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Police black out **blotters**

BY NATHAN TEMPEY

Readers looking for neighborhood crime news are out in the cold this week thanks

to a citywide move to shut community reporters out of police station houses where they have been logging crime reports for

The blotter blackout comes as a Continued on page 8



Star bright

Sacred Hearts-Saint Stephen's church in Carroll Gardens lit a big star atop its steeple to guide Brooklyn-Queens Expressway commuters through the holiday season. For the whole story, see page 15. Photo by Elizabeth Graham

P'PARK WEST GRASH TEST

Speeding down, but smashes up

THREE'S COMPANY: Cyclists, drivers,

and pedestrians negotiate the world's

most controversial bike path-lined

Photo by Stefano Giovannini

BY MEGAN RIESZ

The city's plan to slow down cars on Prospect Park West by replacing a lane of traffic with a twoway bike lane hasn't decreased the amount of accidents in the area, city data shows.

The number of bicyclists in the

area has tripled since the protected lane was installed in 2010, according to Department of Transportation data made public as part of a lawsuit by a group seeking to rip out the pedal-pusher highway, but crashes actually increased

slightly in the two years after the lane's installation.

road.

There were 126 crashes in the immediate area over the two years

after the controversial path was installed — up from 117 in the two years before — but the Department of Transportation claimed the group behind the lawsuit, Neighbors for Better Bike Lanes, is looking for pot holes where none exist.

"The same flawed interpretations of data are being used to prop up the remnants of the merit-less lawsuit against this community-requested and supported project," said Department of Transportation spokesman Nicholas Mosquera. "Yet there is no arguing the

fact that the litigants have failed in all this time to get any court to order even a single modification Continued on page 21



Santa Aawws

Eight-month-old Milton Larkin got his picture taken with Santa during a Christmas celebration at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Sunset Park last week. For the whole story, see page 18. Photo by Elizabeth Graham



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INSIDE POP-UP FORESTS

Sidewalk Christmas tree sellers ply their trade across the borough

BY WILL BREDDERMAN, JAIME LUTZ, COLIN MIXSON, AND MEGAN RIESZ

Still looking for a Christmas tree? Why not try one of your neighborhood vendors?

Park Slope

This bearded woodsman may seem like a fish out of water, but he is more like a tree transplanted in the urban forest of Brooklyn. Adam Parke lives most of the year in tiny Barton, Vt., but, for the past 23 years, he has spent three weeks of every winter sitting on Brooklyn sidewalks, selling Christmas trees with natural bona fides for the green consumer.

The arboreal entrepreneur grows his Fraser firs. balsam firs, white pines, and balsam-Fraser hybrids without pesticides or chemical spray, cuts them in late November, and ships them to an outdoor stand at the All Saints Church in Park Slope in time for the beginning of December.

He stays with a friend in Columbia Heights for selling season, which runs from Thanksgiving to Christmas. His two children are both grown up, so it is not as much of a burden to come down every year, he says. His son is even helping him out this time around.

"It's really a family operation," Parke said.

He got his start in the business in 1990 and started growing his own trees three years later. Twenty years



on, the evergreen business has grown into a small, piney empire.

Parke's Christmas tree stands, which also offer wreaths, garland, and maple syrup, all from Vermont, are also planted in Carroll Gardens, Windsor Terrace, Brooklyn Heights, and Dumbo. He recommends the balsam-Fraser hybrids for their soft foliage and "beautiful scent."

- It'll cost you \$10 per foot up to seven feet.
- · He offers Fraser fir, balsam fir, white pine, balsam-Fraser hybrids.

Fresh Vermont Holiday Trees at All Saints Church enth Street in Park Slope).

Bay Ridge

Not all Christmas tree vendors travel from distant climes. Some are selling practically in their own backyard - and importing their decorative wood from afar.

Such is the case with the Christmas tree stand at the corner of 67th Street and Fourth Avenue in Bay Ridge, where the manager is Carroll Gardens native Richard Flagg. A general contractor for most of the year, Flagg found himself out of work in December 2009, and still needing to pay for two kids'

(286-88 Seventh Ave. at Sev-

college tuition. So he approached the stand's owner - whose conifer cartel includes six depots in Manhattan — about a job.

Avenue.

"I'm off work for a month, so I thought, why not make money?" Flagg said. "It's a lot more relaxing that doing construction."

And Flagg — a grandson of Dr. Paluel Flagg, founder of the Catholic Medical Mission Board, an international healthcare charity — has been dealing in evergreens annually ever since. The corner stand deals in two types of timber:

·Balsam firs, originating in Quebec, with four-foot trees starting at \$45 and eightfooters beginning at \$85.

PINE NUTS: (Left) Former chef Lefty Flanagan sells organic Christ-

mas trees and wreaths from Windswept Farm in Barton, Vt., outside

All Saints Church on Seventh Avenue near Seventh Street in Park

Slope. (Above) Ridgite Seth Poit shows off a sample tree outside

Bay Ridge Baptist Church at the corner of 67th Street and Fourth

• Fraser firs, coming out of North Carolina, with two-foot trees starting as low as \$20, and 10-foot trees going for \$165.

Peruse Flagg's firs at his sidewalk stand (67th Street at Fourth Avenue in Bay Ridge).

Williamsburg

Dominick has been selling Christmas trees for 20 years as a part of the Union Trees company. The outfit hawks firs in Williamsburg's Macri Triangle, a stone's throw from Union Hall and the other rowdy

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Trees on Macri Square in Williamsburg. (Left) Arthur Khotinskiy pokes his head out from behind one of the Fraser firs he sells out of the parking lot of the Coney Island Avenue Carvel in Sheepshead

bars near the Lorimer stop. The seller, who asked that his last name not be used, chose the location based on its proximity to the Mount Carmel church, which has a partnership with the operation, but Dominick finds the people in Williamsburg plenty amusing, too.

"It's just humorous to see how couples — one person will want one thing and one person will want another," he said. "Usually the guy gives up fast — at least the smart ones."

Work duties are split among Dominick's family and friends, who travel to North Carolina and occasionally Canada to check out trees a few times a year. Toward the beginning of winter, farmers in those areas ship trees to Brooklvn, and the Macri Triangle business begins — with the okay of the Parks Department in the form of a \$926 permit. Dominick generally only sells Fraser fir trees, his favorite.

"It holds up well, so if you get it right after Thanksgiving or right before, through the New Year you won't have a problem with it," he said.

•The trees are all

Fraser firs.

•The average tree is about 5 to 8 feet and costs about \$100.

Union Trees at Macri Triangle (Union Avenue at Metropolitan Avenue in Williamsburg).

Sheepshead Bay

Khotinskiv spends most of the year selling flowers out of the parking lot attached to the Cotrees are the ones for you,

The Sheepshead Bay resident started selling flowers out of the Coney Island Avenue Carvel parking lot about 10 years ago when he was still in high school, after befriending the Aceto family, which owns the ice cream shop.

Khotinskiy prides himself in running a full-service operation. He is happy to strap a tree on top of your car for you and, if you cannot make it to his tree stand, he delivers.

- ·Khotinskiy's trees are all Fraser firs from North Carolina and start at \$75 for a five- or six-footer.
- Every extra foot beyond six will cost you an additional \$10.

Head

Park:

14 feet

Atlantic

Park:

Khotinskiy's trees at the Carvel parking lot (2744 Coney Island Ave. between Dunne Court and Avenue Y in Sheepshead Bay).

pay big to sell in parks BY WILL BREDDERMAN Maybe money does grow on trees — at least in Marine Park. Christmas trees along with art and literature — are the only things vendors can sell on public sidewalks without

a permit. But if you want to swap cash for conifers in Brooklyn's parks, you have to show the city some

Fir

trade

Tree dealers

green. The Parks Department allows hawking tannenbaums in just three Kings County greenspaces — Macri and McCarren parks Williamsburg, and Marine Park in Southern Brooklyn. Regulations only allow one dealer per park, and the rights to sell firs in each of the parks goes up for bid every four years. The highest offer lands the permit with Marine Park being the hottest spot of them all. Superior Vending, Llc. controls that location for a whopping \$17,505 a vear.

By comparison, Greg's Holiday Center rents McCarren for just \$1,185, while **DominickConsolazio** pays a mere \$926 for the exclusive rights to sell in Macri.

But all three evergreen dealers must obey the same regulations, with price caps keeping their trees comparable to sidewalk rates. They also become responsible for keeping their area of the park snow- and trash-free, and must provide their own electrical power.



HOLIDAY GREENS: (Above) Brady Beal shows off a tree at Union not start shedding needles ney Island Avenue Carvel in Sheepshead Bay. But after a week, Khotinskiy's during the holiday season, he deals in premium-grade he savs. Fraser firs. If you do not Khotinskiy stocks only Fraser firs because they're mind spending a little exsought out by his Russian tra to get a tree that will clients, who want their trees to last until the Old Russian New Year on Jan. 13, he

Bus crashes near LICH, casualties taken elsewhere

BY JAIME LUTZ

A school bus crashed right in front of Cobble Hill's beleaguered Long Island College Hospital — and the four people injured were sent to a hospital five miles away in Flatbush, firefighters said.

A short bus carrying two children crashed into a BMW at the intersection of Atlantic Avenue and Hicks Street last Wednesday at 1:23 pm, tipping the school bus on its side and injuring four adults who paramedics took to Kings County Hospital Center,



TUMBLE-BUS: (Left) This mini-school-bus toppled over in front of Long Island College Hospital, but paramedics took victims all the way to Flatbush for care. (Right) Firefighters and paramedics rush to help the crash victims.

Photos by Paul Martinka

firefighters said.

Long Island College Hospital has an emergency room that is open for care despite the state's attempts to close the hospital down that began in February, but it does not have a trauma center, a unit specially dedicated to performing emergency surgery. Kings County does.

The quartet sustained non-life threatening injures, fire officials said.

The school bus blew a red light moments before the crash, according to witnesses.



JAZZ MAN: Pianist Randy Weston at the Nelson Mandela tribute.

Brooklyn remembers Mandela with song at B'Hill tribute

BY JAIME LUTZ

Nelson Mandela will be remembered in Brooklyn.

Mandela admirers, including some activists who knew him, gathered at Boerum Hill's House of the Lord Church on Sunday to pay tribute to the beloved leader of South Africa's anti-apartheid struggle.

"We wanted to bring together some of the people who were part of the movement," said Rev. Herbert Daughtry, who led the service.

"And we wanted to talk about 'Where do we go from here?"

Daughtry met Mandela through his work on former Mayor David Dinkins' delegation to South Africa and as part of the American anti-apartheid group that welcomed Mandela to the United States when he was finally released from jail in 1990 after 27 years inside.

The late legend was locked up for his role in leading a revolutionary group seeking to abolish South Africa's apartheid system of white supremacy.

A few years after his release, Man-

dela became the first black president of the country and dismantled apartheid

The memorial included choirs, a performance by jazz pianist Randy Weston, and a speech from Daughtry on what Mandela taught the world.

"He sent a message not only to forgive, but how to make your enemies your friends," Daughtry said.

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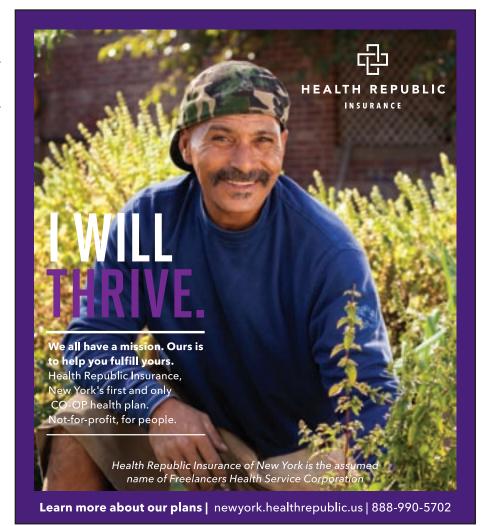
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Science silenced

Dean Street school loses special class

BY JAIMF LUT7

One Boerum Hill school is teaching kids about erosion — by slimming down its science program.

PS 261 lost one of its two science teachers, over the summer and has not yet found a replacement. The hole leaves a bunch of kindergartners, first graders and fifth graders without a special science program, say parents who want the slot filled as soon as possible.

"We are all disappointed that [the former science teacher] has not been replaced yet," said Lucinda Rosenfeld, the mother of a kindergartner and a second grader at the public elementary school.

The departure of parttimer Carmelo Piazza, known in class as Carmelo the Science Fellow, left just one full-time instructor, who is able to teach the extra class to only about half of the youngsters who had been taking it, according to Rachel Porter, the vice president of the Parent Teacher Association.



HALF-LIFE: PS 261 on Dean Street in Boerum Hill lost a science teacher this summer and has not replaced him.

Photo by Stefano Giovannini

Homeroom teachers are picking up the slack, but only to a point, Porter said.

"[Students] are getting as much science as the core curriculum mandates," Porter said, adding that she does not know for sure the quality has gotten worse.

Porter said that a lack of resources are to blame.

Many parents were reluctant to speak on the record about the saga of the lost science teacher for fear it would hurt their school's reputation. One parent, who asked to remain anonymous, said that friends from other countries cannot believe that the spot has remain unfilled for so long.

"My European friends and Asian friends are laughing at us for this," the parent said. "I don't know how, in this economy, it's hard to find a part-time science teacher in New York City."

The Department of Education and the principal of PS 261 did not return requests for comment.

Run-deer! Kids prance through Prospect Park at 'Reindeer Run'

BY MEGAN RIESZ

Run, little reindeers, run!

Hundreds of kids sporting reindeer antlers and jingle bells sprinted through Prospect Park on Dec. 7 for the first-ever Reindeer Run, a kids-only addition to the fourth annual Jingle Bell Jog put on by the New York Road Runners. The young romperstompers had a jingle ball on the half-mile course, according to organizers.

"It's always a great festive run, and the mood was incredible," said New York Road Runners spokeswoman Laura Paulus. "There's always going to be different runners concerned with time who are not going to wear anything that weighs



AND THEY'RE OFF: The kids-only Reindeer Run gets underway on Wellhouse Road. Photo by Stefano Giovannini

them down — but so many of the kids took this as a fun

Some of the kids even ran in the four-mile Jingle Bell Jog, either alongside their parents or by themselves, Paulus said.

"It's such a great experience," said 13-year-old Hannah Sobel.

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The long-standing tradition of police providing local reporters access to crime reports in order to compile blotters came to an end suddenly last week, reportedly due to pressure from NYPD headquarters. The 76th Precinct (right) was the only precinct to allow it this Tuesday. If you would like your local precinct to resume cooperating with the reporters who compile your weekly blotter, you can make your views known by contacting the precinct's community affairs officer or attending its next community council meeting. Some precincts' community councils do not hold a regularly scheduled meeting in December, but may hold a holiday party instead. Contact community affairs to verify when the next meeting will be.

60th Precinct

Commanding Officer: Deputy Inspector James Rooney

Community Affairs: (718) 946–3328

The 60th Precinct Community Council meets every third Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm in the 60th Precinct station house at 2951 W. Eighth St.

61st Precinct

Commanding Officer: Captain John M. Chell

Community Affairs: (718) 627–6847

The 61st Precinct Community Council meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 pm at 3093 Ocean Ave.

62nd Precinct

Commanding Officer: Captain William G. Taylor

Community Affairs: (718) 236–2501

The 62nd Community Council meets on the third Tuesday of every month at 7:30 pm at the 62nd Precinct station house located at 1925 Bath Ave.

63rd Precinct

Commanding Officer: Deputy Inspector John Rowell

Community Affairs: (718) 258–4444

The 63rd Precinct Community Council meets on the fourth Wednesday of every month at 8 pm in the Kings Plaza Mall Community Room inside the Mall on Flatbush Avenue and Avenue U.

69th Precinct

Commanding Officer: Captain Norman Grandstaff

Community Affairs: (718) 257–6205

The 69th Precinct Community Council meets on the last Tuesday of every month at 8 pm in the 69th Precinct station house at 2951 W. Eighth St. or Saint Alban's Church at 9408 Farragut Rd.

78th Precinct

Commanding Officer: Deputy Inspector Michael Ameri

Community Affairs: (718) 636-6410

The 78th Precinct Community Council meets on the last Tuesday of every month at 7:30 pm at the 78th Precinct station house at 65 Sixth Ave.

84th Precinct

Commanding Officer: Captain Maximo Tolentino

Community Affairs: (718) 875–6850

The 84th Precinct Community Council meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm. The location varies, so contact the precinct's community affairs officer to find out where the next meeting will be.

88th Precinct

Commanding Officer: Deputy Inspector Scott M. Henderson

Community Affairs: (718) 636–6526

The 88th Precinct Community Council meets on the third Tuesday of every month

Petty cash

An unlucky goon broke into a clothing boutique on Amity Street on Dec. 10 and made off with a cash register containing a paltry \$8, police said.

76TH PRECINCT

CARROLL GARDENS-COBBLE HILL-RED HOOK

Cops say they arrived at the store near Court Street around 12:55 am and saw the sad sap running down Amity Street toward Hicks Street. The store's front door was ajar and broken glass was littered

across the sidewalk, police reported.

Crackdown

Cops cuffed a guy who they said flaunted a pair of crack pipes in front of an apartment building on Atlantic Avenue on Dec. 10.

The 43-year-old man was walking on the sidewalk front of the building between Henry and Clinton streets at 1:30 am when cops spotted him holding two glass pipes containing crack residue, officers reported.

POLICE BLOTTER

Sleeper holding

Cops cuffed a woman who they say was sleeping in an apartment building stairway with a knife, pills, and some tools on her person on Bond Street on Dec. 3.

Officers stated they found the 47-yearold woman passed out on the staircase in the complex near and Hoyt Street at 5:25 am. When she awoke, they noticed that she had a knife on her belt and a few loose pills out in the open, cops said. Further inspection revealed a pry bar and wire cutters, according to a police report.

Express thief

A crook stole a man's American Express card information and made \$969 in purchases sometime between Nov. 26 and Dec. 5, cops said.

The 41-year-old victim told officers he still had the card, but the thief made three charges on it, including two to Pay-Pal and Saks Fifth Avenue.

— Megan Riesz

at 7:30 pm. The location varies, so contact the precinct's community affairs officer to find out where the next meeting will be.

90th Precinct

Commanding Officer: Deputy Inspector Mark DiPaolo

Community Affairs: (718) 963–5309

The 90th Precinct Community Council generally meets on the second Wednesday of each months at 7:30 pm of each month at 30 Montrose Ave., in the community room. But the date of each meeting is subject to change,

so contact the precinct's community affairs of-ficer to find out when the next meeting will be.

94th Precinct

Commanding Officer: Captain James B. Ryan

Community Affairs: (718) 383–5298

The 94th Precinct Community Council meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 7 pm in the Church of the Ascension at 122 Java St. (auditorium entrance). There is no 94th Precinct Community Council meeting scheduled for December.

Blackout

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result of an order instructing commanding officers at each of the city's 77 precincts to refer requests to view complaint reports, which are the basis of the police blotter that has been a centerpiece of this newspaper for more than 30 years, to the office of the Deputy Commissioner of Public Information, according to DNA Info, a news website. The police department's spokesman denied that anything has changed but, when asked to explain why reporters from this paper were turned away from a half-dozen cops shops this week by officers saying access to the public records was no longer allowed, he said that the long-standing practice raised concerns that confidential information about victims and witnesses could be exposed.

nesses could be exposed.

"There's no change in policy, but neighborhood reporters can go through DCPI and establish or renew their relationships with precincts," said John McCarthy. "The goal is to provide as much information as possible and ensure that policies are followed and that victims' names, witnesses' names, and

other confidential information are protected."

Rank-and-file officers at Brooklyn station houses this week told reporters to route their requests for neighborhood crime reports through the public information office, but calls there were met with suggestions to look at Comp-Stat, monthly online crime statistics that contain no details about the circumstances of specific crimes, or to file Freedom of Information Law requests. which can take months to bear fruit — if the department responds to them at all. The office's head of public information said the latter route was the way to go.

"There is a process for complaint reports and that is dealt with by our FOIL department," said deputy chief Kim Royster.

A longtime reader and Fort Greene community leader said he does not take the loss of the police blotters lightly.

"We have a lot of seniors in my neighborhood who own brownstones like I do who have a lot of concern about going out at night," said Charles Dubose, a Community Board 2 member. "I read [the blotters] to know what is happening in Fort Greene and the areas around Fort Greene so I

can tell them what specific places to be careful in."

Journalists slammed the black out, with the New York Press Club calling it "another example of blatant hostility by NYPD toward locally-based media outlets" in an open letter to outgoing police chief Ray Kelly. But a prominent civil libertarian said he was confident that the freeze would end in January, when Bill Bratton takes over as top cop.

"I think this problem is going to get resolved in two weeks," said Chris Dunn, a director at the New York Civil Liberties Union. "When the Bratton administration comes in, they

will take a very different approach."

Public Advocate and mayor-elect Bill DeBlasio called out the police department for its lack of transparency in April, citing its record of responding to just a third of all Freedom of Information requests.

Dunn said that, in the few weeks before DeBlasio takes office, there is no reason that protecting privacy and providing media access should be mutually exclusive.

"It seems clear that they could both protect confidential information and make available crime information," he said.

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Whole Foods on building crack: We didn't do it!

BY MEGAN RIESZ

Construction on the about-to-open Gowanus Whole Foods Market caused a massive crack in the wall of a historic building that shares the lot with the health food giant, claim locals who love the building and say the city is not doing enough to protect it.

The Whole Foods agreed to fix up the long-abandoned Coignet building on Third Avenue at Third Street as part of a deal to build a mega-market in the lot around it, but with just a handful of days left until the store's Dec. 17 opening. neighbors say the pounding of piledrivers and sloppy excavation all but tore the place apart and the company is sidestepping the problem.

"Whole Foods does not want to be responsible," said Linda Mariano, president of the activist group



CRACK ATTACK: Gowanus residents say work on the new Whole Foods has damaged the historic building.

Photo by Stefano Giovannini

Friends and Residents of Greater Gowanus, who noticed the crack last week.

A spokesman for Whole Foods denied the allegations, stressing that the food retailer will honor its promise to give the building's already crack-littered façade a fresh face-lift.

"Nothing that occurred in relation to building our building for the store affected what's happening to that building," said Michael Sinatra, spokesman for Whole Foods. "I don't think anything caused that crack. The building is a bit weathered."

But Mariano is not convinced.

"They are liars; they have to be," she said. "They better fess up.'

The former New York and Long Island Coignet Stone Company headquarters may have been the first concrete building in the city when it went up in 1873. Park Slope mega-builder Edwin Litchfield took the operation over when Coignet went bankrupt, but the two-story building has sat abandoned since the 1960s. The city designated it a landmark in 2006.

A documentarian who



WHOLLY DISAPPOINTED: Activist Linda Mariano loves the dilapidated Coignet headquarters, but says work on the massive Whole Foods next door has messed it up. Photo by Stefano Giovannini

made the Coignet building the subject of a short film said the crack is one of many and, whether or not the kale and kim chi vendor is responsible for the latest fissure, the building is hanging on by a thread.

"When I was filming, evervone in every interview said they saw it shaking [from the work] and said, 'You'd better film it now before it falls down," said Max Kutner, director of "At the Corner of 3rd and 3rd" and

contributor to this paper.

The auteur stopped short of pinning the blame on Whole Foods, but said city preservationists could definitely be doing more to hold the gourmet grocer to its word.

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Scott Stringer delivers tenth annual Joseph Silver, MD Memorial Lecture at New York Methodist Hospital

Manhattan Borough President and New York City Comptroller-Elect Scott Stringer delivered the Tenth Annual Joseph Silver, M.D., Memorial Lecture Tuesday, December 10. Past speakers include New York City Mayor-Elect Bill de Blasio and United States Senators for New York Charles Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand. The annual lecture is given in honor of the late Dr. Joseph Silver, longtime chief of orthopedics at NYM, and older brother of Sheldon Silver, speaker of the New York State Assembly. Stringer's speech focused on how grassroots initiatives, including his office's "Go Green" programs, can address public health issues affecting New York City communities. He was joined at the lecture by Speaker Silver, NYM CEO and President Mark Mundy, and the Hospital's Chairman of Surgery and Cardiothoracic Surgery Anthony Tortolani, M.D.



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Market has Whole lot to highlight

Beer-infused chocolate truffles? Why not?

BY MEGAN RIESZ

long-awaited. sometimes-controversial Gowanus Whole Foods is finally opening on Dec.

The food retailer has spent the last year of construction on the gourmet grocery store doling out tantalizing tidbits about what artisanal, organic treasures and whiz-bang features the outlet will hold. Here is a sampling of what to expect:

- •A rooftop beer bar and restaurant overlooking the fetid Gowanus Canal that will serve up a variety of brews, including Red Hook favorite Sixpoint. The food menu is not finalized yet, but will boast burgers, ribs, and vegetarian dishes from local vendors including pickle company Brooklyn
- · A massive, energyefficient roof greenhouse, which will supply a few sprigs of the store's pro-
- ·Monthly "drink and draw" sessions at the rooftop bar, where doodlers from Arts Gowanus will run sessions including still life and collage, according to media reports. The events are not to be confused with those of the same name at the nowshuttered Third Ward art
- · A Yuji Ramen stand owned by chef Yuji Haraguchi, whose eatery is already serving up steaming bowls of noodles at the Bowery Whole Foods in Manhattan.
- Products by borough companies made exclusively for the store, including a line of frozen pizzas from fancy Bushwick pie palace Roberta's and the sweet kind of circular pastry from Whole Foods' bakery neighbor Four and Twenty Blackbirds. Also, beer-infused



AISLE TAKE IT: Brooklyn's first Whole Foods opens on Dec. 17 in Gowanus. Photo by Stefano Giovannini

chocolate truffles.

The Gowanus Whole Foods will not be the fancy food chain's only location in the borough for long. A Williamsburg outlet is slated to open in late 2014 on the basement levels of a mall-apartment complex.

Brooklyn's first Whole Foods opens at (214 Third St. at Third Avenue in Gowanus. www.wholefoodsmarket.com/stores/ brooklyn). Tues, Dec. 17, 8:30 am.

Run

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The run and jog raised more than \$200,000 for New York Road Runners, which funds school-based running teams and youth fitness programs.

"The festive spirit and young runners that distin-

guish the event promote New York Road Runner's vision of making running a part of every child's daily life and illustrate how running empowers people of all ages to be healthy and fulfilled," said Road Runners youth manager Cliff Sperber in a statement.

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Brooklyn's Premier Entertainment Guide

A tangled bread we weave

Twists and turns abound on road to first boro Whole Foods

BY MEGAN RIESZ

The road to the first Brooklyn Whole Foods has been long, contentious, and smelly. Hop into our way-back machine and relive the eight-year saga leading up to the grand opening of the gourmet grocer's White-House-sized store on Dec. 17.

2005: Whole Foods announces that it will open its first Brooklyn location at 214 Third St. near Third Avenue, a site that had been poisoned over the course of two centuries by the waste of a lumberyard, an auto repair shop, and an oil company. The plan is to open in 2008.

December 2006: An engineer tells state officials that dangerously high levels of the carcinogen benzene have seeped into the soil below the Third Avenue site from a nearby parking lot and fuel station on First



ORGANIC DEVELOPMENT: Whole Foods bought the lot once occupied by building material demolition company Red Hook Crushers (right) and cleared it (above) to make way for the shining supermarket we see today. But first, there was a lot of push-back and pollution to deal with.



Street owned by Verizon.

January 2007: A Verizon spokesman says the death cloud did not come from the company's lot. Whole Foods says it will offer home delivery to reduce customer traffic, which will reach about 1,500 cars per day according to its estimates.

October 2008: The food retailer announces that it cannot develop the store on the Gowanus Canal zone site without an outside developer amidst rumors that it is giving up on the project entirely.

February 2009: Whole Foods submits an environmental application to build a three-level, 414-car garage on some wetlands, to the dismay of environmentalist neighbors from nearby Park Slope.

July 2009: A Whole Foods spokeswoman tells this paper that the company has abandoned the project, then another spokeswoman doubles down on the company's commitment the next week.

February 2010: The site clean-up begins as part

of the city's brownfield program, which offers tax incentives to landowners for investing in polluted lots and unwanted property.

November 2010: Whole Foods cuts the parking garage's car count to 248 in response to concerns from residents including the group Park Slope Neighbors, which blasted the original design as a "totally suburban model." Reps also reveal plans to build a massive greenhouse on the store's roof.

December 2010: Whole Foods says it is still not sure if it will open an actual store due to the toxicity of the nearby Gowanus Canal.

June 2011: Community Board 6 recommends the food retailer's zoning variance to the city.

December 2011: The city denies the grocer's zoning bid, saying it has to first prove it will not mess up the foul and now-Superfund-designated Gowanus Canal.

January 2012: Bohemians and industrialists unite to launch an 11th hour attack against the grocery gi-

ant, urging the city to reject Whole Foods' second try at city approval, saying it will destroy the neighborhood's artisanal mix.

February 2012: Whole Foods gets the city's unanimous okay to begin construction as early as April, despite the fact that the building plan is five times larger than zoning regulations allow.

July 2012: Construction begins, at long last.

October 2013: Whole Foods says it will add a rooftop bar with the less-than-imaginative name "The Roof," which will offer 16 brews and "gastropub" food options.

It is the end of an era of uncertainty. But what is next?

Will kale chips prove to be the secret to soaking up the toxins from the neighborhood soil?

Will Slopers abandon the Park Slope Food Co-Op in droves?

Will sea level rise make the canal swallow Whole Foods whole? Find out next time on "As the Gowanus Churns."





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W'burg Flea packs bags

Locals push hipster market out of East River State Park

BY JAIME LUTZ

Call it the Flea that flicked itself.

The popular hipster market Brooklyn Flea will not return to Williamsburg's East River State Park next summer after organizers acquiesced to complaints from locals who said the market and its sister foodie fair Smorgasburg were monopolizing the public space on weekends, the New York State Parks Department announced on Monday at a community board meeting.

"No one could use the park the way people wanted." said Jonathan



FLEA-TING MOMENTS: Neighbors fumed about their beloved waterfront park being taken over every summer weekend. File photo

end and the community got

Burkan, a Williamsburger park. "It was every week-

who lives across from the

tired of it, and so politicians decided on a compromise."

The move will free up Sundays, but Smorgasburg will continue operating on Saturdays as part of the deal. Burkan predicted peace at last, starting next spring. On Sundays, at least.

"I think everyone will enjoy a relaxing place," Burkan said. "Not a place with thousands of people buying stuff.

The bazaar's other locations will remain in operation, including the just-opened indoor winter market in a nearby N. Fifth Street warehouse.





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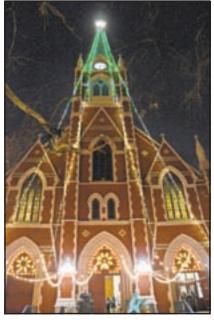
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LIGHT UP ABOVE: (Above) Hundreds of Carroll Gardens residents came out despite an arctic chill to watch Sacred Hearts-St. Stephens Church light up a star (left) on its steeple during a Dec. 7 ceremony.

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It's a starry night

Carroll Gardens church brightens up BQE

BY MEGAN RIESZ

A star light, star bright went up above Sacred Hearts–Saint Stephen church on Dec. 7.

The parish in Carroll Gardens lit an aluminum Star of Hope atop its mas-

Downtown gathers around the tree

BY JAIME LUTZ

Next year will be a blue Christmas without Borough President Markowitz, according to Borough Hall regulars at Tuesday night's tree-lighting ceremony.

Speakers, including 84 Precinct Capt.
Maximo Tolentino and Deputy Borough President Sandra Chapman, used the occasion to sing the praises of the Beep who has just a few short weeks left in office. The outgoing borough booster re-

sponded with a somber soliloquy.

"Let me say goodbye to each and every one of you," the man of the hour said. "I hope, in every way I could, I made your life a little better."

Markowitz was a focus



ALL I WANT FOR XMAS: Zyair Kelly shows off a toy he got from Santa at the Borough Hall Christmas tree lighting. Photo by Arthur De Gaeta

at the Christmas event, but for the many children present, the garrulous suit-wearer was overshadowed by a heavy-hitting crew including Frosty the Snowman, a gingerbread man, and Santa Claus himself sive tall steeple, which is visible from the Brooklyn Bridge and a landmark along the Brooklyn-Queens Expressway, for hundreds of people who gathered from all over the tri-state area despite the arctic chill. The five-foot star and four cascading beams of light are a hit so far, according to the clergy.

"A lot of people that grew up in the area or Brooklyn know the star from passing it on the highway," said John Heyer, pastoral associate for the church. "A lot of new people who lived in the area loved it, and we got a lot of positive feedback from people who just moved there."

The annual star-lighting ceremony began in the 1950s but fizzled out after 2001, when a pastor decided not to put up the decoration in the wake of the Sept. 11 attacks. The ornament sat in storage until Hurricane Sandy, which inspired Rev. Guy Massie to bring back the tradition and invite everyone — not just Catholics — to watch the new celestial body light the sky.

"Lighting the Star of Hope this year is just another thing that makes Brooklyn so special," Heyer said. "This is a place where everything is celebrated and everyone can find a home."



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DeBlasio gives Giuliani's top cop 2nd shot

BY MEGAN RIESZ

William Bratton will take the reigns as the city's top lawman once again, Mayor-elect Bill DeBlasio announced last Thursday at the Red Hook Justice Community Center.

Bratton served as police commissioner under former mayor Rudy Giuliani from 1994 until 1996, when the police chief resigned while under investigation by the city for a book deal

and accepting free flights from a billionaire tycoon. The two butted heads over who should take credit for a drop in crime and Bratton said the ethics probe was politically motivated. Before he skedaddled, Bratton implemented Compstat, the numbersdriven approach to law enforcement that critics say pushes cops to downplay serious crimes and proponents, such as outgoing

commissioner Ray Kelly, hail for driving the dramatic drop-off of violence around the city over the past two decades.

This time around, Bratton said he will try to maintain low crime rates, fend off terrorists, and fine-tune the controversial stop-and-frisk program, which allows cops to put anyone they deem suspicious up against the wall.

"Stop and frisk is essen-

tial to every police department in America," Bratton said. "But it's also essential that it be done constitutionally and respectfully."

A representative from the Red Hook Justice Community Center said that the it was a fitting venue for the ceremony.

The court deals with lowlevel crime through mediation, drug treatment, and other means, rather than simply locking people up.



NEW SHERIFF IN TOWN: William Bratton will serve as the city's police commissioner once again, mayor-elect Bill DeBlasio announced last Thursday at the Red Hook Justice Community Center.

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Neighbors boo post office move

BY JAIME LUTZ

The impending closure of a Clinton Hill post office could make the routine task of sending a letter a long-distance slog, elderly neighbors of the doomed drop-box depot said at a meeting of a local panel last Thursday night.

Seniors from an apartment complex around the corner from the Myrtle Avenue post office pleaded with officials at a Community Board 2 meeting to keep the mailboxes close at hand, saying that they depend on them in a way younger generations do not understand.

"Not everyone is on computers and e-mail," said Bre Emery, a resident



POST TRAUMA: Bre Emery, Barbara Hill, and Rosalind Mayes stand outside a meeting where they demanded their beloved Clinton Hill post office stay nearby.

Community Newspaper Group / Jaime Lutz

of the Willoughby Walk Co-Op on Willoughby Avenue between Hall Street and Emerson Place. "And not only that, a post office is essential to the neighborhood. It's everything."

The Clinton Hill mail house has to move next year, as does its Boerum Hill counterpart, though no one at the meeting advocated for saving that notoriously dirty and disorganized facility. The post offices' leases run out in February and May, respectively, leaving little time for packing up and moving the massive operations that mail agency representatives said they still have not found new homes for.

The uncertainty about where the Clinton Hill operation will land has the oldsters who rely on it worried about what



MAILBOXED OUT: The Clinton Hill post office at 524 Myrtle Ave. is being forced to relocate.

Photo by Stefano Giovannini

long walks the future could bring, but they admit that not everybody can access the kind of convenience their complex has enjoyed for more three decades.

"We're kind of spoiled," said Barbara Hill.

The postal service

could get a break from the landlords of both post office buildings in the form of lease extensions, but the operations definitely have to find new digs sometime soon, said Community Board 2 District Manager Robert Perris.

The postal service plans to relocate the post offices within their zip codes and will likely rent from private owners, Perris said. Such arrangements are increasingly common for the agency, according to Perris.

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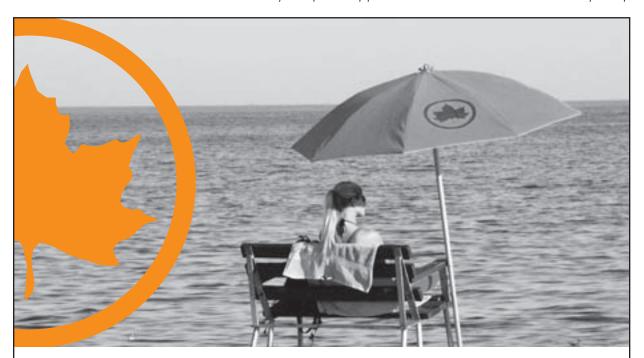
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NEW SPIN ON CHRISTMAS: The twirler crew from Our Lady of Perpetual Help performed for the crowd. Students from Our Lady of Perpetual Help got on the stage to sing carols.

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Christmas comes to Fifth Avenue

BY WILL BREDDERMAN

All the Christmas lights go on at Sunset!

Hundreds gathered around Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church at 59th Street and Fifth Avenue to bask in the local merchant group's holiday spirit.

The Sunset Park Business Improvement District—representing business owners along the Fifth Avenue commercial corridor—shared its Yuletide cheer with a 14th annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony.

"This is the season for the merchants, and we try to give something back," said executive director Renee Giordano.

Giordano said the business group goes out of its way to recruit local entertainers to provide festive entertainment for the crowd—including neighborhood bands like Max Reiser and

the Apples, carolers from the Brooklyn Chinese American Association and Saint Agatha's Church, Our Lady of Perpetual Help's baton-twirling team, and Bay Ridge's Regina Opera Company. Organizers invited a group of children from the audience to come up on stage and sing "Jingle Bells."

"It's our own young people entertaining their friends and relatives, as opposed to having somebody you don't know up on the stage," said Giordano.

Santa Claus was on hand, too, listening to kids' Christmas wishes and handing out some 350 bags of treats. Giordano and her staff were also giving out T-shirts and candy canes.

"We felt we should make a full production out of it for everybody in the community," Giordano said.



MIRACLE ON FIFTH AVENUE: Six-year-old Adriann Springhoffer visits Santa at the Sunset Park Business Improvement District's Christmas tree lighting ceremony.

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Lawsuit aims to drive cyclists off P'Park West

Crashes are on the uptick along Prospect Park West, despite a bicycle path installed there three years ago to calm traffic, according to city data made public as part of a revived lawsuit seeking to dislodge the bike-way ("Crash test shows Prospect Park West fender-benders holding steady," online Dec. 9).

The finding complicates city claims that the two-wheel artery made the thoroughfare safer, though the same statistics show it boosted cycling and reined in speeders. The data show there were 126 crashes — up from 117 — in the two years after the lane's creation in 2010, but the city could not pinpoint the severity of the crashes since it does not record injury types.

Readers shared their road rage and pointed out each other's blind spots online

If cyclist numbers have doubled and there are no significant increase in accidents, then it is twice as safe.

Adamben from Bed-Stuy

Get rid of these bike lanes already and send these Wiscohiosotta people back to their states where there is plenty of room to bike all day. When was the last time you heard a story of real Brooklynites going to the Midwest and demanding that the corn and cow fields have car lanes running through them?

If these lanes remain, I'll have no other choice but to sprinkle thumb tacks on them every night until the message gets across.

Diehipster from Slicing Cyclists

"Speeding on the roadway is down from three-quarters of all cars to one-fifth and, in addition to the increase in cyclist volume, sidewalk riding has all but disappeared, according to city figures." This statement from the article, buried in the bottom half of the story, says it all.

Rob from New York

Sidewalk riding has in no way disappeared. Just this morning, on my way to

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SOUND OFF TO THE EDITOR

LETTERS AND COMMENTS FROM OUR READERS

the train station, I saw two people riding on the sidewalk. I don't know about the amount of speeders, but I still see a lot of 'em.

To me it seems that the bike lane has had a basically neutral effect overall, but now this lawsuit wants us to spend more money to take it back out? Simply because there are a few more car accidents?

To me this is just troubling trouble. The bike lane does not have a huge benefit overall, but it also does not have a huge negative effect either.

What's done is done, and taking it back out is senseless given that it's not some death zone. It's time to move forward and deal with something else, like getting the police to enforce the laws, or for our schools to stop sucking.

Jay from New York City

This litigation has been "ongoing" for years now yet only recently have the members of Neighbors for Better Bike Lanes "gone silent." (Except for getting this story in this paper, of course.)

While the lawsuit's first round was making its way through the court system, these safety opponents wasted no opportunity to get their name and agenda in this and many other news outlets, commenting not only on the Prospect Park West bike lane but on Plaza Street, CitiBike, and many other bike-related stories.

Perhaps their new-found reticence reflects their awareness that their appeal has little chance of succeeding, least of all in the court of public opinion.

Doug G. from Park Slope

People are still fighting the Prospect Park West Bike lane? Really? Why? Makes no sense. Can anyone explain their issue with it? **Jim from Park Slope**

I love the bike lane and use it every day to commute to and from work. Before that, I rode in the street and cars had to go around me.

Now they don't have to. You'd think it was win-win but for some, they want to win it all.

Dave from Prospect Park West

Why was this story written? Who requested that it be written? Did our reporter just stumble over this data, or was it sent to her by Jim Walden, the attorney for those kooks opposing the bike lane and calling themselves "Neighbors for Better Bike Lanes"?

You know, the opponents who have not

gone silent, just typically (and farcically!) sneaky. We all know this rag is owned by the New York Post. You don't have to prove it every darn day!

Brooklyn Native from Park Slope

When reporting statistics, you must at bare minimum work out any missing denominators. So here we have three times as many bicyclists on the road, but no increase in crashes. Motorists have had a minor increase in crashes, with how many more, or less, on the road? Bueller? Bueller?

Another way to have statistics make sense is to situate them within a relevant context. Are car crashes on the increase all over Brooklyn or just on one street? Anyone? Anyone? Seems to me it's the reporter's job to seek this information out. Or just phone in what Jim Walden puts in a press release.

Jym from Prospect Lefferts Gardens

The Prospect Park West bike lane was not designed to make the road less crash-prone. It was designed to keep cyclists off the sidewalk and reduce speeding. It has accomplished both.

Reducing crashes would be a bonus. That said, reducing the speed, I suspect, could reduce the severity of crashes when they do occur.

Peter from Brooklyn Heights

Let's say these awful people are successful with their lawsuit and they somehow manage to convince a judge that the Department of Transportation's process for installing the Prospect Park West bike lane was, in fact, "arbitrary and capricious." What would happen after that? Well, the 80 percent of the community that is happy with the redesign can simply follow the court's guidance and initiate a new public process to redesign Prospect Park West.

You want a new public process? You got it. A new public process will undoubtedly show, once again, that the people who oppose the bike lane on Prospect Park West are a small, wealthy, elderly, out-of-touch minority of this community. They can afford to hire Gibson Dunn & Crutcher to do their bidding but they will lose in any open, rational, democratic forum where it's their three-lane highway versus kids' and families' complete street.

Norman Lois Weinline from 9 Prospect Park West

"What would happen after that?"

What would happen after that is perhaps the biggest protest the neighborhood has seen. You think the 2010 rally on Prospect Park West was big? Imagine how big it will be when all of those people are joined by the growing ranks of people who have come to love and depend on this bike lane.

There are people who have moved to the neighborhood having no idea that a small group of rich cranks want it removed, and would be shocked to learn that its future is in jeopardy.

So imagine the mob scene in front of 9 Prospect Park West when hundreds of kids ride their bikes up to the front door and demand to talk to Sen. Charles Schumer and his wife and ask why they're in favor of dangerous streets. I double-dog-dare NBBL to continue this lawsuit and see where it gets them in the eyes of the community.

Lois Carsbad from Prospect Park West

I live next to this and I love the bike lane. I cross Prospect Park West four-to-eight times a day on foot, and that aspect of it is far safer. Before, the light barely gave me (an able-bodied person) time to cross, and with many cars running the lights it was often terrifying. Now there's actually time to cross safely. I also have a car and used to avoid it because of the crazy speeds, but now I don't mind driving it at all.

As I'm crossing the street all those times, I see tons of cyclists (mostly commuters, not racers) using it and I think it's great that they have a safer route.

Lark from Park Slope

I just want to say, I found this via Streetsblog, and I am a Transportation Alternatives member and volunteer, and I'm happily conspiring to get journalists and commenters to agree with these organizations that people who use Prospect Park West should generally be allowed to survive it. Unfortunately, drivers are voting every day with their cars to not let people pass by unharmed or alive, mostly because it suits their agenda to get somewhere a little faster. I agree that not all drivers think like this, but there's a pretty low bar to having a driver's license in the United States, so the road designs really have to assume the worst about the drivers who use them. And I think the current Prospect Park West does a lot more to protect pedestrians from the very worst driv-**Brian Van from Gramercy**

Speeding

Continued from cover

to the project, which the community continues to enjoy every day."

The dedicated haters may not have undone the lane changes, but the numbers depict a more complicated reality than the hunky-dory story touted by the city and safe streets advocates. In the two years before the road re-jiggering, the thoroughfare registered 117 crashes, including 18 that caused injuries, according to the stats. In the two years after the installation, those figures ticked up slightly, to 126 crashes, also causing 18 injuries, the records show, though the Department of Transportation contends that the data say less than they could because the department does not record the severity of wounds.

But the crashes were largely car-on-car, with only three cyclists struck by drivers in the two years after the installation, up one from the two years before despite the 1,150 bikers plying the path daily nowadays, according to the data. Instances of drivers hitting pedestrians dropped to four in the same period, from six pre-bike path. And no bikes hit walkers in the entire four-year period, at least not hard enough to merit a police report, the numbers show.

The data do not record crashes in 2013, but in October of this year, a van driver killed a 12-year-old boy who tripped in the road, prompting his parents and activists



IN MEMORY: Pedestrians pass a makeshift memorial for Sammy Cohen Eckstein, a 12-year-old boy who was hit and killed by a driver on Prospect Park West on Oct. 8.

Photo by Stefano Giovannini

to demand the speed limit be lowered to 20 miles-perhour on Prospect Park West and residential streets citywide

Tragedy and go-slow campaign aside, path proponents remain adamant that Prospect Park West is now a much less stressful place to pedal and walk along.

"We could argue about data until the cows come home, but what purpose would that serve?" said Craig Hammerman, district manager for Community Board 6. "Do people feel safer on Prospect Park West right now, as opposed to prior to the installation? Numbers only tell half the story — perception the other half."

City statistics compiled in the six months after the installation show that the path has done plenty to make the park-side stretch a haven for pedestrians and cyclists, if not an absolutely safe one. Speeding on the roadway is down from three-quarters of all cars to one-fifth and, in addition to the tripling of bike traffic, sidewalk riding has all but disappeared, according to city figures.

When asked to react to facts that paint the green route as anything other than a Xanadu for walkers and bikers, path partisans inevitably redirected the conversation to their foes.

"The folks suing the Department of Transportation over the bike lane have a very odd way of interpreting data," said Eric McClure, co-founder of Park Slope Neighbors, at a town hall meeting on Dec. 2. "It's basically that they exclude anything that makes their point of view look worse and only include things that make their point of view seem like it's true."

Two thirds of New Yorkers voiced their support for outgoing Mayor Bloomberg's bike lane blitz in an August New York Times poll.

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BY CAMILLE SPERRAZZA

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To celebrate this special occasion, the husband-andwife owners, Marco and



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Trieza Alfy, are offering a promotion from Dec. 15 to 21: 10 percent off pet food and 15 percent off all other items at both stores.

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"There's always food and drinks for dogs and people," says Trieza. The warm ambiance and conversation allows everyone to get to know each other.

The shop's owners grew up in Egypt, surrounded by animals, and their passion for pets and people is evident in everything they do. After living in the United States for a decade, they opened their first Boggie Doggie on Third Avenue, in a space of about 900 square feet. It proved to be such a success, they opened a second, larger shop on busy Fifth Avenue, about two years later.

"We had to expand to ac-

commodate all the merchandise," says Trieza, and it is this store that is now one year old.

Customers come in to buy accessories for dogs, cats, fish, birds, hamsters, rabbits, and guinea pigs. They take advantage of the shop's great locations, and excellent pricing, particularly on organic pet food and name brands, running specials and offering discounts.

The store carries all the basic pet supplies, but what contributes to its success is all the fun stuff. Imagine ordering a birthday cake for your pet, made of dog food. The cake will not only be good enough to eat, it will be attractive, too, inscribed with, "Happy Birthday," followed by the dog's name. Cost depends on how many dogs you plan to invite to the party, and therefore, feed.

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A CRACKING SHOW

'The Nutcracker' gets a modern makeover



Hoopla: Vertical Aerial Arts' "The Nutcracker Circus Suite" puts a modern twist on "The Nutcracker" with breakdancing mice, burlesque performers, aerial acts, and trip-hop.

Photo by Kat Marek

By Meredith Deliso

If you are looking for a traditional performance of "The Nutcracker" to take the family to this year, keep looking.

Vertical Aerial Arts' "The Nutcracker Circus Suite," running at Galapagos Art Space in Dumbo from Dec. 14 to Dec. 21, follows the original Christmas tale enough to still have the name in its title. But it also throws in some breakdancing mice, burlesque performers, aerial acts, and trip-hop.

Jennifer Kovacs and Megan Hornaday, who comprise the two-year-old troupe, said they wanted to put a fresh take on the familiar ballet, which has its fair share of productions this time of year.

"We've seen a million 'Nutcrackers," said Hornaday, who workshopped the production with Kovacs last year at House of Yes in Bushwick. "We wanted to make it edgy and modern, reworking all the acts to make it really exciting."

That means keeping the fantastical dream sequence — where gingerbread soldiers battle a mouse king and Clara travels to the Land of Sweets with her Nutcracker Prince — the same, but adding in their own touches for the dancing, music, and costuming. This "Nutcracker" trades out much of the pliés, leaps, and battements for burlesque, juggling, Chinese pole, modern dance, and aerial feats performed by

Hornaday and Kovacs on chains and an apparatus shaped like a three-dimensional Christmas star. The two recruited Galapagos regulars, including dance group Jenny Rocha & Her Painted Ladies, to dance on the ground.

Contemporary music by groups such as Massive Attack and Broken Social Scene will take the place of Tchaikovsky's popular score, though the medley that includes "The Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairies" will remain intact.

The production will also forgo traditional ballet wear for circus-inspired costumes.

In another twist, the audience will become an integral part of the show, as the Christmas Eve party that opens the production happens in and around the seated crowd.

"In the classic, you sit down and watch a party," said Hornaday. "But for ours, you're in the party."

This engagement is something the two want

to keep up throughout the entire night.

"We're really trying to make it audience immersive," said Kovacs. "The action is happening all around, above and between you."

"The Nutcracker Circus Suite" at Galapagos Art Space [16 Main St. at Water Street in Dumbo, (718) 222–8500, www.galapagosartspace.com]. Dec. 14 at 7 pm; Dec. 15 at 6:30 pm; Dec. 20 at 8 pm; Dec. 21 at 7 pm.

Mixed nuts: The many Nutcrackers of Brooklyn

By Meredith Deliso

ertical Aerial Arts' modern spin on "The Nutcracker" is not the only game in town.

Here are four other productions of the classic ballet being performed around Brooklyn this holiday season, by companies both professional and pint-sized.

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The renowned ballet company comes to the Brooklyn Academy of Music for a week-long engagement choreographed by Alexei Ratmansky and accompanied by a live orchestra.

In addition to the top-notch dancing, the sets and costumes, designed by Tony winner Richard Hudson of "The Lion King," are sure to stand out.

Brooklyn Academy of Music [30 Lafayette Ave. between Ashland Place and St. Felix Street in Fort Greene, (718) 636–4100], www.bam.org]. Dec. 13–22 at various times. \$15–\$150.



Nuts for ballet: Bright Ballet Theater's multicultural take on "The Nutcracker" features dances from all over the world, and ends in the "Land of Freedom" rather than the standard "Land of Sweets."

Brighton Ballet Theater

Cobble Hill Ballet

The youngsters of the Cobble Hill Ballet school perform excerpts from the original ballet, including the dances of the Sugar Plum Fairy, Russian Dolls, and Waltz of the Flowers. It is perfect for short attention spans, and what it may lack in polish, it is sure to make up for in cuteness.

The Kumble Theatre at Long Island University [One University Plaza at Dekalb and Flatbush avenues in Fort Greene, (718) 488–1624, www.kumbletheater.org], Dec. 14 and 15 at 1 pm and 4 pm. \$10–\$15.

Dance Theatre in Westchester

"The Colonial Nutcracker" is an annual tradition at the Brooklyn Center for the Performing Arts, geared specifically for children ages four to 10. The production takes some liberties with the original ballet, setting it in colonial Yorktown during the Revolutionary War, complete with a red-

coated mouse army.

Brooklyn Center for the Performing Arts at Brooklyn College [2900 Campus Rd. between Amersfort Place and Kenilworth Place in Flatbush, (718) 951–4500, www. brooklyncenter.com], Dec. 15 at 2 pm. \$10.

Brighton Ballet Theater

Kingsborough Community College will host the Brighton Ballet Theater and School of Russian American Ballet, a junior company of more than 80 young dancers, as it performs an abridged, hour-long version of the holiday classic, complete with lavish costumes and scenery and a finale that features dances from around the world. Thanks to its abbreviated runtime, the production is suitable for children ages four and up.

Leon M. Goldstein Performing Arts Center at Kingsborough Community College [2001 Oriental Blvd. at Oxford Street in Manhattan Beach, (718) 769–9161, www. brightonballet.com], Dec. 21 at 6:30 pm. \$20–\$50.

AROUND TOWN

SPEAKING IL OF THE DEAD

Sunset Park ghostwriter pens an 'autobiography' for Kim Jong Il

By Colin Mixson

eet the man trying to resurrect Kim

Jong II.

A Brooklyn author who has made his career as a celebrity ghostwriter is in the process of putting the finishing touches on his latest work — an "unauthorized autobiography" of the late North Korean dictator Kim Jong II,

which features a propaganda-inspired history of

upcoming "Dear Reader." "Korean is also the

the world's "oldest" country.

"Korea was the first country on Earth, you know," said Michael Malice, author of the

world's first language. You would know that if you grew up in North Korea."

Malice has coauthored several hardcovers and paperbacks with celebrity musicians, comedians, and wrestlers. As he wrote them, Malice said, he would endeavor to mimic the voice of his celebrity subject.

Typically, the author would have the opportunity to consult with the person he was writing for in order to really nail the tone. But the Sunset Park resident did not have that luxury with his latest collaborator, whose embalmed remains are currently on display at Pyongyang's Kumsusan Memorial Palace.

As a result, he has had to take some liberties.

"This isn't in his voice, per say," said Malice, who visited North Korea last year, returning with a large collection or propaganda pamphlets and books to use as source material. "His voice is very pedantic and mind-numbing. But the tone of North Korean propaganda is very giddy, almost Disney-like. So, when you apply that to



some of the horrific things that go on there, it takes on a very dark humour."

Kim Jong II was present and involved in nearly every significant moment in North Korea's history from the 1950s until his death in 2011, making him a natural narrator for Malice's book.

"He's their Forest Gump figure," said Malice.
"He's everywhere where something happens, so
by telling his story, he gets to tell the history of

the country."

And it is the history of the country, and the suffering of its people, that really interests Malice, who said he wanted to tell their story in a way that can be easily consumed by readers.

"My goal with this book was to present it in a fun, readable way, where you don't have to sit through really dense, academic text, or delve into the geopolitics of the '60s to understand North Korea." he said.



Study session: (Left) Author Michael Malice brushes up on his North Korean propaganda — the source material for his upcoming book "Dear Reader: The Unauthorized Autobiography of Kim Jong II." (Above) The North Korean dictator's funeral featured a large American car with a giant photo of Kim attached to its roof like a sail.

Photo by Elizabeth Graham (left), Associated Press (above)

But thanks to the departed Dear Leader, with his straight face and simple tone, Malice is confident he has crafted a horror story that anyone can understand.

"When you have someone defending censorship and concentration camps with a straight face, then the horror really shows through," said Malice.

Michael Malice will discuss "Dear Reader: The Unauthorized Autobiography of Kim Jong II" at MuchMore's [2 Havemeyer St. between East Eighth and East Ninth streets in Williamsburg, (718) 576–3222, www.muchmoresnyc.com] Dec. 15 at 8 pm. Free.

Pirate theater: Buccaneers perform booty-free play



Avast, ye maties: Nolan Kennedy, Scarlet Maressa Rivera, and Welland H. Scripps.

Photo by Stefano Giovannini

By Megan Riesz

he only thing these pirates are plundering is ticket prices.

A crew of actors and self-described swashbucklers is putting on a holiday play at a Park Slope bar on Dec. 15 — and it will not cost you a single doubloon. It is all part of Letter of Marque Theater Company's mission to bring live theater back to the people.

"Theater these days is seen as a pretentious art that only people in the arts or people who are very rich can afford," said Nolan Kennedy, the artistic director of the Gowanus-based troupe. "We want to do theater that is much more in line with Shakespeare's troops, when the theater was for the masses."

Kennedy — who also performs with the political performance ensemble Strike Anywhere — alternates the role of artistic lead in the company with fellow actors Scarlet Maressa River and Walland H. Scripps, in a democratic style he said was also used by 18th-century pirate crews.

"We wanted to do something different and create an ensemble that ran like a pirate ship — in that everybody can hand, reef, and steer — and translate that into the theater," Kennedy said.

Letter of Marque — which is named for the documents governments issued to privateers, excepting them from piracy laws so long as the ships they attacked and robbed were enemy vessels — is funded by philanthropic arts foundations and organizations and through donations, so it does not have to pillage its audiences for admission costs. It also hosts its shows in everyday places, which Kennedy said he hopes will make the company's shows more accessible.

"We wanted to perform at places where we can insert theater into people's lives in a way that's not intrusive," he said. "We want to experiment with doing

theater in unconventional spaces."

"Gifts," the play Letter of Marque will be performing at the Fifth Estate Bar, is also imbued with the company's altruistic spirit. Adapted from O. Henry's short story "Gift of the Magi," it chronicles a married couple as they grow older and celebrate 10 different Christmas Eves. Kennedy said he decided to rewrite the story because he has a love-hate relationship with the classic gift-giving Christmas tale.

"It's literally, 'I am giving you a physical thing in exchange for love and forgiveness," Kennedy said. "That always weirded me out. That always bugged me."

Spoiler alert — in Kennedy's version, the couple ends up finding happiness without material things. It is enough to warm the heart of even the saltiest sea dog.

"Gifts" at the Fifth Estate Bar [506 Fifth Ave. between 12th and 13th avenues in Park Slope, (718) 840–0089, www. fifthestatebar.com]. Dec. 15–16 at 7:30 pm. Free.





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AROUND TOWN

ACT SETS BROOKLYN ABLAZE

Marine Park musician lights up the stage with superhero alter-ego

By Will Bredderman

all him the Light Knight.

This Marine Park native was once an off-Broadway actor, and a veteran of New York's glam rock scene — but he had left it all behind to pursue a normal, middle-class life. Then one day three years ago, he looked around and saw a city that had lost its way, that needed something different — a musical savior that would be his borough's guiding light. So he donned a Tronesque light-suit and adopted a new alter-ego: Blazes.

"Long ago, pop stars were heroes. You had them on your wall and you looked up to them. I wanted to bring that back, as a superhero who plays catchy songs," the anonymous man behind Blazes said. "New York has that tradition of spectacle, like New York Dolls and Kiss, that kind of theatrical performance. That's what I wanted to do, but my own way."

In the tradition of New York heroes like Batman and Spider-Man, Blazes' first appearances were sudden and



fleeting. The glowing gladiator would launch guerilla performances at bars and nightclubs, raiding the stage to drop his synthesized sounds and drum machine beats — and then fleeing into the night.

"I liked to keep it mysterious, keep people guessing. You don't want to give them too much at first," said Blazes.

Soon, audiences and promoters were clamoring for him to bring his lighting bolt-shaped guitar to trendy venues in Williamsburg and Bushwick. But like all heroes, Blazes battled unexpected obstacles in his early days. At one performance at Bushwick's now-defunct House of Yes, a battery on Blazes' light-suit burst, and



Light 'em up: Electro-pop-powered performer and protector of the public "Blazes" plays the Flat in Williamsburg on Dec. 26.

Photo by Alan Rand

he was forced to flee the scene with a permanently scarring burn.

"All of a sudden I heard a pop on my back, and it started to sizzle and I had to run off the stage," he recalled.

Finally, this July, Blazes took his biggest stage yet — the Coney Island Boardwalk, at the invitation of Wonder Wheel Park owner Dennis Vourderis.

It was a chance for Blazes to finally realize his dream — being a lambent champion for all Brooklynites, not just those who frequent the haunts of hipsters.

"What I liked about Coney Island, it was a mainstream crowd," said Blazes. "It was thousands of people, everyone, not just a hip crowd."

To protect those close to him, Blazes remains jealously protective of his secret identity. But he did clue us in to his next performance, at the Flat in Williamsburg on Dec. 26. The incandescent crusader described the club as perfectly suited to his style.

"It's a place where they'll take something that's different, really offbeat," Blazes said.

So look to the sky — or at least the stage — Brooklyn. There is a masked techno adventurer looking out for you.

Blazes performs at the Flat [308 Hooper St. between Broadway and South Fifth Street in Williamsburg, (718) 599–5151, www.theflatbkny.com]. Dec. 26 at 11:45 pm.



TOUR GUIDES & OFFICE CLERK WANTED

Give a Christmas 'cheers' at the Ridge's favorite watering holes

By Will Bredderman

elcome back to "Bay Ridge Nights"
— your guide to southern Brooklyn's nightlife destination.

Do not let the cold keep you in — there's plenty of fun to be had this weekend, with a dash of holiday spirit mixed in.

Friday night, it is party über alles at the **Schnitzel Haus** (7319 Fifth Ave., between 73rd and 74th streets), with '70s rock covers by Hellbound Train. And if you have got an extra unwrapped children's gift sitting around from your Black Friday shopping spree, drop it off at the Haus to donate it to Toys for Tots.

If you are looking to tear up the dance-floor to something a little more modern, hit the **Wicked**

Monk (9510 Third Ave., between 95th and 96th streets). DJ Ron will be spinning a hit list of hiphop, R&B, and contemporary rock.

It all leads into Saturday, and the can't-miss event of the weekend: Frankie Marra and

his Band's fifth annual Christmas show at the **Greenhouse Cafe** (7717 Third Ave., between 77th and 78th streets). The joint starts jingle bell-

rockin' at 10 pm, as the neighborhood favorite plays a set of classic rock 'n roll seasoned with Christmas carols.

But if you are in a Scrooge-y mood, you do not have to sit through a single holiday tune. Head to the **Three Jolly Pigeons** (6802 Third Ave., at the corner of 68th Street) to hear the Social Zoo span the alphabet of hard rock, from Alice in Chains to Zeppelin.

Or if you just want to show off the most hideous thing your grandmother or crazy aunt ever made you, pull it over or button it up and get yourself to **Yellow**

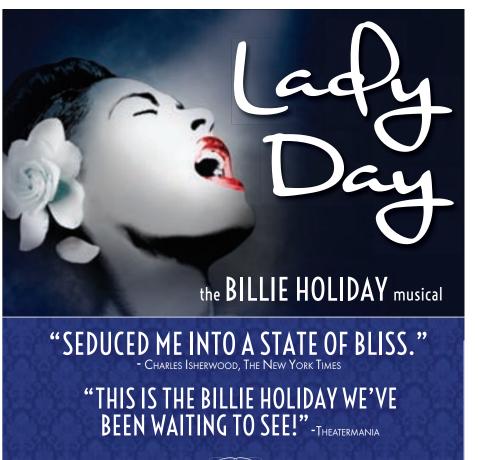
Hook Grille (7003 Third Avenue, at the corner of Ovington Avenue) for its "Ugly Sweater Christmas Party" at 8 pm.

Got a suggestion for next week's "Bay Ridge Nights"? Send it to wbredderman@cnglocal.com.

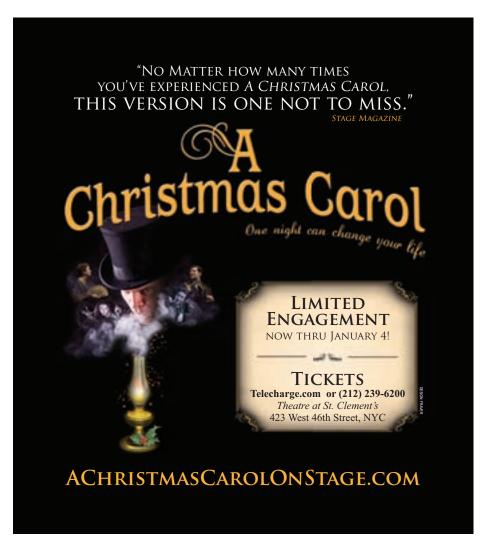


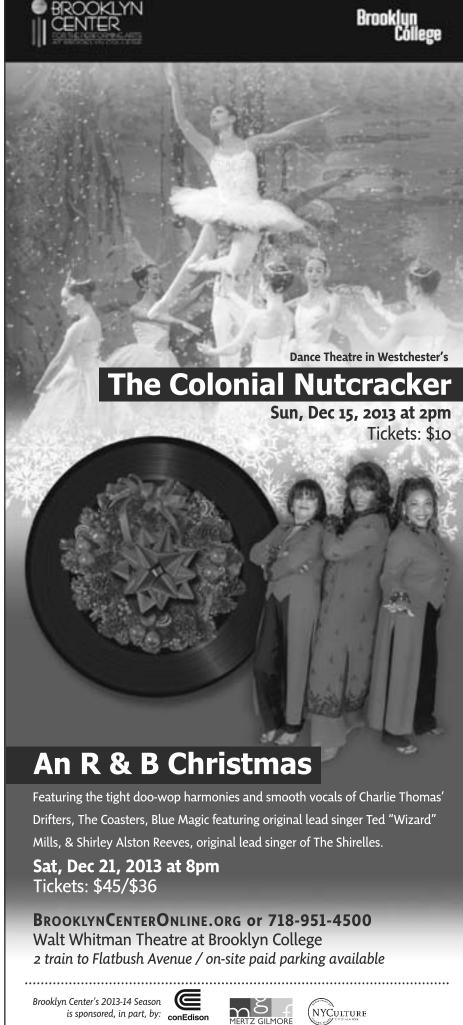
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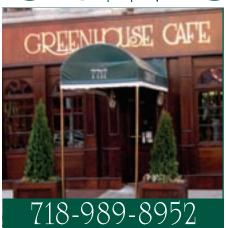
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FILM, "BROOKLYN, REALITIES-**DOCUMENTED.":** Screening of Brooklyn short documentaries. Free. 6:30 pm. Brooklyn Historical Society [128 Pierrepont St. at Clinton Street in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 222-4111], www.brooklynhistory.org.

THEATER, "A CHARLIE BROWN CHRISTMAS": Charlie Brown, Lucy, Linus, and Snoopy are all on board in this adaptation of the classic Charles Schulz comic strip. \$10 (\$35 for 4). 7 pm. Brooklyn Lyceum [227 Fourth Ave. at President Street in Park Slope, (718) 857-4816], www.brooklynlyTHEATER, "MISS JULIE": Production by the Brooklyn College Department of Theater. \$15 (\$10 students and seniors). 7:30 pm. New Workshop Theater at Brooklyn College [Campus Road between Hillel Place and Avenue H in Flatbush, (718) 951-4500], www.brooklyncenter.com.

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

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CAROL": This is a radio play adapted by Beth Ann Hopkins from the Dickens classic and features Susanna Baddiel, 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 President streets in Carroll Gardens), smithstreetstage.org.

MUSIC, THE WILL CALHOUN TRIO: As part of BAMcafe Life. Free. 9 pm. Brooklyn Academy of Music [30 Lafay ette Ave. between Ashland Place and St. Felix Street in Fort Greene, (718) 636-4100], www.bam.org.

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show at St. Ann's Warehouse, "Analog.Ue" — but word on the street is that he doesn't mutter a single syllable. more. \$8. 10 pm. Union Hall [702 Union St. at Fifth Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 638-4400], www.unionhallny.com.

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MUSIC, WINTER ARTS FESTI-

puppetworks.org.

VAL: Students perform holiday favorites with song and dance. \$5. 2 pm. Bishop Ford High School [500 19th St. and 10th Avenue in Greenwood Heights, (718) 360-2500].

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MUSIC, JINGLE BELL JAMBO-REE: Annual holiday concert with performances from the MS 51 Show Choir, the Mark Morris Dance Group, the Brooklyn Community Chorus, and more. \$10. 7 pm. Congregation Beth Elohim (274 Garfield Pl. at Eighth Avenue in Park Slope), www.parkslopeciviccouncil.org.

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MUSIC, BROOKLYN BRAN-**DENBURGERS HOLIDAY CONCERT:** Performing music by Bach, Brahms, Chevalier de St. George, Purcell, Salieri and Telemann. \$10 (children 16 and under free). 7 pm. Old Stone House [336 Third St. between Fourth and Fifth avenues in Park Slope, (718) 768-3195], theoldstonehouse.

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Free admission. 10 am-3 pm. Good Shepherd Lutheran Church [7420 Fourth Ave. at 75th Street in Bay Ridge, (718) 745-85201

ARTISTS & FLEAS: New designers come in each weekend. Free admission, 10 am-7 pm Artists & Fleas (70 N. Seventh St. between Kent and Wythe avenues in Williamsburg), www.artistsandfleas.com.

CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE: Get an early start on shopping with a variety of vendors. Santa will also be on hand and there will be fun activities for the young ones. Free. 1-7 pm. Bishop Ford High School [500 19th St. and 10th Avenue in Greenwood Heights, (718) 360-25001

ARTISAN HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE:

Presenting innovative artisanal designs to the Brooklyn community. 2-8 pm. The Art Cafe [884 Pacific St. in Prospect Heights, (718) 857-2522], www.facebook.com/ Of Handand Spirit.

FESTIVE FIFTH: Hundreds of the boutiques and restaurants on Fifth Avenue between Dean and 18th streets will stay open late for shoppers and offer holiday specials. 6:30-9 pm. (Fifth Avenue and Dean Street in Park Slope).

OTHER

SANTA'S VISIT: Create a wish list and then present it to the Jolly Old Elf himself Santa Claus. 9 am-11 am. Mara's Cafe & Bakery [88 Livingston St. at Court Street in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 522-6461], www.marascafe.com.

READING, HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE .: Stop by for recommendations, donuts and hot chocolate, holiday movies. and more. Free. 10 am-9 pm. Word Bookstore [126 Franklin St. between Milton and Noble streets in Greenpoint, (718) 383-0096], www.wordbrook-

lyn.com. **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.

"ANGELINA BALLERINA - THE VERY MERRY HOLIDAY MU-SICAL": Angelina and her best friends are planning a holiday dance pageant - the best in all of Mouseland. \$12. 10:30 am. Kingsborough Community College [2001 Oriental Blvd. at Oxford Street in Manhattan Beach (718) 368-5596], www.onstageatkingsborough.org.

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) 946-65361

READING, HILTON ALS: Author of "White Girls." Free. 4 pm. Brooklyn Public Library's

Central branch [Flatbush Ave. at Eastern Parkway in Grand Army Plaza in Park Slope, (718) 230-2100], www.brooklynpubliclibrary. org/branch_library_detail. isp?branchpageid=265.

CITY HARVEST FUNDRAISER:

At this canned food drive, enjoy a tasting of craft ales imported from Mexico and Mission District burritos from B'kln Burro. 6-10 pm. Bed Stuy Beer Works [409 Willoughby Ave. between Walworth and Sandford streets in Bedford-Stuyvesant, (718) 797-14651, www.bedstuvbeer. com.

FILM, "HANNAH ARENDT": A biography of the author of "Eichmann in Jerusalem." Free. 7 pm. Beth El Jewish Center of Flatbush [1981 Homecrest Ave. at Avenut T in Flatbush, (718) 375-0120].

SUN, DEC. 15

PERFORMANCE

MUSIC, ROCKIN' HOLIDAY SHOW: Seth Herzog and Craig Baldo host KidRockers a show for all ages, bowling and food. \$11-\$13 (\$35 family of four). 11:30 am. Brooklyn Bowl [61 Wythe Ave. between N. 11th and N. 12th streets in Williamsburg, (718) 963-3369], www.brooklynbowl.com.

THEATER, THEATRESPORTS: Competition improvisational show for children of all ages. \$10. Noon. The Gallery Players [199 14th St. between

Second and Third avenues in Gowanus, (718) 595-0547]. MUSIC, CHRISTMAS CONCERT: Festive music featuring brass, pipe organ, piano, choir, tim-

pani, and bells. Reception following. Donations welcome. 2 pm. St. Philip's Episcopal Church [334 MacDonough St. between Lewish and Stuyve sant avenues in Bedford-Stuyvesant, (718) 778-8700].

MUSIC, HOLIDAY CONCERT: The Kingsborough Musical

Society Chorus and Brooklyn Community Wind Ensemble and Concert Band perform. Free. 2 pm. Kingsbororough Community College [2001 Oriental Blvd. at Oxford Street in Manhattan Beach. (718) 368-5596].

MUSIC, BROOKLYN SYM-PHONY ORCHESTRA: Performing music by Barber, Respighi, and Khachaturian and a world premiere by Ian Ng. Tours making connections between the music and art on view precede and follow the concert. 2 pm. Brooklyn Museum [200 Eastern Pkwy. at Washington Avenue in Prospect Heights, (718) 638-5000], www.brooklynsymphonyorchestra.org.

MUSIC, CHAMBER MUSIC: Featuring a performance of Handel's "Messiah." **Free**. 6 pm. Good Shepherd Church [Avenue S and Batchelder

Street in Marine Park, (718) 998-2800].

SALES AND MARKETS

WINTER FLEA MARKET: More than 40 vendors will sell jewelry, crafts, collectibles, holiday gifts, and more. Free. 9 am-4 pm. Bay Ridge Jewish Center [Fourth Avenue and 81st Street in Bay Ridge, (718) 836-3103].

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HOLIDAY HANDMADE CAVAL-CADE: Featuring more than 40 vendors from the Etsy NY Team. Free to enter, 10 am-3 pm. The Space [50 N. Third St. near Kent Avenue in Williamsburg, (917) 208-9906], handmadecavalcade.com.

OTHER

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.

READING, SELINA ALKO: Author and illustrator of "Daddy Christmas" and "Hanukkah Mama." RSVP requested. Free. 11:30 am. powerHouse on 8th [1111 Eighth Ave. between 11th and 12th streets in Park Slope, (718) 666-3049], www.powerhousearena.com.

ST. ANTHONY'S RELIC: The relic will be accompanied by one friar from the Messenger of St Anthony in Padua during mass. Noon. Basilica of Regina Pacis (1230 65th St. between 12th and 13th avenues in Dyker Heights).

PORTRAITS WITH SANTA:

Bring in the family and your pet for a free photo shoot with the head elf. Santa. Free. 2–3 pm. Yuppy Puppy/Green Pup [544 Union St. between Third and Nevins streets, (347) 799-1812].

SPORTS, BIG APPLE CLASSIC: Archrivals from four of the nation's most prominent Historically Black Colleges and Universities will compete in a doubleheader. Virginia State University take on Virginia Union University at 3 pm, followed by Delaware State University and Howard University at 6 pm. \$36.50-\$56.50. 3 pm. Barclays Center [620 Atlantic Ave. at Pacific Street in Prospect Heights, (917) 618-6100], www.barclayscen-

READING, LIT AT LARK: Hear fiction and nonfiction by award-winning, best-selling, and up-and-coming writers during this monthly series. Free. 5 pm. Lark Cafe [1007 Church Ave. between Stafford and E. 10th Street in Kensington, (718) 469-0140], facebook.com/litatlark.

ter.com.

MON, DEC. 16

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.

SPORTS, NETS VS. 76ERS: NBA basketball, \$18-\$2,500, 7:30 pm. Barclays Center [620 Atlantic Ave. at Pacific Street in Prospect Heights, (917) 618-6100], www.barclayscenter.com

DALE RADIO LIVE!: Feature Catie Lazarus, Eliot Glazer, Adam Conover, and the band

XNY. \$5. 7:30 pm. Union Hall [702 Union St. at Fifth Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 638-4400], www.unionhallny.com.

TUES, DEC. 17

THEATER, "JOB IN RED **HOOK":** Dramatic readings of The Book of Job by actors David Strathairn, Kathryn Erbe, and Zach Grenier to commemorate the one-year anniversary of Hurricane Sandy. RSVP requested. Free. 6-8 pm. Friends of Firefighters (199 Van Brunt St. near Seabring Street in Red Hook), www.outsidethewire..c.com.

MUSIC, BIG BROOKLYN HOLI-DAY TOY DRIVE: Featuring an open bar, appetizers, music, and raffle prizes. \$25 or unwrapped toy (valued at \$20 or more). 7–10 pm. Red Star Bar (37 Greenpoint Ave. in Greenpoint), redstarny.

COMEDY, THE JUKEBOX: Snow Day!: Sing-along comedy show hosted by Steve(s) Heisler and Jacobs and Margaret Lyons, with Mark Normand, Rachel Bloom, and more. \$7. 8 pm. Union Hall [702 Union St. at Fifth Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 638-4400], www.unionhallny.com.

COMEDY, PRETTY GOOD FRIENDS HOLIDAY SHOW: With Eugene Mirman, Daniel Kitson, and more. \$20. 9 pm. Bell House [149 Seventh St. at Third Avenue in Gowanus (718) 643-6510], www.thebellhouseny.com.

WRAPPING PAPER WORK-SHOP: Children discover how the holiday is celebrated all over the world and then make their own gift paper. Free with museum admission, 11:30 and and 2:30 pm. Brooklyn Children's Museum [145 Brooklyn Ave. at St. Marks Avenue in Crown Heights, (718) 735-4400], www.brooklynkids.org.

WED, DEC. 18

MUSIC, CITY STOMP: Free with a dinner reservation. 5 pm and 6:30 pm. Dizzy's Diner [230 Fifth Ave. at President Street in Park Slope, (718) 230-5551].

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].

BRIGHTON NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION: Annual holiday party. With light refreshments, music, and a raffle. Free. 6 pm. National Restaurant [273 Brighton Beach Ave. between Brighton Second St. and Brighton Third streets in Brighton Beach, (718) 891-08001

MUSIC, THE SHAKEY TABLES, SADIE, CHRISTOPHER BOWEN: \$7. 8 pm. Trash Bar [256 Grand St. at Driggs Avenue in Williamsburg, (718) 599-1000], www.thetrashbar. com

GARLAND WORKSHOP: Children make wintry garland to take home. Free with museum admission. 11:30 and and 2:30 pm. Brooklyn Children's Museum [145 Brooklyn Ave. at St. Marks Avenue in Crown Heights, (718) 735-4400],

www.brooklynkids.org.

THURS, DEC. 19

MUSIC, DARTMOUTH ONE WORLD CHOIR: Singing holiday favorites celebrating Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, Christmas, and Three Kings Day. \$7. 10:15 am and 11:15 am. Kumble Theater at Long Island University [DeKalb and Flatbush avenues in Downtown, (718) 488-1624], www.brooklyn.liu.edu/KumbleTheater.

TRANSIT TOTS: Children 2 to 5 vears 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.

FREE THURSDAY NIGHT: Join in for a late night at the museum, explore and have fun. Free. 3-7 pm. Brooklyn Children's Museum [145 Brooklyn Ave. at St. Marks Avenue in Crown Heights, (718) 735-4400], www.brooklynkids.org.

ZUMBA WITH DEBBIE D: The 45-60 minute classes pack a punch. \$10. 6:30 pm. Emmanuel Baptist Church [279 Lafayette Ave. between Washington Avenue and St. James Place in Clinton Hill, (646) 399-1678], www.zumbawith debbied.com/Schedule.html.

MUSIC, REYSHIZZ, J-SWAG GENERAL, SPITS NELSON, THA GOODFELLA, SUM-MER ROSS: \$13. 8 pm. Trash Bar [256 Grand St. at Driggs Avenue in Williamsburg, (718) 599-1000], www.thetrashbar.

MUSIC, SWEETBACK SISTERS: The country band presents their Country Christmas Singalong Spectacular. \$18. 8 pm. Jalopy [315 Columbia St. between Hamilton Avenue and Woodhull Street in Columbia Street Waterfront, (718) 395-3214], www.ialopy.biz.

MUSIC, MICHAEL LOWEN-STERN: \$10 (suggested). 8 pm. Old Stone House [336 Third St. between Fourth and Fifth avenues in Park Slope, (718) 768–3195], theoldstonehouse.org

HOLIDAY CARD WORKSHOP: Children create a special card to give to that special someone. Free with museum admission. 11:30 and and 2:30 pm. Brooklyn Children's Museum [145 Brooklyn Ave. at St. Marks Avenue in Crown Heights, (718) 735-4400], www.brooklynkids.org.

FRI, DEC. 20

MUSIC, MILTON STREET **REVIVAL BAND:** Release concert for "Christmas in Brooklyn," a holiday album to benefit the Greenpoint Church's soup kitchen. Preceded by a Christmas carol sing-along. \$10. 6 pm. Brooklyn Rod & Gun Club [59 Kent Ave. between N. 10th and N. 11th streets in Williamsburg, (917) 671-8673] https://www.facebook.com/ events/735340786493386.

HOLIDAY CIRCUS: "Grandma' the clown is coming to the borough along with Santa, jugglers, acrobatics, and dancers. \$45–\$65. 7 pm. Master Theater [1029 Brighton Beach Ave. at Coney Island Avenue in Brighton Beach, (718) 732-3838], www.holidaycircus.com.

ART, "MEMORY WITHHOLD-INGS": Featuring works by Tamu Favorite, Kimberly Mayhorn, and Paloma McGregor that explore "womanness." \$8-\$15. 8 pm. BAX - Brooklyn Arts Exchange [421 Fifth Ave. in South Slope, (718) 832-0018], www.bax.org.

MUSIC, THE SWAY MACHIN-**ERY:** 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, THE SLACKERS AN-**NUAL HOLIDAY SHOW: With** Uzimon, Shivering Brigade, DJ 100DBS, and DJ Grace Of Spades. \$22 (\$18 in advance). 9 pm. Bell House [149 Seventh St. at Third Avenue in Gowanus, (718) 643-6510], www. thebellhouseny.com.

HANGING ORANMENTS WORKSHOP: Children make an ornament to take home. Free with museum admission. 11:30 and and 2:30 pm. Brooklyn Children's Museum [145 Brooklyn Ave. at St. Marks Avenue in Crown Heights, (718) 735-4400], www.brooklynkids.org.

SAT, DEC. 21

OUTDOORS AND TOURS WINTER SOLSTICE: Urban Sha-

man celebrates the birth of the sun. The public is encour-

aged to wear white, silver, and day-glo and bring drums, percussion instruments, kids, and lots of energy. Free. 11:30 am. Grand Army Plaza [Union Street between Flatbush Avenue and Prospect Park West in Park Slope, (718) 857-1343].

PERFORMANCE

THEATER, "UNCLE MONEY BAGS": A Christmas special presentation written by Gloria Cartwright-Hunter and directed by jewel Mendoza. \$25 (\$20 seniors; \$15 kids). 2 pm. St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church [259 Washington Ave. between Dekalb and Willoughby Avenues in Clinton Hill, (917) 751–6202].

MUSIC, HARRY POTTER YULE BALL: With Harry and the Potters, The Potter Puppet Pals, Lauren Fairweather, and more. \$18. 6 pm. Bell House 1149 Seventh St. at Third Avenue in Gowanus. (718) 643-65101, www.thebellhousenv. com

MUSIC, "AN R&B CHRISTMAS": Featuring the music of The Drifters, The Coasters, The Shirelles, and more. \$36-\$45 8 pm. Brooklyn Center for the Performing Arts at Brooklyn College [2900 Campus Rd., between Amersfort Place and Kenilworth Place in Midwood, (718) 951-4500], www.brooklyncenteronline.org.

SALES AND MARKETS

CRAFT FAIR: Fine arts by local artisans. Free admission. 11 am-4 pm. Carmine Carro Community Center [3000 Fillmore Ave. and Marine Parkway in Marine Park, (646)

552-66401. **HOLIDAY MARKET:** Free admission. 11 am-7 pm. Brooklyn Lyceum [227 Fourth Ave. at President Street in Park Slope, (718) 857-4816], www. brooklynlyceum.com.

OTHER

"A CHRISTMAS STORY": The perennial holiday classic based on the memoirs of Jean Shepherd is the story of Ralphie and his desire for a Red Rider BB gun for Christmas present. \$9 (\$8 club members; \$7 children 12 and under). 11 am. BAM Kids [30 Lafayette Ave. at Ashland Place in Fort Greene, (718) 636-4129], www.bam.org.

HO, HO, HO: Children hear holiday stories. 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.

MILLS TRILLS: Amelia Robinson brings holiday cheer with her unique, quirky ukulele music. Free with museum admission. Noon and 1 pm. Brooklyn Children's Museum [145 Brooklyn Ave. at St. Marks Avenue in Crown Heights, (718) 735-4400], www.brooklynkids.org.

PARTY LIKE IT'S 1999: A Titanic December Edition: Dance party celebrating the film by playing the best mix of pop, rock, hip-hop, and R&B from the 1990s. Free. 10 pm. Bell House [149 Seventh St. at Third Avenue in Gowanus, (718) 643-6510], www.thebellhousenv.com

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Giving the gift of life at St. Edmund

SHEEPSHEAD BAY

The school community at **St. Edmund Prep High School** performed a near miracle, when do-gooding students and alumni donated 120 units of blood during the Sheepshead Bay school's annual drive. The



life-saving plasma will help more than 360 people in need of blood transfusions. All Standing O can say is, "Wow!"

School nurse and Standing O pal **Kathy DeMello** was over the top in her praise of the good Samaritans.

"I am so proud of our current students and to our alumni who returned just to donate," she said.

It makes Standing O glow, too, when the borough's teens and students go out of their way for a worthy cause, and agrees with Nurse Kathy that these young men and women are Brooklyn heroes.

Standing O thanks the students because "every drop is golden."

St. Edmund Preparatory High School [2474 Ocean Ave. at Avenue T in Sheepshead Bay, (718) 743–6100].

BAY RIDGE

The reason for the season

Big-hearted students at **St. Patrick's School** in Bay Ridge were in a class of their own for helping to collect food, blankets, towels, over-the-counter medicines, and diapers for victims of Typhoon Haiyan, which hit the Philippines last month, tragically killing more than 5,000 people and displacing countless others.

Parish vicar **Father Joseph Hugo**, a Filipino who organized the drive, marveled at the compassion and spirit of boroughites.

"We even received two generators from individuals who live in Breezy Point,' he said. "These people know first-hand, after





CONGRATULATIONS: Dr. Thomas Farley, left, presents Dr. Jeffrey Birnbaum with award.

SUNY Downs:

One-stop help for teenagers at SUNY

FLATBUSH

Huzza, huzza to **Dr. Jeffrey Birn-baum**, associate professor of pediatrics at **SUNY Downstate Medical Center**, on being recognized by Mayor Bloomberg for helping teens and young adults fight Aids.

The good doctor operates a one-stop, full-service clinic that provides comprehensive care and support for HIV-positive and at-risk youngsters. The Health and Education Alternatives for Teens center features tailored medical, mental health, and support services, allowing teens to access the

support they need, and discuss their pregnancy, homelessness, and health care needs. The facility is the only program of its kind in Brooklyn, and has helped hundreds of clients since its establishment in 1992.

Dr. Birnbaum was also hailed for his support of **Brooklyn Knows**, a large-scale, public-health initiative to increase voluntary HIV testing.

Standing O thanks Dr. Birnbaum for his dedication to keeping our youngsters healthy.

SUNY Downstate [450 Clarkson Ave. at New York Avenue in Flatbush, (718) 270–1000].

experiencing Superstorm Sandy, and they wanted to help." $\,$

Father Joseph also exalted the students. "They showed their true heart by donating their time and efforts," he said.

Filipino volunteers in the community helped students collect and packaging the items.

St. Patrick's Parish [9511Fourth Ave. at 95th Street in Bay Ridge, (718) 238–2600].

Honors on high

More than 150 exceptional juniors, sophomores, and seniors were inducted into the Brother Hillary Chapter of the National Honor Society at Xaverian High School this fall. Deacons Kevin McCormack and Byran Amore blessed the occasion, and inductees Daniel Loud, Albert Connelly,

and **Joseph Donahue** participated in a candle-lighting ceremony.

A reception at the Bay Ridge school followed the rites.

Vincent Torti, director of advancement, was the keynote speaker, and Roseann Guido was the faculty honoree.

Standing O congratulates all of the honorees.

Xaverian High School [7100 Shore Rd. at 71st Street in Bay Ridge, (718) 759–5728].

DUMBO

Odds bodkins

Hidey, hidey, hidey ho to **Dr. Kay Turner**, director of Folk Arts at **Brooklyn Arts Council**, who received the prestigious **Benjamin A. Botkin** prize for her achievements in public folklore. Dr. Kay



PROSPECT PARK

Two new moos at the zoo

Cheers to **Prospect Park Zoo** for welcoming two new miniature **zebus** to the fold. The toddlers, less than a year old, have taken up residence in the barn area, along with the sheep, goats, turkeys, chickens, and geese—and the miniature horses and other domestics are sure to make the cute newcomers feel at home.

Zebus are among the oldest breeds of cattle, and are believed to have originated 6,000 years ago in southern India. The miniatures grow to be about 500 pounds, reaching adulthood between 2 to 3 years.

You can visit the zoo and coo at its latest arrivals every day from 10 am to 5 pm (5:30 pm on weekends).

Prospect Park Zoo [450 Flatbush Ave. in Prospect Park, (718) 399– 7339; www.prospectparkzoo.com].

was one of only two prominent American folklorists honored by the **American Folklore Society**.

She was also inducted as a member of the Fellows of the American Folklore Society in October.

Brooklyn Arts Council [55 Washington St. at Water Street at in Dumbo, (718) 625–0080].

FLATBUSH

Hip, hip, hooray!

Congratulations to CAMBA and its housing development section, CAMBA Housing Ventures, for being named non-profit of the year by the New York Housing Conference and the National Housing Conference.

The organization was among five recipients honored for their contributions to creating affordable homes and communities.

"We are proud to celebrate the association," said **Judy Calogero**, chief executive officer of the New York Housing Conference. CAMBA and its affiliate were thrilled with the recognition.

"This is a very prestigious award, and we are honored to have the national affordable housing community recognize our work," said **Joanne Oplusti**, CAMBA president and chief executive officer.

Standing O sends its own shout-out to the group that provides affordable housing for so many.

CAMBA [1720 Church Ave. at E. 18th Street in Flatbush, (718) 287–2600].

LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIV-EN. PURSUANT TO LAW. that the NYC Department of Consumer Affairs will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, January 02, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. at 66 John Street, 11th floor, on a petition for The Smoke Joint, LLC to continue to, maintain, and operate an unenclosed cafe at 87 South Elliott Place in the Borough of Brooklyn for a term of two years.

REQUESTS FOR COPIES OF THE PROPOSED RE-**VOCABLE** CONSENT AGREEMENT MAY BF ADDRESSED TO: DE-PARTMENT OF CONSU-AFFAIRS. FOIL OFFICER, 42 BROADWAY. NEW YORK. NY 10004.

LEGAL NOTICE

COURT THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF KINGS

HSBC BANK USA, TIONAL ASSOCIATION. f/k/a MARINE MIDLAND BANK, successor by merger to NINTH FEDER-AL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK, and MICHAEL CALABRESE

Plaintiffs,

- against -

JONATHAN FISHER: AN-DREW KLADIAS, if living, or if he be dead, his heirs-at-law, spouse. next of kin. distributees, executors, administrators. assignees, lienors, creditors, successors-ininterest and generally all persons

having or claiming under, by or through said AN-DREW KLADIAS,

by purchase, inheritance, lien or other-

of any right, title or interest in and to the premis-

described in the complaint herein, and all creditors thereof, and the respec-

tive spouses, or widows of his. if any, all of whose

and addresses names are unknown to plaintiff; GUS GOUNTAS; and RUTH SCHULTZ

individually and as Ex-

LEGAL NOTICE

ecutrix of the Estate of MILTON SCHULTZ,

Defendants.

Index No. 19858/2012 Date Summons Filed: 10/05/2012

AMENDED SUMMONS

The Plaintiffs designate KINGS County as the place of trial. The basis of venue is the location of the real property that is the subject of this action.

ACTION TO SERVICE BY **PUBLICATION**

To the above named Defendants:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUM-MONED to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer on the Plain-Attorney(s) within tiffs' twenty (20) days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within thirty (30) days after service is complete if this summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York). In case of your failure to answer or appear, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the verified complaint.

Dated: November 2013

Address: Andrew J. Wells, Esq. Phillips Lytle LLP Attorney for Plaintiffs The New York Times Building 620 Eighth Avenue, 23rd Floor New York, NY 10018 TEL (212) 759-4888 FAX (212) 308-9079

LEGAL NOTICE

11 Wyckoff, LLC Arts of Org filed with NY Sec of State (SSNY) on 9/21/10. to The LLC, 1127 61st Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 52 Dean St, Brooklyn, NY 11201. General Pur-

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on 9/21/10. Office: Kings County. SSNY designated Bay Ridge Pkwy., Brookas agent of LLC upon Purpose. whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 52 Dean St, Brooklyn, NY 11201.

General Purposes.

LEGAL NOTICE 860 MACON MANAGE-**MENT LLC**, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY tion. on 10/16/13. Office location: Kings County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to The LLC, 5104 17th Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11204. General Purnose.

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LEGAL NOTICE

BUNNY HILL LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/12/2013. Office loc: Kings County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served, SSNY shall mail process to: 81-08 15th Ave., Dvker Heights, NY 11228. Purpose: Any Lawful Pur-

LEGAL NOTICE

CLZ EVERGREEN LLC. a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 9/10/13. Office location: Kings County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to The LLC, 742 68th St., Brooklyn, NY 11220. General Purpose.

LEGAL NOTICE

H & LE REALTY LLC, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 11/5/13. Office location: Kings County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process St., Brooklyn, NY 11219. General Purpose.

LEGAL NOTICE

MC XIOS REALTY, LLC, a domestic LLC. filed the SSNY on 10/16/13. Office location: Kings County. SSNY is designated as agent whom process LLC Arts of Org filed with against the LLC may be Celine's Dolls, LLC. Arts.

LEGAL NOTICE

process to The LLC, 969 lyn, NY 11228. General

LEGAL NOTICE

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'I think the conference tournament had the most valiant matches we played all year.'

Long Island University women's volleyball coach
 Kyle Robinson on his team's playoff run.

'You can't say enough about Bianca.'

 Christ the King coach Bill Mackey on rival Nazareth's star Bianca Cuevas

Malignaggi beats Judah for boro bragging rights

BY ELIO VELEZ

It may not have been the biggest fight of Paulie Malignaggi's career, but it was certainly one of his most impressive wins.

The Bensonhurst bruiser shook off a questionable second-round knockdown and went on to showcase a strong overall performance to earn a unanimous decision over Brownsville native Zab Judah, and claim the North American Boxing Federation welterweight title in front of a crowd of more than 9.000 at the Barclays Center Saturday night.

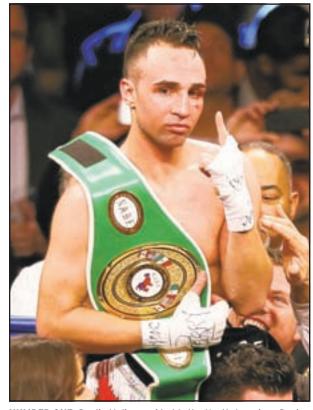
Malignaggi (33–5, 7 KOs) also showed he deserved the crown of "King of Brooklyn" by dominating the judges' scorecard of 117–110, 116–111, and 117–110.

"It was good to get the win, but it was bittersweet because Zab Judah was a guy who I looked up to for so many years," Malginaggi said. "It felt good to have these bragging rights and turn on to bigger and better things."

The win was emotional on a number of levels for a fighter who thought he was done after losing a welterweight title to Adrien Broner last June at Barclays. Malginaggi says the win over Judah reignited his hunger to keep fighting.

"It's a lot of pressure. I've been in some big fights but you don't want to lose in a hometown fight," Malignaggi said.

The fight plan was simple. Malignaggi kept his 36-year-old opponent off-balance with left hooks and jabs that took the steam out



NUMBER ONE: Paulie Malignaggi holds the North American Boxing Federation welterweight belt after his decisive defeat of Zab Judah on Dec. 7.

Photo by Robert Cole

of Judah (42–9, 3 KOs) for the most of the fight.

The only hiccup came in the second round. Malignaggi was floored on a quick left hook and quickly got up from the canvas to strongly complain to referee Mike Ortega. Malignaggi said he got tangled up with Judah's legs and argued it was a slip, not a knockdown. Malignaggi was unfazed even when a clash of heads in the third round forced a cut under his left eye.

The pointed jabs and hooks that Malignaggi kept landing clearly frustrated Judah. The former fivetime world champion could not string together a decent series of punches throughout the later rounds.

Judah visibly showed his displeasure in the final seconds of the 12th round. When the bell sounded, Malignaggi and Judah did not touch gloves, and instead yelled at one another until they were pulled away to their respective corners.

"Paulie didn't want to engage in the fight like I thought he would," Judah said later. "It was different than I thought it was going to be. He was working his jab and stood on the outside"

Judah says he wants to continue his boxing career, but Malignaggi is closer to gaining a future title shot. Malignaggi loudly proclaimed he wanted to reclaim his welterweight title and he is ready to pounce on the winner of the title fight between Broner and Marcos Maidana in San Antonio next Saturday.

"With a win like this, it's full steam ahead," Malignaggi said. "I'm looking to see who's out there in the welterweight division I can mix and match with. Make some money and show I'm a world-class fighter at my age."

On the undercard, Brooklyn native Sadam Ali continued his impressive start to his pro career by recording a sixth-round technical knockout over Jesus Selig in a 10-round welterweight contest. Ali improved to 18–0 and gained his 11th knockout with a stoppage just 22 seconds into the start of the sixth round.

The two-time Golden Gloves champion and former 2008 Olympian gained full control by the fifth round by sending Selig to the mat. In the sixth round, Ali threw two clean right-handed shots that wobbled Selig and led to referee Pete Santiago quickly putting an end to the bout.

Juan Dominguez (16–0) impressed his hometown crowd with a unanimous decision victory over Camilo Perez in a featherweight bout.



HEARTACHE: Long Island University graduate student Jessica Rice, at center, saw her career come to an end with a National Collegiate Athletic Association tournament loss to Penn State. Long Island University Athletics

LIU Blackbirds' season ended

BY ANTHONY PARELLI

The Long Island University women's volleyball team's season came to an end in the opening round of the NCAA tournament despite a valiant effort against one of the nation's top programs.

The Blackbirds fell to second-seeded Penn State, 25–21, 25–21, 25–14, in State College last Friday. The Nittany Lions are a perennial power, four-straight national women's volleyball titles from 2007–2010.

Annika Foit, the conference player of the year, led the Blackbirds with 15 kills and seven digs and Vera Djuric dished out 29 assists, earning the respect of their opponents even in defeat.

"There's a reason that they had the season that they had," said Penn State coach and Hall of Famer Russ Rose. "Their kids play hard and they compete, and they don't get rattled."

It is a big reason for LIU's continued dominance of the Northeastern Conference for the secondstraight year. They went undefeated in conference play during the regular season and took home the post-season crown. It is the school's eight title in the last 10 years.

"I think the conference tournament had the most valiant matches we played all year," said Blackbird coach Kyle Robinson. "The girls were on, they were all sharp. They were really trying to play as a team and get themselves back-to-back champion-ships."

The Blackbirds (23–8) succeeded in doing just that, and graduate student Jessica Rice feels that teamwork has improved.

"The season as a whole was a very great season for the team," Rice said. "We were able to beat some really big teams, we worked really well together, and we communicated as a whole a lot better than we have in previous years, which is really great to see."

Rice will be the lone loss for the team this offseason as the sixth-year player participated in her last game Friday. Rice's

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Nazareth off to slow start

Lady Kingsmen lose season opener to rival Christ the King

BY ANTHONY PARELLI

The Nazareth girls' basketball team just couldn't overcome a double-digit, first-quarter deficit.

Nazareth fell to rival Christ the King 89-76 last Friday in a battle of the top two teams in Brooklyn and Queens on the strength of a 15-2 Royals run to end the opening quarter. The game was the Lady Kingsmen's season opener, and it showed early.

"In the first quarter we looked jittery and it just didn't look smooth," said Nazareth coach Ron Kelley. "So after that I said, 'Alright guvs we got that out. let's go play.'"

The Lady Kingsmen team was able to keep the game competitive, but just couldn't get the deficit down to single digits.

"We could never get over that ten-point hump," Kelley said. "Every time we got it back down to 10 we could never get past that.'

For Virginia Commonwealth University signee Yazmine Belk the biggest disappointment was coming out of the gate flat and



TENACIOUS: Nazareth's Bianca Cuevas tries to get around a Christ the King player during the game against the rival school on Dec. 6. Nazareth fell to Christ the King 89-76. Photo by Steve Solomonson

not benefiting from prac-

"It was like we were a jittery team," said Belk, who contributed 15 points, 11 rebounds and four blocks. "The way we practiced this entire week was nothing like how we played today. We were supposed to come out strong, hustle and talk, do everything we did in practice, but we didn't execute the way we were supposed to execute."

South Carolina-bound guard Bianca Cuevas scored 26 points for Nazareth. At times it looked like she would single-handedly bring her team back, but they just weren't able to contain the multidimensional attack of Christ the King. Sierra Calhoun, a Duke commit. scored 28 points to go along

with eight rebounds and five assists for the Royals. Kristen Drogsler added 18 points and took four key charges. Christ the King's offensive output bothered Kelley.

"I'm disappointed in us defensively," he said. "That's not our style of basketball, 89 points is way too much.'

For her efforts, Cuevas earned the praise of the opposing coach, who recognized that beating Nazareth is no easy task, especially at

"You can't say enough about Bianca," Christ the King coach Bill Mackey said. "She had a great game, she's a phenomenal shooter. They're a great club. It's hard to beat them on their floor."

Nazareth will have another shot at Christ the King later in the season and is chomping at the bit to redeem itself.

"We still have to play them at their house, but that's farther down the road," Belk said. "So we have time to work on our game and execute the way we were supposed to exe-

Vikings regroup after opening loss

BY ANTHONY PARELLI

The South Shore girls' basketball team may have lost its season opener, but its goal remains to capture the city crown that slipped from its grasp in the title game last year against 15time defending champion Murry Bergtraum.

"The goal is to get better every day and try to win a championship," said South Shore coach Anwar Glad-

South Shore fell 76-73 in overtime against host Francis Lewis on Dec. 3 on a late 3-point play by Sierra

But junior forward Brianna Fraser, who is committed to the University of Maryland, led all scorers with 29 points and grabbed 13 rebounds.

Even in defeat, it was



POWER SHOT: Junior forward Brianna Fraser started strong in her first game of the season, leading all scorers with 29 points. Photo by Ken Maldonado

the type of performance Gladden hopes to get from

"I expect her to be active and carry the load on both ends of the floor," he said.

"Particularly on the defensive end."

If the first game is any indication, Gladden will get his wish. Fraser not only blocked shots all night, but prevented Lewis players from coming into the lane, forcing the opposition to take outside shots.

Viking guard Emmeri Archer, a Texas A&M-Corpus Christi commit, played the role of floor general for South Shore, and held Patriots star Sierra Green to 26 points, slowing her down during the second and third quarters until she got into foul trouble in the fourth.

'She is the glue," Gladden said of his guard. "As you can see, when she fouled out it hurt us bad."

South Shore, which rebounded by beating Boys & Girls later in the week, was hampered by Lewis' press defense, resulting in an early 12-point deficit. It was able to make adjustments and come back largely due to the play of Malika Chisolm and Amanda Cruz. Chisolm proved her worth when she nailed a free throw with 1.7 seconds left in regulation to send the game into overtime.

"We know that teams are going to press us," Gladden said. "We didn't handle it well early, but we subbed and handled it a little bit better as the game went along.'

Gladden looks to improve on his team's defense as the year goes on to prevent repeats of the early stumbles against Lewis.

"If teams score, we get pressed, so the goal is to Continued on page 48

The Nets' lousy start isn't much of a surprise

Brooklyn Nets' "blueprint for greatness" is looking more like a diagram for disaster.

Team owner Mikhail Prokhorov put that slogan on billboards back in 2010, and said he expected to win an NBA championship within five years.

Instead developing a team, the Nets tried to buy one.

I warned in this space back in July when the mega trade with the Boston Celtics was made official that the Nets were taking a huge risk with the deal. Credit Prokhorov and general manager Billy King for having the finances and guts to give it a try, but so far, everything that could have gone wrong has.

The Nets stood at 6-14 as of last week, including an embarrassing 113-83 loss to the crosstown rival New York Knicks on Dec. 5. The ancient ones Paul Pierce, Kevin Garnett and Jason Terry have all missed time because of injury. Star point guard Deron Williams has played just nine games because of an ankle injury.

It has exposed the Nets' lack of depth outside of its stars. You can say let's see what happens when the team is healthy, but the problem is that injuries could be a persistent issue with an older roster. Defense is another problem. Opponents are averaging more than 100 points per game against Brooklyn.

The Nets put all of this in the hands of rookie coach Jason Kidd. The future Hall of Fame point guard may eventually become a fine leader. but he's not off to a good start. He lamented in late November that his message wasn't getting



by Joe Staszewski

across to the players. There was the infamous soda-spilling incident that was as much genius as it was desperate.

Most recently there was the reassigning of assistant coach Lawrence Frank. He is someone Kidd could have learned a thing or two from by having him by his side, not reading his "daily reports."

The Nets, despite the inauspicious start, may not be out of the hunt for a playoff spot and a division title. The Atlantic-leading Celtics and the Chicago Bulls are both under .500. All is certainly not lost, but a lot must change.

Unfortunately there isn't a history of success together for this group to fall back on. Brooklyn needs to get healthy and stay that way to finally learn to play together under a head coach who is learning on the job. A poor season won't even help the Nets earn a high draft selection. Those were also traded away.

The construction of this team hasn't moved the Nets any closer to the title Prokhorov had hoped for. Only time will tell if it was a giant step back instead.





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Lincoln wins in squeaker Gritty Moore powers Railspliters to second city title BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI Abraham Lincoln's Malik Andrews watched in dislett ankle on his first run

lik Andrews watched in disbelief as the snap on Tottenville's punt sailed high into the end zone before being kicked out of bounds by the punter for a safety.

"I was losing my mind," Andrews, a receiver, said. "I was going crazy. We were down by one point, now we up by one point. It's crazy how things happen."

The safety was the difference for top-seeded and undefeated Lincoln in a 28-27 victory over No. 3 Tottenville in the Public School Athletic League football title game at Yankee Stadium on Tuesday night. It is the school's second crown in the last three years.

"I guess there are a lot of different ways to win a game," Lincoln coach Shawn O'Connor said.

quarterback Senior Javon Moore gave them the chance to. He threw two

left ankle on his first run of the game. He called the pain "terrible" even before his right ankle cramped up in the second half

"I just fought it out," Moore said. "I knew that my team needed me. I knew I had to make some plays."

He completed 10 of 20 passes for 189 yards, including a 61-yard touchdown pass over the middle to Andrews with 6:57 to go in the game. It was the Railspiltters' first points since the second quarter and got them within 27-26 with 6:57 left in the game before a failed two-point conver-

"On a hurt leg I did it," Moore said. "I'm proud of my guy Malik Andrews for being there."

The play turned the momentum. Four plays later, Tottenville punter Salvatore Henrique kicked the ball out of bounds to give



the Railsplitters a 28-27 lead with 4:43 remaining.

Tottenville drove one last time. Andrew Russo ran for a first down at the 18-yard line as it appeared time expired. The lone second remaining expired once the ball was brought back to the line of scrimmage allowing an initially confused Lincoln sideline to fully celebrate.

"I didn't know what was going on until somebody tackled me on the ground," O'Connor said.

Lincoln (13-0), which committed four turnovers, appeared headed for a lopsided victory after touchdown short runs by Antoine Holloman and Leroy Hancel in the first quarter.

Moore tossed a 19-yard touchdown pass to Carlos Stewart to make it 20-0 with 3:14 left to play before halftime. Holloman carried the ball 22 times for 102 vards.

Tottenville (10-3) answered by scoring 27 straight points over the sec-



CELEBRATE: (Above) Lincoln's Khendell Puryear, right, and Javon Moore embrace after winning the championship. (Left) Antoine Holloman Jr. runs the ball for Lincoln. Photos by Robert Cole

ond and third quarters, putting Lincoln behind for the first time all season. John Fischetti stripped Holloman and ran the fumble back 65-yards for score to cut the Lincoln lead to just 20-14 at the half.

The Pirates tied things at 20-20 when Joshua Rainey (seven of 27, 181 yards) connected with James Munson for his second touchdown pass of the game in the third quarter.

Tottenville had a fake field goal attempt fail late in the third quarter before going up 27-20 on a nine-yard Rainey scoring run with 8:21 to go in the game.

Lincoln refused to be

"Everybody stayed together," defensive tackle Thomas Hollev said.

They eventually got to celebrate together by doing so.

"It was real emotional," Holley said. "I'm crying, everyone else is crying. To just know that you are a champion is the best feeling you can ever ask for."

Shore

Continued from page 46 play defense and not let them score," Gladden said.

The coach believes constant improvement is key, and that if they

can succeed in that, they can make it as far as they want.

"I really don't want to put a cap on what the potential is," Gladden said. "The goal is to get better every day, and that makes your potential limitless."

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"She's been here six years, so her leadership off the court and experience with how we do things is invaluable," Robinson said. "She was always teaching the freshmen how to compete and

play the game in their head, and showing how to come back from injury and still be successful."

For Rice, the fundamentals that the Blackbirds displayed were the difference-maker all season against teams that had an advantage from a pure stature standpoint.

"We have a lot of girls who are technically good at volleyball," she said. "The skill is there, and although we may be smaller than other teams, our technical skills put us up there.'



Battling for Brooklyn fans

In a clearly desperate attempt to woo Brooklyn fans from the much-beloved Nets, several players from a rival team from some other borough — including Iman Shumpert, at left — loitered at the Avenue J Chase bank in Midwood on Dec. 2, hoping unwitting locals — like Sheryl Chuven, at right - might wander in and accept the feeble trinkets and autographs they offered. Photo by Steve Solomonson

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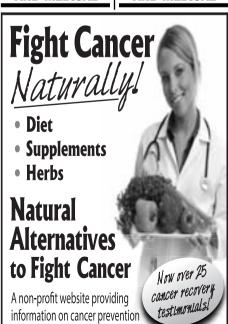
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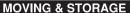
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