lead. A kill and an ace from Appel made it 21-17. Gordon consistently got it done.

"It's like a machine," Genis said of her classmate.

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Lincoln powers into finals

Star lineman Holley ejected, could miss title game

BY JOHN TOLIS

Undefeated Abraham Lincoln overpowered Flushing for a semifinal win, but may have taken a big loss of its own in the process.

Star two-way lineman Thomas Holley — one of the nation's top recruits — was ejected late in the third quarter of the top-seeded Railsplitters 55-7 victory over the No. 4 Red Devils in the Public School Athletic League City conference football semifinals on Saturday afternoon in Coney Island.

By league rules, Holley would have to miss Lincoln's next game — the city championship against No. 3 Tottenville at 5 pm on Dec. 10 at Yankee Stadium. It's the Railsplitters' third trip to the final in the last four years.

Holley was tossed after the referees thought they saw him throw a punch at Flushing's Emir Mrkulic in the backfield. Lincoln coach Shawn O'Connor just saw a shove, and he felt it didn't merit an immediate ejection. O'Connor will appeal in hopes of having the suspension overturned, allowing Holley to



LINE-SPLITTER: Lincoln's Malik Andrews runs through Flushing players when the two schools faced off on Nov. 23. Photo by Steve Solomonson

suit up for the championship game.

"There's always an appeal, and we'll go through the appeal process," O'Connor said.

With or without Holley, Lincoln is confident its squad will be ready to go for the title.

"It's a big blow, but I know my other juniors and whoever is in that position behind him will step it up in the big game," said running back Antoine Holloman Jr., who rushed for three touchdowns.

Lincoln (12-0) dominated from start to finish. Holloman scored twice on the ground to give his team an early 14-0 lead. After an interception by Khendell Puryear, quarterback Javon Moore rushed the ball in the end zone to raise the lead to 21-0 with 3:00 remaining the first quarter.

The Railsplitters kept pounding the Red Devils (9-3) on the ground. Early in the second quarter, Lincoln tacked on another score to make it 27-0 when

Holloman went the distance on a 79-yard run.

"My team did amazing. We came out here and dominated on the defensive end of the ball and the offensive side of the ball," Moore said. "We just did everything we knew we had to do."

Moore also threw two touchdown passes in the second quarter. After an interception by

Aaron Henderson, Moore connected with junior Luis Rodriguez 28-yards out to make it 34-0. Not too long after, he found sophomore Carlos Stewart for a 27-yard touchdown pass that gave his squad a 41-0 advantage.

O'Connor knew that his team wasn't going to go down in the semifinal for a second straight year. The seniors wouldn't allow it.

"The kids really showed up today, especially the se-

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This should be Loughlin's year

Bishop Loughlin's Mike Williams felt he let down backcourt teammate and friend Khadeen Carrington when he was too sick sign their National Letters of Intent side by side.

Williams, a Rutgers commit, said he and the Seton Hall-bound Carrington had made a promise as juniors that they would sign together.

He said he's determined to fulfill the other pact they made.

The Division-I senior guards want to help Loughlin win its first Catholic High School Athletic Association Class AA city title since 1992 this year.

"We said after we signed our letters we were going to focus on winning a city championship and a Federation championship," Williams said. "That's our goal for this year."

The Lions should be considered the favorites to open the season because of those two and the other seniors they have returning. No one in the Catholic High School league brings back as much veteran talent as Loughlin this year.

They nearly accomplished the goal last season, but fell to eventual state Federation champion Christ the King in the title game. The Royals, which won three of the last four city titles, and Cardinal Hayes will be Loughlin's biggest challengers again.

Carrington still believes this is the year Loughlin returns the favor to Christ the King. He and his teammates are going to use the pain of last season to drive them.

"We've just been taking lumps, so I think now is our time to give out some," Carrington said.

The Lions squad is powered by one of the



JOE KNOWS

by Joe Staszewski

city's top backcourts. Carrington is adept at getting to the rim and Williams is a sharpshooter and tenacious defender. Both figure they will see more time handling the ball.

Javian Delacruz, a 6-foot-4 senior, may be the most underrated of the bunch, often overshadowed by Williams and Carrington. Delacruz proved at different points last year that he can be equally as dangerous thanks to his length, athleticism and ability to shoot the ball.

The team expects contributions from 6-foot-8 bruising forward Anthony Vernon and fellow senior Darius James and senior Khalil Howe as well.

"I'll put my guards against anybody in the city," Loughlin coach Ed Gonzalez said.

It's the backcourt of Carrington, Williams, and Delacruz that will set Loughlin apart from the rest. Loughlin has the talent, external motivation and veteran leadership to make this the season it finally brings home the crown.

"A lot of the seniors who were at Christ the King, Cardinal Hayes, Molloy are gone," Williams said. "But we're still here."

Erasmus Hall falls in semifinals

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Curtis Samuel had to watch from the sideline as his high school career at Erasmus Hall came to an end.

The Ohio State-bound running back missed most of the fourth quarter with a severely sprained ankle as the defending champion Dutchmen drove down field trying to tie the score in the final minutes of the Public School Athletic League City conference football semifinals.

"I wanted to go back out there and fight with my team, but the way my ankle was feeling I couldn't really put pressure on it," said Samuel, who scored three times.

Second-seeded Erasmus was without its big playmaker, down eight points



ARTFUL DODGER: Khalil Lewin of Erasmus carries the ball for a 15-yard gain against Tottenville on Nov. 23.

Photo by Steve Schnibbe

as it reached the Tottenville 30-yard line. It gained just a yard after that and saw Daiquan Gwyn's fourth down

pass to Darin Peart fall incomplete to end a wild 41-33 defeat to the No. 3 Pirates at Sid Luckman Field on Saturday afternoon. The game was a rematch of last year's city title game.

Samuel recorded 180 yards of total offense, including 126 on the ground on just nine carries, but he couldn't help get the final 30 needed to keep the season alive.

"It was frustrating not being with my team for the last couple of minutes of the game," Samuel said. "It's hurting me. I had faith in my team that we could do it at the end. We just came up a little bit short."

In his absence, it was Peart who gave Erasmus (10-2) a chance to tie the score late. The senior an-

swered a Tottenville touchdown by returning the ensuing kickoff 84 yards for a score. Khalil Lewin (16 carries, 84 yards) added a two-point conversion run and the Dutchmen were down just 41-13 with 4:55 left to play in the game.

"I just felt like I had to make a play for my team," Peart said. "I've never seen that part of me. It just came out."

He believes pass interference should have been called on the game's final play. Peart said a Tottenville defender hit him in the chest with his helmet, causing him to fall and be unable to make the grab.

It was Erasmus's poor pass defense, something that

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FACEOFF: Brooklyn Tech's Victoria Plonski goes up to the net against Cardoza's Alyssa McAdam. Photo by Steve Schnibbe

Brooklyn Tech falls in first-ever semifinal match

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

For Brooklyn Tech, its youth was its undoing.

The fourth-seeded Engineers, with just one starting senior, had No. 1 Benjamin Cardozo on the ropes late in the first set of the semifinals before the lead and control of the match slowly slipped away. Brooklyn Tech left pleased that it pushed the Judges in a 25-21, 25-21 loss, but understood the opportunity it missed at Hunter College last Sunday.

"We needed to finish it," Engineers coach Rosanne D'Augusta said. "We came so close."

The Brooklyn Tech squad has come pretty far as well.

This was the Engineers' first ever trip to the semifinals. Sophomore middle hitter Victoria Plonski admitted to being so nervous playing in a college gym for the first time that they paid too much attention to the prowess of Judges' star outside hitter Anja Malesevich, who finished with 19 kills.

"I think it has to do with us being a young team," Plonski said.

The Engineers (12-1) played beyond its years early in the first set behind the play of juniors Alexandra Klosse and

Rachel Gray, along with Plonski. Brooklyn Tech led 20-18 before errors and a revitalized Cardozo team helped the Judges (13-0) score seven of the game's final eight points to win the set and get back on track. Cardozo's Whitney Yeung went on a 6-0 service run and Malesevich recorded three straight kills.

"I guess we kind of got the idea that Anja is so good, and she was, but we kind of let it get in our head," Plonski said.

D'Augusta, who felt her team should have set Plonski up for more kill attempts on offense, watched her squad battle in the second set, but never seriously threaten to win after Cardozo scored six straight points to take a 13-8 lead. Brooklyn Tech did get as close as 17-15 and 20-18, but was unable to get it tied.

Brooklyn Tech is proud of its season, despite the loss. The team feels the best is still to come for this group, which includes sophomore Chelsea Ferdinand and juniors Katherine Vaskevich and Marine Kotlyar. The players got their first real taste of play deep in the post season this year.

"This is our first year and they are all back," D'Augusta said.

Championship or bust for Naz

Seniors aim to fulfill mentor's hopes of Federation title

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Bianca Cuevas stepped to the podium and produced more tears than words as she began to speak.

The Nazareth senior guard had just signed her National Letter Intent to play Division-I basketball at South Carolina at an assembly at the school last week, along with teammates Yazmine Belk (Virginia Commonwealth University), Sofia Roma (Wagner) and Jen Fay (Quinnipiac)

Cuevas was emotional because the day, while joyous, was also bittersweet without former Nazareth girl's basketball coach Apache Paschall — who died of cardiac arrest in January of 2012 — there with them to celebrate the achievement of his aspirations for this special group of players.

"I knew I was going to cry," Cuevas said. "I was thinking about Apache and how I miss him and wish he was there."

She and her teammates know that Paschall would have been proud — but they



STRONG SENIORS: From left, girls basketball team members Bianca Cuevas, Yazmine Belk, Sofia Roma, and Jen Fey show their respective college pride at Nazareth's Letters of Intent signing day on Nov. 18. The seniors hope to see a championship in their last year at the high school. Photo by Steve Solomonson

feel their work fulfilling the promise he saw in them isn't quite done.

As freshmen, these girls — minus Fey — were members of a team that won a state Federation Class AA title, but they don't have one to call their own. The Lady Kingsmen lost in the Federation AA final the year of Paschall's death, and with the school in danger of closing. Last year they struggled and lost in the Federation A semifinals.

It's championship or bust now.

"This year there are no excuses," Roma said. "You can't say, 'Their coach died. They couldn't win. The school is closing down. They couldn't win.' This is just us now."

The Nazareth squad is loaded after not losing any key players off last year's roster. Cuevas is one of the top guards nationally in her class. She is more mature than a year ago, and has learned from being suspended for the remainder of the season last February for fighting, according to

coach Ron Kelley. Shiclasia Brown, Brittany Jackson and talented sophomores Nyia Johnson and Shalix Hines join Cuevas in the backcourt.

"They got some great experience last year with Bianca having to be out," Kelley said.

Belk, Roma and Fey compose a formidable front court. Fey is versatile and has the ability to step out and hit the three as well as score inside.

The players feel they have learned from last year's mistakes. Past success had them taking opponents lightly and they paid for it.

"We didn't judge other teams as honestly as we should have," Fey said.

They know exactly the situation they find themselves in heading into this season. Nazareth and its seniors know they have one more chance to cement their legacy as winners on the court.

"After this we won't be able to play together again," Belk said. "This is our last go around."

Midwood

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The Hornets planned on keeping its quest for the school's first title rolling against top-seeded Benjamin Cardozo in the final last Tuesday. Lenzi believes the fact that her team took a set off the Judges

during the season will put a seed of doubt in the Hornets' opponents. The players don't want to just settle for a semifinal win.

"It would mean the world to us, especially against coach," Gordon said of winning a title. "I know she really wants it. We want to do it not only for us, but for her."

Lincoln

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nior crew, who didn't want to lose a game on their home field," O'Connor said.

Abraham Lincoln notched two more scores in the third quarter with a 21-yard rushing touchdown

by Leroy Hancle and a 13-yard scoring run by Elias Davis.

The performance leaves Moore even more confident in his squad's ability to get the crown that has been the goal all season.

"I know my team is going to do what we have to do to have rings on our fingers," Moore said.

Erasmus

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reared itself in a regular-season loss to Lincoln, that was its undoing. Tottenville quarterback Joshua Rainey, who scored five times, dominated all afternoon.

He completed six of 12 passes for 226 yards and threw touchdown passes for 54, 39 and 57 yards to Devin Martin (five catches, 216

yards). Rainey also added 71 rushing yards and two rushing scores. Pirates' running back Andrew Russo carried the ball 29 times for 103 yards. The Pirates (10-2) had better offensive balance than it showed when Erasmus beat Tottenville 21-7 to open the season.

"We were talking all week about how we have to throw the ball against them because they really can't stop us," Rainey said.

Added Dutchman coach Danny Landberg: "They got better as the season went on."

Erasmus looked unbeatable early. Samuel picked off Rainey in the end zone on the opening drive and broke a 75-yard touchdown run. Samuel then ran 36-yards for a score to give Erasmus a 13-0 lead with 4:26 left in the first quarter. Tottenville responded by scoring 20 straight points

to grab a 20-13 lead at the half.

"After we got two touchdowns everybody started relaxing and just let off the gas pedal," Samuel said.

Even so, as Samuel walked out of the locker room, he couldn't help but look back fondly on what he and his teammates accomplished during his career.

"I'm just going to miss this place," Samuel said.



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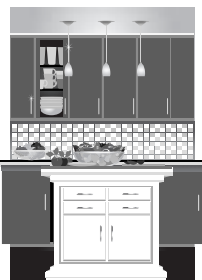
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