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## Biz gives Coney a bellyache

BY WILL BREDDERMAN

People's Playground leaders say a new facility for the hearing-impaired on Surf Avenue is violating the amusement district's building codes — but the center's founders say they just want a fair hearing.

Coney advocates claim that the new Deaf and Wellness Recreation Center under construction at the corner of W. 12th Street runs afoul of zoning regulations, which allows only for entertainment-related businesses.

The space has been under construction since summer 2013, and the center's website promises yoga and tai-chi classes for deaf and mute clients, along with excursions to Atlantic City and Brooklyn Cyclones' games. The site even advertises trips to Astroland, the famed Sodom by the Sea funzone shuttered in 2008. But opponents of the center allege that none of that falls within the city statutes, which were designed to bring in retail catering to beachgoers and amusement park visitors.

"That's not a legitimate use. It's got to be predominantly arts and amusement based, and this is not," said Marty Levine, who helped steer the zoning process as the former chairman of Community Board 13 and a member of the Coney Island Development Cor-

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# PUNCHED OUT

## Cops nab 'knockout' suspect

BY COLIN MIXSON

Cops busted a 35-year-old Brownsville man suspected in a string of ambush attacks across Brooklyn that were supposedly part of the so-called "knockout game."

The suspect, Barry Baldwin, has been charged with allegedly cold-cocking five women — two of whom were over 70 years old — across three neighborhoods, according to a spokesman for District Attorney Ken Thompson.

The 35-year-old tough guy, who would allegedly creep up behind his female victims before punching them in the back of the head, is also the main suspect in two additional attack attempts — one of which cops say was a pathetic whiff.

But the city is prosecuting Baldwin only for attacks in which he was allegedly able to make contact and actually physically harm a woman, according to a complaint report obtained from the Brook-

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## Thanks, Hercules!

Mia Shendervsky of Marine Park gets towed along a Prospect Park hill where legions of kids braved the freezing temperatures on Jan. 4 for sledding. A snowstorm kicked off a week of wild weather, which featured 50-degree temperatures on the weekend and the dreaded "polar vortex" midweek. For more on how Brooklynites braved the wacky weather, **see pages 2 and 3.**

Photo by Stefano Giovannini



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# FROM SNOW DAY

BY COLIN MIXSON

Brooklyn got a double dose of winter over the past week, with the season's first major snowstorm followed swiftly by a record-breaking intense arctic blast.

The borough's kids got their first snow day of the new year last Friday after a massive winter storm — dubbed Hercules by our pals at the Weather Channel — dumped six inches of

snow on the borough. But after a brief warming spell over the weekend, a weather phenomenon called a polar vortex pushed frigid air down from the Arctic Circle to give us the coldest day in 118 years.

The snow began falling at 6 pm on Thursday, and fell unabated until around 10 am Friday, with the windchill plummeting to -11-degrees overnight, the

National Weather Service reported. When the furious flurries of the year's first great snowstorm ceased, the clouds above Brooklyn parted and left a pristine sky.

The intrepid Polar Bear Club, fresh off its New Year's Day fund-raising swim on Coney Island, even hit the beach again to celebrate the snowfall with a dip in the Atlantic on Fri-



Photo by Paul Martinka



Photo by Steve Schibbe

**BIG SNOW:** (Clockwise from above) Families frolic and sleigh down Long Meadows at Prospect Park last Friday. PS 230 custodian Matthew Farrell, 43, is enveloped in a mist of snow as he works to clear the paths around the school — even though school was closed for everybody else. A snowplow endeavors to make a dent in the snow Hercules dropped on 11th Avenue. From Left, Tracy Stejy with son Elias Ashki, and Effie Mac Lachlan with daughter Cybele Leydon head home after some sleigh riding at Owls Head Park.



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# TO THE DEEP FREEZE!

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**WATCHOUT:** (Clockwise from left) The polar vortex that descended over Brooklyn Tuesday pushed temperatures down to a record-breaking 2 degrees, according to the iconic Watchtower sign. Frigid wind brought the wind chill down to -17 degrees, and created these sideways icicles on the railing along the Belt Parkway. Brooklynites bundled up on the coldest day in the borough in 118 years. Unni Isaken, 10, of Windsor Terrace slides down her stairs instead of shoveling on Friday, when Snowstorm Hercules gave her the day off from school.

day morning.

But some Brooklynites could not wait for the snow to finish falling to begin battling it back.

John Tiedemann, a Bay Ridge construction worker, had work early in the morning, so he shoveled his sidewalk and driveway at 10 pm — then went back out at midnight and did it again ahead of his 4:30 am departure.

Good thing, because home and business owners are required to shovel the sidewalks outside their buildings and scofflaws could get fined from \$100 to \$350, according to the Department of Sanitation.

Anthony Marotto, another Ridgite, braced for the storm by taking his car off the street and pulling into his driveway at 1

am to avoid getting his ride packed into a snowdrift by a passing snow plow. He also stocked up on cigarettes.

“You just got to be prepared,” said Marotto. “I never let myself get stuck.”

Mayor DeBlasio canceled school — giving kids a welcome three-day weekend just a day after the New Year’s Day holiday — citing not only the snow but the

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frigid temperatures.

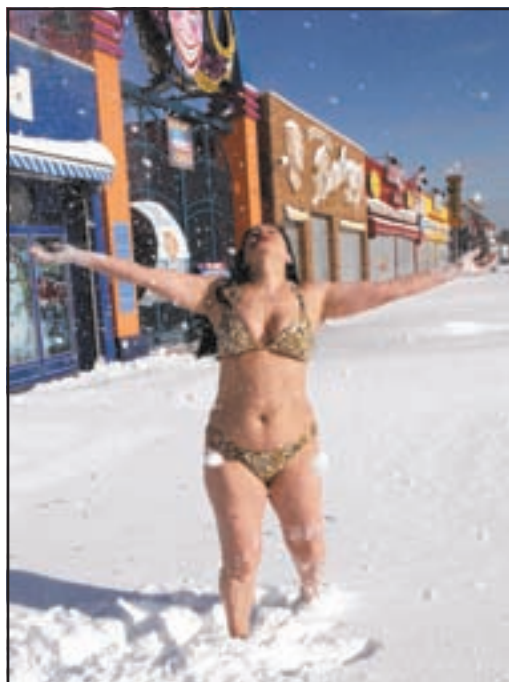
Winds persisted at speeds above 25 mph last Friday, driving the wind chill below zero, according to the National Weather Service.

But that was nothing compared to the deep freeze the polar vortex had in store.

After the weather warmed up Sunday and Monday, the temperature plunged by more than 50 degrees in 24 hours as the arctic air arrived. The wind chill on Tuesday reached a bone-chilling 17 degrees.

The iconic sign on the Watchtower building showed the borough’s temperature plunging to 2 degrees — shattering the 1896 record of 6 degrees like an icicle.

Unfortunately for the borough’s kids, the frigid temperatures weren’t enough to move the new mayor to close schools this



**FRIGID FUN:** (Left) Lina Oleynikova of Midwood joined the Polar Bear club in Coney Island on Jan. 3 for a post-snowstorm dip just two days after the club’s New Year’s Day swim. (Above) Polar Bear David Hogarty dashes through the surf with thermometer in hand, showing the temperature near zero. Photos by Steve Solomonson



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# Murder suspect arrested

Family discovers victim nearly beheaded in basement

BY COLIN MIXSON

The suspect in a brutal Kensington murder was nabbed by cops Tuesday as he tried to flee the country, according to police.

Mohammed Siddiquee faces murder charges in the near-beheading of his landlord, Mahuddin Mahumd — a crime to which he allegedly confessed, according to a report in our sister publication the New York Post.

"I killed someone today," Siddiquee blurted out when he was arrested, sources told the Post.

Mahumd who was found shortly after midnight Tuesday by his wife and son in the basement office beneath his McDonald Avenue jewelry and electronics store.

His family found him dead, with burns on his face and gashes cut so deep into his throat that his head hung from his body by only a few threads of flesh, according to the Post. They went in search of him when he didn't come home from work Monday evening.

"He's my father right. I don't know why this happened or why someone would do something like this. Someone killed him," Humayun Rahman, told the Post.



**BRUTAL MURDER:** (Above) Store owner Mahuddin Mahumd was found dead in the basement of his store on McDonald Avenue in Kensington on Jan. 7. (Left) Mohammed Siddiquee, who allegedly confessed to the murder of his landlord, was arrested on Tuesday.

purchased a \$1,200 one-way ticket to Kuwait.

The suspect was also caught in possession of debit cards holding balances totaling \$24,000 that police believe were stolen from Mahumd's office safe, the Post reported.

Siddiquee allegedly made a video-taped confession in which he claimed Mahumd constantly humiliated and teased him, according to the report.

Siddiquee, the tenant of a McDonald Avenue apartment Mahumd owned, went missing after the murder, but the police caught up with him at about 8:30 pm Tuesday at John F. Kennedy Airport, where he had

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# Markowitz says goodbye to post

BY DANIELLE FURFARO

Marty Markowitz begins the new year as a borough president, minus the “p.”

Markowitz’s spent Dec. 31, his last day in office, accepting a steady stream of well-wishers, packing up his plentiful tchotchkes, and, yes, shedding a few tears.

“It was a very emotional moment for me,” said the 68-year-old who has worked the last dozen years as the borough’s biggest booster.

Markowitz spent hours cleaning out his office and taking any personal items that would not be of use to brand-new Beep Eric Adams, of which there are many, including silver ground-breaking shovels, seats from Ebbets Field, sticks of Brooklyn-branded chewing gum, and much more. Markowitz had to hand over a huge amount of promotional swag to a municipal warehouse rather than auction it off for his Camp Brooklyn charity because the city barred the sale, saying that the gifts he accrued over three terms were city property, the Daily News reported.

The final clean-out took him hours because of con-



**IT’S YOURS:** Marty Markowitz and wife Jamie ring in the new year at Grand Army Plaza. When the clock struck midnight, Markowitz did not turn into a pumpkin, but he did hand off his office to incoming Beep Eric Adams.

Photo by Arthur De Gaeta

stant interruptions by staffers and friends dropping by to bid him farewell, he said.

“They all wanted to wish me well or say goodbye,” he said. “It was nice to be remembered by so many people.”

The long-time cheerleader of big development projects signed off on the Domino Sugar factory mega-development, planned for the foot of the Williamsburg Bridge, as his last official act in office. In his approval, Markowitz asked that developer Two Trees Management come up with a process to make sure that most below-market-rate

apartments are reserved for local residents and that the the project include more two- and three-bedroom units so that more families can live there.

The thumbs-up passes the project along to the Council for a vote.

At the end of the day, Markowitz walked out into the rotunda of Borough Hall to find a surprise goodbye party waiting for him.

He rounded out the evening with a trip to Grand Army Plaza to catch the fireworks with his wife Jamie and pass the baton to Adams at a ceremony.



## Flipped out

Firefighters from Engine 254 and Ladder 153 responded to assist an injured man who flipped his car on E. 13th Street and Avenue V on Monday. The accident, which occurred at 1:45 pm, did not yield any serious injuries. The driver was brought to a local area hospital by a private ambulance corps, according to a spokesman for the Fire Department.

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# Spokescop says blackout is all big misunderstanding

BY NATHAN TEMPEY

If at first you don't succeed, police headquarters will tell you that you weren't trying right and you should try, try again.

A spokesman at One Police Plaza told us that the restriction on media access to crime report information at local station houses, which began in early December, is ongoing because this paper's reporters failed to make requests for weekly meetings with the precincts' commanding officers directly to him.

The public information officer said that the dozens of requests for such meetings made at the direction of former Deputy Commissioner of Public Information John McCarthy to McCarthy, as well as his immediate subordinate and the commanding officers and community affairs departments of each of the 13 precincts we cover simply went to the wrong places.

"I'm the one that does this," Sgt. Brendan Ryan said. "I read every single e-mail."

The crime report information is the basis of this paper's weekly police blotter and only three precincts have continued cooperating with reporters since an order from One Police Plaza demanded that all press requests be routed through the police public information office. At the blacked-out precincts, several commanding officers, who typically have not had a direct hand in providing weekly crime information, and community affairs and crime analysis cops, who have, told us that

they are waiting for word from headquarters before letting journalists get access to the complaint forms again. Ryan says that is news to him.

"I have not since this started had a [commanding officer] say, 'No I'm not going to speak to a reporter,'" Ryan said.

Ryan suggested that the clampdown happened because some precincts' practices jeopardized confidential information contained in police reports, echoing, but heavily quali-

fying, claims made by his bosses at the beginning of the blotter blackout.

"Apparently, perhaps, and I don't know that this is factual, some reporters may have been setting up relationships with the wrong individuals regarding getting information," Ryan said.

"And that can't happen. You can't have some reporter and a crime information officer saying, 'Let's go meet up at the five-and-dime to go over some 61s,'" he said, using

the technical name for complaint forms.

That runs counter to the cause cited by his fellow public information sergeant, who last week said that the blotter blackout was a response to daily newspapers' jealousy over the level of precinct access afforded to community media outlets.

Each of our reporters e-mailed Sgt. Ryan with requests for weekly meetings and, by press time, he said that he had okayed meetings for two precincts.

## 62ND PRECINCT

BENSONHURST-BATH BEACH

### Con Ed con

Two scammers posing as utilities workers swiped \$2,000 from a senior citizen's 64th Street apartment on Dec. 31, authorities say.

The 82-year-old victim reported that the pair of schemers rang the bell of her home between 23rd and 24th streets at 11:30 am.

"I got to check your electricity," one of the chiselers said.

The elderly woman took the two inside, where one of the swindlers distracted her while the other went into her bedroom. Shortly after the scoundrels left, the victim discovered her money was missing.

### New Year's bash

A thug struck a man in the back of the head with a blunt object on 86th Street in the early hours of Jan. 1, police report.

The victim said he was near 17th Avenue, walking home from a holiday festivity, at 2:25 am when an unknown attacker came up from behind and hit him on the braincase.

### Game over

A cane-wielding fiend assaulted a woman on Bay Parkway after she refused to allow him and a friend to use her identification to purchase a video game on Jan. 3, according to cops.

The victim said she was walking down 86th Street between 21st Avenue and Bay Parkway at 4:35 pm when she passed by a video game store, where her assailant and his associate were standing. The pair asked her to give them her driver's license so they could buy a game.

The woman refused, and walked



around the corner to wait for the bus between the 85th and 86th streets. As she was boarding the shuttle, one of the punks ran up behind her and hit her with the walking stick, then scrambled.

### Car crasher

A crook stole the title to a car from a Bay Parkway garage on Jan. 1 — then used the vehicle to smash through the repair shop's door, cops report.

Security cameras captured the crook cutting his way into a barred window of the business near the corner of Bay Parkway at 6 am. Inside, he picked up several pieces of pricey electronics and the keys and title to a sedan in the carport. He then hopped in the auto and rammed his way out.

### Got the Benz

A villain drove off with a Mercedes parked in a 20th Avenue garage on Jan. 1, police state.

The owner told authorities that his daughter left the luxury vehicle in the private carport attached to his building between 87th and 88th streets at noon — and left the keys inside.

But the next day a tenant of the building texted one of the victim's employees, telling them the garage door was open. The worker went to the scene to check

things out, and discovered the pricey set of wheels was gone.

## 68TH PRECINCT

BAY RIDGE-DYKER HEIGHTS

### Nailed

A thug with a gun tried to hold up a nail salon on 64th Street on Dec. 30 — then chickened out and scrambled empty-handed, police report.

Store workers told cops the would-be-stick-up man barged into the parlor near 11th Avenue at 3:10 pm with his weapon drawn.

"Do you want me to shoot someone?" he demanded.

But before he could get any cash, the lowlife turned tail and ran.

### Doubled down

A pair of punks mugged a man on 70th Street on Jan. 2, according to cops.

The victim said he was walking home near Colonial Road at 11:30 pm when one perp came up behind him and the other approached from the front.

"Give me what you got, run your pockets," the goon facing him demanded.

The victim surrendered his phone and \$20 in cash, and the terrible twosome took off on foot.

## Order's up

Police picked up two men on New Year's Day who they claim were behind an eight-day food-runner robbery spree.

Cops said the pair attempted to hold up a Chinese-food deliveryman at the corner of 86th Street and Gelston Avenue on Dec. 30. The chop suey carrier reported that he showed up with food at 8 pm, and found one of the defendants waiting for him. The suspect told the courier to go into the basement, where he claimed his mother had money for the meal. But the deliveryman looked down the steps and saw a man standing at the bottom with a gun — so he took off on his bicycle.

Authorities allege the pair was more successful on Jan. 1 — though the crime let police finally nab them. Cops reported that the duo stopped another deliveryman at gunpoint at the corner of 92nd Street and Seventh Avenue at 3:51 pm and took an unspecified amount of cash. When police canvassed the area shortly afterward, they arrested the pair.

Authorities have also charged the duo with three armed muggings of meal couriers at the corner of 88th Street and Seventh Avenue between Dec. 24 and Dec. 28.

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Two burglars raided a Fifth Avenue deli and made off with thousands in tobacco products and cash in the early hours of Dec. 29, police state.

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# Cold acquaintance at Polar Bears' New Year plunge

BY WILL BREDDERMAN  
Call them "Da Brrrs!"

Some 2,000 hot-blooded swimmers celebrated the start of 2014 by diving into the 39-degree waters at the People's Playground's shore in the 111th annual New Year's Day Polar Bear Plunge.

The Jan. 1 dunk is the biggest event of the year for the Coney Island Polar Bear club, which normally draws 80-100 cold-ocean jumpers to each of its weekly Sunday swims between November and April. Organizers said the New Year's plunge has seen a rising tide of popularity in the past decade, as the club's publicity has swelled and Sodom by the Sea's reputation as a destination has surged.

"Once, when we had 60 or 100 members show up, we thought that was huge," said club president Dennis Thomas, a 30-year-veteran of the frigid dipping group. "This is a New York tradition we have worked hard



**SPLISH, SPLASH:** The Polar Bears were overjoyed to be back in their natural element.

Photo by Lori Birnbaum

to grow and continue."

Thomas described hitting the wintry waves as simultaneously jarring and relaxing, as the raw experience takes the swimmer's mind away from

daily cares.

"Being in water like that is just utter intensity and immediacy," said Thomas. "It just take you to a different place."

But the cold, cold wa-

ter belies the Polar Bears' warm hearts. For the past eight years, the club has asked swimmers and their families to pledge money for Camp Sunrise, a free Maine retreat for seri-

ously-ill children and their parents — and on Jan. 1 the group raised a whopping \$65,000 — almost three times the amount collected in 2013.

"It was a huge year,"

said Thomas, praising the staff at Camp Sunrise. "They are just the greatest team to work with. There's so many people who work there who do it just out of care and love."



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## Flatlands fracas

Police say a 29-year-old Brownsville resident beat a 27-year-old acquaintance with a nail-studded stick at the corner of Kings Highway and Avenue M at 5:28 pm on Jan. 4 – then shot at the victim as he attempted to escape in his van. Cops picked up the suspect on Coney Island Avenue between Gravesend Neck Road and Avenue W and charged him with two counts of felony assault, two counts of reckless endangerment, two counts of criminal possession of a weapon, and two counts of menacing. The victim suffered a laceration to his hand.

Photo by Steve Solomonson

## Traffic tragedy on 65th St.

### Second death on high-risk roadway in six months

BY WILL BREDDERMAN

It was a sad start to the New Year when a car struck and killed an elderly man on Jan. 2 as he crossed 65th Street at Seventh Avenue.

Medical professionals declared 75-year-old Xiaoci Hu dead on arrival at Lutheran Medical Center shortly after 7 am, the result of a collision with a Toyota Camry in the Gravesend-bound lane.

Police said they responded to a call about the crash at 6:49 am, and discovered Hu lying unconscious in the intersection. Emergency personnel transported the Borough Park resident to the hospital, but

it was too late.

Police determined that Hu had been crossing 65th Street against the light in the direction of Bay Ridge, forcing the driver of the Camry to slow down. But a Jeep Cherokee rear-ended the sedan, knocking it forward into Hu. Both vehicles remained on the scene, and authorities said they are still looking into the details of the incident.

Bay Ridge and Dyker Heights residents have long identified 65th Street as a harrowing thoroughfare, with rampant speeding and insufficient pedestrian protections, and have called upon the city to take mea-

sures to reduce dangerous driving and collisions.

"That continues to be a very busy, very difficult street to cross," said Josephine Beckmann, district manager for Community Board 10.

The Department of Transportation has said the agency is studying the roadway and weighing treatments like repainting the lanes and creating left turn bays in order to improve safety.

A hit-and-run driver claimed the life of Dyker Heights grandfather Shui Jiang at the corner of 65th Street and Sixth Avenue in June 2013.

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# Big Apple's first 2014 baby is born in Brooklyn!

New York Methodist Hospital delivers a bouncing baby girl at the stroke of midnight!

BY SHAVANA ABRUZZO  
Oh baby!

Shannon-Lee Willis of Crown Heights stole the spotlight from the ball drop at Times Square on Jan. 1, when she arrived at the stroke of midnight to high fives and fist pumps at New York Methodist Hospital, which said the precious infant girl's buzz-worthy entrance made her Gotham's first newborn of 2014.

The doe-eyed darling tipped the scales at 7 pounds, 14 ounces, and embraced her star power by snoozing peacefully in the arms of exhausted-but-ecstatic mom Samantha Nieves, while doting dad Shannon Willis hovered protectively over his family.

There was plenty of back slapping among the triumphant staffers.

"We were delighted to welcome the first New



**OH BOY!** Tyson Yu was the first baby of the year at Lutheran Medical Center, but the precious newborn seems blissfully unaware of his local celebrity, as he catches some zzzs in the arms of proud mom Chen Ya Ting of Sunset Park.

Photo by Arthur De Gaeta

York City baby born in 2014, but even more pleased that she is healthy, as well as adorable," said spokeswoman Lyn Hill.

Brooklyn's other first babies opted for a more leisurely debut.

Tyson Yu opened his

eyes to a brand new world at 4:48 am at Lutheran Medical Center, delivering glad tidings to his thrilled parents — mom Chen Ya Ting and dad Long Yu of Sunset Park — who could not stop gazing at their 6-pound bundle of cuteness.

Workers there handed it to Tyson.

"He took his time," said hospital spokesman Neal Gorman.

"He wanted to make sure Times Square was all cleaned up."

*Courier Life Publications and the Community Newspaper Group extend congratulations and good wishes to all the 2014 babies and their families.*



**BABY NEW YEAR:** Ecstatic mom Samantha Nieves and doting dad Shannon Willis of Crown Heights celebrate the arrival of their baby girl Shannon-Lee Willis at New York Methodist Hospital on Jan. 1. The enchanting infant had the added distinction of being the Big Apple's first baby of 2014.

New York Methodist Hospital

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# Balady Foods providing Halal food since 2003

BY CAMILLE SPERRAZZA

Balady Foods has been serving the needs of the Bay Ridge community since April of 2003.

The 2,000-square foot Middle Eastern market is a family-owned Halal store, so all food comes from suppliers that practice Halal methods. No pork is carried, and there are no liquor byproducts in the food, says Essa Masoud, who co-owns the store with his three brothers: Mosa, Moe, and Ibraheam.

The shop's main attraction is the wide variety of imported items from the Middle East, Africa, the Mediterranean, and Far East Asia.

Perhaps one of the more popular items the store carries is couscous, a traditional North African dish of semolina, says Masoud. It is a staple in countries such as Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Mauritania, and Libya. It is also served in Italy, and is becoming more common in the United States, as it contains

protein levels that are higher than those found in other grains. As a result, many believe it to be a healthier way of eating.

In Morocco, people enjoy couscous and their prized spice "Ras el Hanout". Both items are sold in the store. Ras el Hanout is an Arabic phrase that means, "top of the shop." As the name implies, it is considered to be a premium spice. This, too, is making its way into the American diet.

"It's frequently mentioned on the Food Network," says Masoud. Each manufacturer may create its own special blend, and in addition to being used in couscous dishes, it is used to season meat.

Balady Foods imports spices from all over the world, says Masoud—products such as caraway, sesame seed, and all-spice. The store imports olives from Greece, Italy, and the Mediterranean.

The shop takes pride in selling healthy items that include grains, semolina, oat

bran, whole wheat, and beans, says Masoud. Raw nuts and seeds such as almonds, pecans, chickpeas, and honey-roasted cashews may be purchased by the quarter pound, or half pound, as needed, so you can always buy fresh, he says.

Pickles, both jarred and bulk, are imported from Egypt. Interestingly, people in ancient Egypt ate pickles because they thought it enhanced beauty. It is believed that Cleopatra consumed a steady diet of pickles, and that she attributed her good looks to this eating habit.

Bread is baked daily, and the shop is noted for its soft pita bread. There is a full line of dairy products. Cheeses are imported from countries that include Syria, while others are domestic. Dried fruits such as cranberries, mango, pineapple, and ginger are offered. Imported desserts and sweets are carried.

Fresh meat, hand-slaughtered according to Halal practices — goat, beef, lamb,

chicken — is for sale.

There are traditional American products as well. For example, Masoud says the shop always sells four-pound bags of Domino Sugar, two-for-\$5. Mazola oil is always \$9.99 for a gallon; and one can get a 25-pound bag of rice for \$11, he says.

"We have good buys all the time."

Weekly specials are on display at the store, and can be found in local newspapers that are distributed all over Brooklyn, Queens, Manhattan, and Staten Island, says Masoud; and they can also be found on the shop's Facebook page.

Customers may notice how well-stocked and clean the store is. There's proper lighting; and just as important, there's a welcoming feel from the friendly staff. It's all been very well thought-out, as prior to owning this particular shop, the Masoud family worked for a large supermarket chain. It was there that they learned what

worked and what didn't.

Masoud, studying his craft, noted that far too many ethnic stores seemed unprofessional and were not always pristine, he says. The atmosphere was unwelcoming, and some people may have felt intimidated about shopping there.

"I wanted to create a mom-and-pop store that made the shopping experience comfortable for all," he says. "I wanted to specialize, but I wanted the transition to combine efficiency and old-world style."

He is confident that this goal has been achieved, and he is satisfied that the shop is neat and organized, allowing customers to find what they need.

*Balady Foods [7128 Fifth Ave. between 72nd Street and Ovington Avenue in Bay Ridge, (718) 567-2252, [www.BaladyFoods.com](http://www.BaladyFoods.com)]. Open daily, 9 am–10 pm.*



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# Some cry cover-up over mall brawl

## No arrests was to burnish stats: Fidler

BY COLIN MIXSON

Locals with questions for the police about the post-Christmas chaos at Kings Plaza Shopping Center got mozzarella sticks instead of answers at the Dec. 30 meeting of the 63rd Precinct Community Council, and local leaders are complaining of a cover-up.

The final community council gathering of 2013 was more of a party than a meeting for the community residents who showed at the festively decorated John Malone Community Center four days after hundreds of teens ran rampant through the nearby mall, fighting and shoving police who tried to intervene.

The Dec. 26 mayhem — recorded on grainy cell-phone videos that went viral the day after the incident — resulted in no arrests and no reported theft or property damage, according to official statements from NYPD headquarters — a claim outgoing Councilman Lew Fidler found incredible.

"If you saw the video, there were kids fighting with police," said Fidler at the meeting. "You can see a girl walk up and hit an officer in the face. How can there be no arrests?"

The NYPD's official stance is that no arrests were made, because no complaints were filed regarding any theft and violence that occurred at the mall, according to statements from both the department's Office of the Deputy Commissioner of Public Information and the 63rd Precinct.

Police headquarters initially claimed that no NYPD personnel were involved until Kings Plaza management called for help at 9 pm — when the mall was scheduled to close, and hours after the violence began — but the 63rd Precinct later said that it already had officers on the scene at the time.



**FINAL FIDLER:** Lew Fidler spoke at his last 63rd Precinct Community Council Meeting as the area's councilman on Dec. 30, and expressed his disappointment of the NYPD's handling of the Kings Plaza incident and the lack of communication with the public following it.

Photo by Steve Solomonson

A letter to community leaders from Officer Thomas Podd of the 63rd Precinct's community affairs office dismissed the incident as "a group of rambunctious teens acting like children."

Several of those community leaders attended the community council meeting hoping to ask the commanding officer, Deputy Inspector John Rowell, how the situation was allowed to escalate to the point where many businesses were forced to close their roll-down gates, holding customers inside for their safety. But Rowell skipped the meeting due to a "prior engagement" — an excuse that outraged Fidler.

"I don't know what business the inspector had, but he should be here to communicate what's happened at Kings Plaza," Fidler said.

The precinct did send a representative, but the report the officer provided managed to omit any new information regarding the mall incident, while boasting about a reduction of the precinct's crime rate — which some attendees believed might be related.

"They sent [an officer] down here to boast to every-

body how the precinct led the city in crime reduction, when their officers aren't reporting the crimes they witness," he said.

Michael Benjamin, the President of the Bergen Beach Civic Association, later posted his agreement with Fidler on the group's Facebook page.

"Councilman Lew Fidler was exactly right in his comments about police not wanting to increase their crime stats via arrests," Benjamin wrote. "So, a near-riot is 'off the books' in the 63."

Incoming Councilman Alan Maisel (D-Canarsie), who was also at the meeting, said later that as the new councilman, he would push to meet with both Deputy Inspector Rowell and Kings Plaza management in an effort to get to the bottom of the incident.

"Now that we're back to business, I'm going to reach out to Inspector Rowell and see what his take is, and I'm going to sit down with Kings Plaza and see what their security plan is," said Maisel.

The precinct spokesman at the meeting declined to comment on the Kings Plaza incident after making his report.

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# Knockout

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lyn District Attorney's Office.

The first attack attributed to Baldwin occurred on Avenue L in Midwood on Nov. 9, when the suspect allegedly attacked a 78-year-old woman, according to a spokesman for the district attorney.

The surprise attack occurred near E. Fifth Street at 2:45 pm, when Baldwin allegedly attacked the older woman from behind, striking her once in the back of the head before running away, cops said.

Subsequent attacks shared common traits with the first, according to court papers. During each incident, the suspect punched the victim in the face or the back of the head before fleeing on foot, cops said.

In addition to the Nov. 9 attack, prosecutors and police say Baldwin was responsible for these additional attacks:

• A 20-year-old woman told police that she was attacked on Avenue M near McDonald Avenue at 2:40 pm on Dec. 7, when the suspect snuck up behind her and struck her in the back of her head.

• A 33-year-old woman told police she was with her 7-year-old daughter on Elm Street near E. 12th Street at 2:45 pm on Dec. 21,

when the suspect struck her in the back of the head, sending her sprawling onto her child.

• A 71-year-old woman told police she was on a Seaview Avenue bench near 93rd Street at 11:45 am on Dec. 24, when the suspect punched her in the face.

• A 35-year-old woman told police that she was on Skidmore Avenue between E. 92nd and E. 93rd streets at 12:50 pm on Dec. 27, when the suspect slugged her in the face as she spoke on her cellphone.

Several groups, including the Flatbush Jewish Community Coalition, and local elected officials were offering thousands in rewards for information leading to the conviction of anyone for the spree of surprise assaults.

According to police, however, Baldwin was nabbed thanks to good old-fashioned police work.

Members of the NYPD's Hate Crime Task Force were in the vicinity of where several of the attacks had taken place, when an officer spotted a man fitting the attacker's description, according to police.

The officers cuffed Baldwin, then charged him after he made statements incriminating himself, cops said.

Attempts to reach Baldwin's public defender were not successful.

# Bellyache

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poration, a semi-private agency the city founded to promote new investment in the world-famous destination.

Other opponents argued that such a facility would set back a growing restaurant corridor (see page 47) that has welcomed new, large-scale investors like Applebee's and Johnny Rockets in recent years — and send a message to landlords that they can flout the law.

"It's an eating and drinking strip that's been coming along nicely, and millions of dollars have been invested here to bring it up," said self-proclaimed Coney mayor and Sideshows by the Seashore founder Dick Zigun. "It doesn't belong here. And it's a sign to the building owners that they don't have to obey the zoning."

The Buildings Department slapped the site with a stop work order late last year due to an expired permit, but Zigun alleged that construction on the center has continued. And Levine pointed out that the location does not have the stop work order on display, as the law requires.

But those behind the new facility say they have heard the



**OVERHEARD:** Coney leaders allege this new center for the deaf is breaking the area's amusement-centric zoning laws. Photo by Steve Solomonson

concerns loud and clear — and that their new operation will be in compliance with zoning. The owners said that they will offer pottery and dance classes to clients, which they argue counts as amusement.

"We are an entertainment center for the deaf and elderly in the neighborhood. We are providing food, amusement, and entertainment to the deaf and elderly," said co-owner Vadim Agafonov.

Agafonov said he and his

partners had obeyed the stop work order, and were in talks with the Buildings Department.

The city said it is still looking into whether the center falls within the law, and is holding off on permitting further work at the address until they reach a decision.

"When this happens we usually have some objections, usually zoning-related, about the project," said Buildings spokeswoman Kelly Magee.

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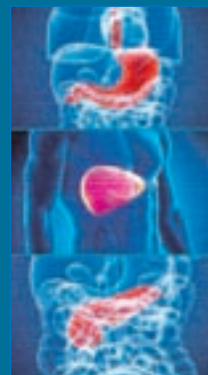


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# Lost in the Barrons? Seat could stay in family

Controversial Councilman hopes to block establishment-backed rival for wife's Assembly spot

**BY WILL BREDDERMAN**  
Who could defy the barons of East New York? Flamboyant and oft-ostracized power couple **Charles and Inez Barron** are determined to keep the neighborhood's Assembly seat in their hands — and a special election could help them brush aside a rival from the Brooklyn Democratic establishment.

The pair of Democrats has dominated the political scene in the impoverished and crime-plagued area — along with similarly-troubled Starrett City, East Flatbush, and Brownsville — since Charles Barron became a councilman in 2001. Ms. Barron took the Assembly seat in 2009, and when term limits barred Councilman Barron from running in 2013, and his wife successfully captured his seat in the city legislature and stepped down from the state government.



Charles Barron has already announced that he intends swap spots with his wife by winning her position in the Assembly. But he faces a challenge from **Chris Banks**, co-founder of the anti-poverty group East New York United Concerned Citizens — and Inez Barron's opponent for the Assembly in 2012, and for the Council 2013. Banks is also a member of Brooklyn Democratic Party chairman **Frank Seddio's** powerful Thomas Jefferson Democratic Club.

Both Barrons have made themselves political pariahs with their outspoken opposition to their party's leadership. Banks argued that Charles Barron's divisiveness in the Council led to his district ranking third to last in city funds obtained, despite its enormous economic needs.

"The district suffers when you have a representative who is as radical as Charles is and doesn't want to compromise," said Banks, who enjoys the strong support of the party establishment.

Barron defended his record, pointing to the affordable housing and new school funding he brought to the district, but he could keep Banks off the ballot entirely if Gov. Cuomo calls for a special election before the scheduled November ballot to fill Ms. Barron's seat.

There are no primaries

in special elections. Rather, the candidate for each party is selected by county committee members living in the area that has an open seat. There are two or four committee members for each election district, and they are usually allied with the party machine.

Because the Barrons' personal political operation in the area is so strong, however, County Committee members in the East New York Assembly district would likely buck the party leadership and put the former Councilman on the ballot — cutting Banks out of the process entirely.

It's not surprising then, that Barron favors a special election, arguing that if the election to replace his wife isn't held until November her constituents will go a year without a voice in the Assembly. What may be more surprising is the slogan the former Black Panther invoked to make his case.

"It's like they say — 'no taxation without representation,'" the former Councilman said.

Barron is not known for his fondness for America's Founding Fathers, mainly due to their ownership of black slaves. The former Black Panther has demanded the removal of George Washington's portrait from the wall in Borough Hall, and even called Thomas Jefferson "a rapist and a pedophile."

Banks hopes for a September primary and November election because he also has the backing of **Rep. Hakeem Jeffries (D-Fort Greene)**. Jeffries crushed Councilman Barron in 2012 in the race to replace outgoing Rep. Ed Towns.

Banks believes Jeffries's support will prove crucial against Barron in 2014 — especially since Jeffries beat Barron by several hundred votes inside the lines of the contested Assembly district.

But Barron is confident that he will end up in Albany, even if he loses a Democratic primary. The pol said he is prepared to run as a third-party candidate, as he did for governor in 2010.

"People will vote for me no matter whether I have the Democratic Party line or not," Barron said.

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Insiders say there's no doubt who will replace Assemblyman-turned-Councilman **Alan Maisel (D-Marine Park)** — special election or no. It will be Canarsie resident and Seddio ally **Roxanne Persaud**, a registrar at Saint Francis College in Brooklyn Heights. Persaud is a member of Seddio's Thomas Jefferson Club, and served on the Council Redistricting Commission, which redrew the lines for Council seats in 2010.

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BY WILL BREDDERMAN  
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A city water pipe burst underground at E. 14th Street and Neptune Avenue on Jan 5., creating a gas-spewing sinkhole in the pavement that took hours to seal.

The Fire Department reported getting a call about a gas odor in the area at 12:23 pm — and arrived to find a gaping, reeking pit in the asphalt. The smoke-eaters phoned National Grid, which descended on the scene with city employees.

The workers closed off the street and shut off water and gas service. They then excavated the mains and found the 73-year-old water pipe had broken, unleashing a stream of water that ate away at the soil and caused the street to cave



**LEAKY TUBES:** National Grid, Fire Department, and Office of Emergency Management workers arrived on the scene to deal with broken gas and water pipelines on Jan. 5. Photo by Steve Solomonson

in. It is not yet clear what exactly ruptured the gas main.

The workers plugged the leaks, and restored water service to the area by 4:30 am on Jan. 6. National

Grid said it was still working to return natural gas service — used exclusively for cooking, not heating — to several nearby buildings as of 6:30 pm on Monday.



## Piano Man plays Barclays

Billy Joel played a one-night-only show at the Barclays Center on New Year's Eve. The concert was his first show in Brooklyn — and first in the city since playing Shea Stadium in 2008.

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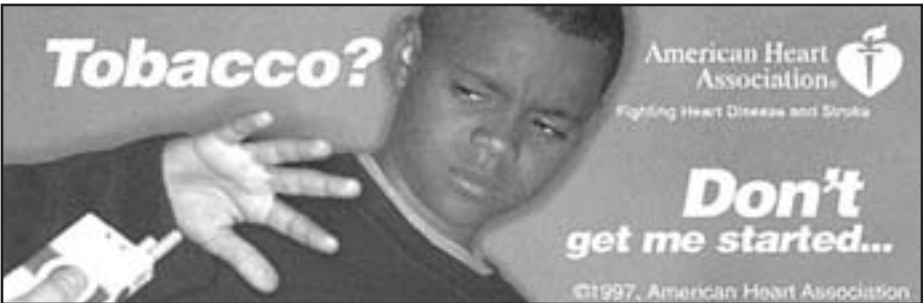
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# Bowled overseas

## Brooklyn Bowl to open in London, Vegas

BY DANIELLE FURFARO

The owners of Brooklyn Bowl will open two more branches of the rock and roll bowling alley this year — one in London and the other in Las Vegas.

The London branch will open on Jan. 16 or 17, co-owner Charley Ryan said.

"We are really excited about both of them," said Ryan. "I have always loved London and it is a thrill to do something there."

The English edition of the popular venue will be in East London, steps from the O2 Arena, which is similar in size to the Barclay Center.

Ryan said the proximity makes for hip company and that he will likely screen live feeds of the shows at his big-time neighbor.

The Bowl's owners started on the Las Vegas project first, but finished the London branch more quickly, he said.

"It took a whole lot less time and money to build out," said Ryan.

The Williamsburg bowling alley and music venue opened in July of 2009 and has become a mecca for Brooklyn hipsters and tourists alike. The venue has hosted some high-profile shows, including Kanye West and Guns 'N' Roses.

The Las Vegas branch will open inside the Ling, a new entertainment mall near the famous Las Vegas Strip. That location will be more than twice as big as the Wythe Avenue mothership.



**BOWLED OVER:** Jake Reuben and Renee Roberts love Brooklyn Bowl, and soon alley cats in London and Las Vegas can fall in love with the brand when it opens in a location in each city.

Photo by Stefano Giovannini

The opening of an outlet of the London-based record store chain Rough Trade in Williamsburg two months ago makes for a sort of hipster cultural exchange between the two cities.

If your borough-based company wants to cash in on some of that cool-Brooklyn shine, all it takes

is opening up a location in another city, according to Ryan.

"If you talk to kids in Tokyo or Amsterdam, they will tell you they want to come to Brooklyn," he said.

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# Fourteen to watch in 2014

People and issues to keep an eye on in the new year

*The future is unknowable, but we are students of the recent past and, based on the analysis of our in-house team of experts, we have an idea of what the next year might hold. We're confident these borough gadflies, bosses, changing neighborhoods and upstarts-made-good will give our resident scribes plenty to write about in the coming year.*

### #1: Bill DeBlasio and LICH

In mid-July 2013, Bill DeBlasio was getting arrested doing civil disobedience to draw attention to the state's attempt to close Long Island College Hospital and, according to him, sell the prime real estate it sits on to a luxury developer.

Fighting hospital closures was one of the signature issues of DeBlasio's campaign. But pointing out that Gov. Cuomo pulls the strings at the state health department and the State University of New York, which were bent on shuttering the place, was not in his vocabulary.

Five days before his landslide November win, DeBlasio refused to di-

vulge what the governor has been saying about the 155-year-old Cobble Hill hospital's fate behind closed doors. But in December, the state decided to hold off on considering a plan to turn the medical center into condos, offering to hand the keys over to the city instead.

The ball is in the freshly-minted mayor's court. In 2014, with the governor's goodwill at stake and a whole city's problems competing for his attention, will DeBlasio finish what he started with the hobbled hospital, or will he let the issue languish now that his progressive pledges have carried him to City Hall?

### #2: DA Kenneth Thompson

Brooklyn's first black district attorney has taken the reins at the prosecutor's office after 24 years of Charles Hynes in charge. Thompson painted his opponent as corrupt and beholden to political special interests, but the rubber is going to meet the road in 2014 now that Thompson has to make actual decisions about how to handle some of the most hot-button cases still wending their way through the courts.

What, for instance, will become of the reams of paperwork handled by assistant district attorney Michael Vecchione, who Thompson slammed on the

campaign trail for wrongful convictions that came out of alleged prosecutorial misconduct? Or how about the pending prosecution of Orthodox Jewish sex abuse whistleblower Sam Kellner on extortion charges Kellner and others say were politically motivated?

But one of the big questions has already been answered. Last Saturday, the New York Post first reported that Thompson has hired Abe George, the former Democratic candidate for borough prosecutor whose late July exit from the race paved the way for a Thompson win. George will be the deputy bureau chief of the district attorney's Major Narcotics Investigations Bureau.



**DEBLASIO AND THE HOSPITAL:** Bill DeBlasio arrested for disorderly conduct during a protest to save Long Island College Hospital. Now mayor, he could save it. Associated Press

### #3: Downtown's population boom

Brooklyn's central shopping and office district started to undergo a huge transformation in 2004 thanks to a rezoning that allowed skyscrapers to rise. Now, residential development is going whole hog and Fulton Mall has half-turned over to chain stores, including high-end retailers such as Swarovski and Armani Exchange. Some 3,300 apartments are expected to be built during the next

three years, increasing the neighborhood's population by four-fifths to 21,000. And, as hordes of mostly well-heeled people move in, so too will up-scale eateries, bars, and grocery stores catering to their domestic wants and needs.

The influx will strain already-taxed infrastructure and add to crowding in nearby neighborhood public schools. It will also build pressure to create such a school Downtown, where there is not one and none are planned, despite

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the huge growth. The city's process for planning a new school takes years and has increasingly come to rely on the cooperation of big developers to build learning centers inside luxury buildings. There are plenty of high-priced towers planned to rise Downtown, but so far, the city has given no indication that it intends to put a school in any of them.

#### #4: Letitia James

The former Fort Greene councilwoman may be off to a rocky start as public advocate thanks to her lie that she pushed the New York Times to do an exhaustive front-page series on homelessness in the city, but James has built her career outside of traditional political channels.

The public advocate's office has long been an ugly duckling in the city's structure. It is all-but-powerless and has been the subject of frequent calls to abolish it entirely. But it has new stature now that DeBlasio, the city's last full-time nag, is in executive office.

Something tells us part of James' loose-tongued lapse came from the en-

larged ego that arises out of being a momentary center of attention at City Hall. And if DeBlasio's liberal leadership stays a hit with New Yorkers and James can avoid putting her foot in her mouth too often, she is the politician best positioned to follow his roadmap from outsider to top office.



**TOP TISH:** Could Letitia James vault from public advocate to mayor? Stay tuned.

Photo by Paul Martinka

#### #5: The G train

There are a battery of big changes the Brooklyn Local needs to meet its long-suffering riders' needs, but the Metropolitan Transportation Authority is holding

off on most of them until it can find funding. In the meantime, Ghost Train commuters have a handful of welcome-but-minor improvements to look forward to, including better spacing between G and F trains, standardized stopping points for the four-car strands, public announcement systems at the 12 stations that do not have them, and better signage. Let us just hope that the next stop is the major overhaul the borough's backbone deserves. And that it arrives soon.

#### #6: Eric Adams

The new Beep started the year with two big pledges befitting the theatrics his predecessor loved: bringing Brooklyn its own ball drop in time for next New Year's Eve and establishing a borough Hall of Fame. We will of course be watching to see what other tricks he has up his sleeve and whether he will follow through.

But we will also be waiting to see what, if anything, happens with the May 2013 revelation that Adams is being a probed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The feds are not known for sharing when they have finished sniffing around about corruption — or when they are about to pinch a prominent pol — so Adams, who denies he has ever done anything corrupt, has to spend the year in suspense. So, too, do the rest of us who keep tabs on him for a living.

#### #7: Road-safety activists

Park Slope residents who want to see traffic reined in hit a speed bump in 2011 when the city snubbed their bid to have the neighborhood designated a "Slow Zone," but the efforts have been picking up speed since the tragic October 2013 death of 12-year-old Samuel Cohen Eckstein on Prospect Park West. Activists, including Cohen Eckstein's parents, spent the fall ramping up demands for a citywide 20-mile-per-hour speed limit on residential roads, which the Cohen Ecksteins say would have saved their son from being killed by a van. The road safety activists have gotten the word out through com-

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# Fourteen

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munity meetings, a Council hearing, an attention-grabbing stunt involving fake speed limit signs, and, most recently, at Mayor DeBlasio's inauguration.

The car critics found a receptive ear on New Year's Day with DeBlasio's roads appointee Polly Trottenberg, but they are not complacent. The group Right of Way has vowed to keep the mayor to his promise of reducing traffic deaths to zero by trumpeting every fatality in 2014 over social media. As the weeks pass and DeBlasio's campaign rhetoric fades into the muddle of everyday governance, it will be interesting to see what else these transportation gadflies will do to keep traffic calming on the Sloper-in-chief's agenda.

## #8: The new Council

The last election brought a whole new crop of Council members to power in Brooklyn.

Laurie Cumbo sparked controversy even before

she took office by pointing to low-income black people's resentment of Jewish business success as the likely cause of the so-called "knockout game" attacks in Crown Heights. She later apologized for the statement, but other big issues loom large as she takes the seat vacated by Letitia James, particularly Cumbo's vow to be friendlier to developers.

Other first-year Council members include Antonio Reynoso, the former top aide to Diana Reyna who beat out disgraced former Assemblyman Vito Lopez for her seat, Carlos Menchaca, who ousted incumbent Sara Gonzalez, Coney Island's Mark Treyger, and Midwood's upset winner Chaim Deutsch.

## #9: Bill Bratton on transparency

Police at neighborhood station houses stopped letting reporters access crime report information for our weekly police blotter in early December, citing orders from headquarters. Since then, we have only gotten access to three of the 13 precincts we cover due to what we are calling the

blotter blackout. When the crime news embargo began, the New York Civil Liberties Union insisted that the clampdown was a parting move by former Commissioner Ray Kelly, whose relationship with the press had long been combative, and would quickly be rectified by new top cop Bill Bratton.

So when will it?

## #10: Bossert Hotel

It has been a long time coming, but the Bossert Hotel, once considered the Waldorf-Astoria of Brooklyn and host to the Brooklyn Dodgers' 1955 World Series championship party, is slated to become an up-scale guesthouse again. The revamp comes after decades of the building serving as an apartment complex and providing housing to Jehovah's Witnesses. Rooms in the posh 302-room hotel are supposed to rent for \$250 per night and could transform the sleepy neighborhood into a global destination.

## #11: Jason Kidd's Nets adventure

The Nets' former elder statesman switched into the

role of rookie coach ahead of this season and so far it has not been pretty to watch. He could turn it around. Center Brook Lopez's year-end foot injury makes that seem increasingly unlikely, but he could turn it around. We all love a comeback Kidd.



**CAPTAIN KIDD:** Everyone was ecstatic when Jason Kidd, right, was named coach of the Brooklyn Nets, but after a slow start, many wonder how long he will last. Photo by Stefano Giovannini

## #12: New York Methodist Hospital

Park Slope's hospital is expanding while nearby

Long Island College Hospital and Interfaith Medical Center face shuttering after many lean years. Methodist's apparent financial health is a good thing if you are a Methodist executive or a would-be patient, but tell that to neighbors who are against a proposed outpatient center that would take the place of 16 townhouses on three tree-lined blocks. The expansion will go up no matter what — the hospital can build a taller, thinner version without special permission if the city balks at its current plan. But will the hospital continue to improve as the healthcare industry moves away from the hospital model, as one insider told us it is doing, and other one-stop medical centers limp along on life support?

## #13: Dead dolphins on our shores

Brooklyn was a dolphin graveyard in 2013, serving as the final resting place of four wayward cetaceans during the course of the year. Experts said a measles-like virus was responsible for the stranding deaths of 333 dolphins on the East

Coast between July 1 and Aug. 27, including 96 on the shores of New York and New Jersey, but the coroner is still out on what killed the latest Kings County casualties. We will be watching the borough's ample shoreline for any sign of marine mammal maladies in the coming year.

## #14: Atlantic Yards construction

A deal is in place to sell a seven-tenths stake in the stagnated mega-development to a Chinese-government-owned firm, but it is unclear what that means for its future. Forest City Ratner maintains that it will keep control, but a group of politicians, including new Public Advocate Letitia James, are demanding the state put the brakes on the sale and look for a buyer that will create affordable housing first. Also, there is no timeline in place for starting work on any of the 15 un-built towers which, under an early Forest City pledge, were supposed to be finished by 2016.

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## PARENTING TIPS TO HELP YOUNG CHILDREN LOVE TO READ

Children are energetic learners, trying to make sense of the world around them. One of the most important activities to help a child stretch his mind, especially in the early years, is reading. From birth to age 5, development in all areas of the brain is rapid, so it is especially important during this time that parents make an intentional effort to integrate reading into a child's daily routine. This practice helps mold your child into an active reader and establishes the foundational literacy skills he needs for future success in school and life.

"The first five years of life offer a critical window for brain development and learning," said Anne-Marie Fitzgerald, executive Director of Reach Out and Read, a national nonprofit whose pediatricians promote early literacy and school readiness to 4 million children nationwide. "By reading aloud and talking to their children from birth, parents can play a key role in helping their little ones develop essential foundational language skills and eventually, arrive at kindergarten ready to read, learn, and succeed. Learning does not begin on the first day

of school; it begins in the home with engaged parents who take the time to share stories, words, and a love of reading with their children."

While picking up a book and reading to your child may seem like a simple act, many children miss this benefit. A 3-year-old child's vocabulary should span about 600 words with 80 percent intelligibility. This means that a person who has not previously heard this child speak can understand eight out of 10 words. Providing children with a solid foundation in literacy skills not only equips them to thrive in the

21st Century, it also impacts our country's ability to compete in the global workplace.

"The future of our children and our country depend on coordinated community efforts to prepare all students in the U.S. to excel in a dynamic, global society," says Jo Kirchner, president and CEO of Primrose Schools, a group of more than 270 private preschools across the country. "Together we have a responsibility to step up to the challenge by pooling our knowledge, time, expertise and ideas to improve early literacy and education outcomes."

### Tips on how to raise a reader

As you read aloud to your child, keep these tips in mind to maximize your reading time together:

**1 Start early.**  
Begin reading and speaking to your child the day she is born — it is never too early to start.

**2 Practice every day.**  
Make reading with your child a daily routine, reinforcing the development of language and literacy skills.

**3 Serve and return.**  
A key part of language learning occurs in conversations with children. After a baby listens to people around her talking for a few months, she begins to respond with her own rendition of those sounds, starting with coos, babbles or shrieks. Dr. Jack Shonkoff of the Center on the Developing Child at Harvard University calls this back-and-forth interaction serve and return. As we serve words, children return sounds. Before we realize, the child is beginning to speak intelligibly and meaningfully — first with syllables and single words, then with phrases and complete sentences. Use serve and return when reading together as your child starts to learn about story background and context.

**4 Play word games.**  
Letter puzzles, rhyming games, breaking words into sounds, and other phonological play helps your child build a foundation that will later be used to decode words.

**5 Have a conversation.**  
While you are reading a book with your child, engage in conversation about the characters, the plot, the setting, and ask your child questions. This offers him an opportunity to build his vocabulary and comprehension skills.



# Maximizing your child's learning with technology

A practice that was once frowned upon, many schools are now encouraging students to bring their own tablets, smartphones and notebook computers into the classroom to improve student learning opportunities. With the rise of Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) programs, many parents are wondering how they can ensure their child has the most appropriate technology to help them succeed. The upcoming holiday season is a great opportunity to find the right device for your child.

If your student has the opportunity to participate in a BYOD program this year, you may have questions about the program and how you can ensure

your child is as successful as possible. Read on to learn more about BYOD and what you can do to support your child's learning in the digital world.

**What is this program?**

The program's core appeal is that it enables schools to have personalized, one-to-one learning programs with greater student engagement and accountability, while allowing students and parents the freedom to choose the device that best meets their child's individual needs.

**What device should I get for my child?**

Unlike school clothes, if you choose to invest a little more in a device, you won't

have to replace it next fall. For example, a Notebook/convertible UltraBook or two-in-one device with an Intel core processor and Windows 8 operating system grows with students as their learning needs evolve - it's an investment your child can benefit from for many years. A 2 in 1 device allows your child to switch between a tablet and laptop, depending on their needs for the school project at hand. These devices weigh less than 4 pounds, so they won't overload your child's backpack. They also have the battery strength to keep going strong until the final bell. Your child might also enjoy a device that allows her to draw, write, highlight, annotate and more on her digital touch-

screens in a natural manner. Intel-powered Windows 8 tablets come with a new generation of "pens," which engage students in learning and allow educators to maximize the versatility and benefits of the technology they're already using.

Another device option is a Chromebook, which can provide your child with a full Internet browsing experience at a lower cost. Although Chromebooks are limited in the types of applications and software they can run, they allow students to do real time collaboration and share their work with the world on the Web. They also have the flexibility to be personalized by each student or teacher.





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# Finding the true cost of a COLLEGE EDUCATION

A college education is a lifelong investment. College graduates are more likely to be employed and earn more throughout the course of their lives, according to a recent report by the College Board. While the benefits of a college education may be clear, figuring out the true cost and how to pay for it isn't always as obvious.

Today, college-bound students and parents face lots of questions in determining how to pay for college. An early step in the process should be determining the difference between the published cost of attending a particular school and the available scholarships or financial aid from the school. This is called the net price of

attending a university. Most colleges have a net price calculator on their websites to assist in this determination. Additionally, students and parents should try and forecast the true cost of college beyond courses and textbooks — including all the unforeseen costs, such as supplementary study materials, transportation, technology, extracurricular activities, any of which can push students and parents into unexpected debt.

Eighty-one percent of parents plan to help pay for their children's college education, but a willingness to pay doesn't always correspond to an ability to pay, according to an annual survey commissioned

by Discover Student Loans. Scholarships, grants and savings can help cover some expenses, but student loans can be needed to help cover the full cost of attendance. It's important for students and parents to understand their options and carefully compare federal and private student loans so they can choose the loans that best fit their needs.

Tips for paying for a higher education

A few additional tips students and parents should keep in mind when navigating the college financial aid process include:

- Maximize free money: Grants, scholarships and other free financial aid can help students pay for some

college costs. Resources such as StudentLoan.com and Studentaid.ed.gov can help students and parents identify and apply for important free money. When considering the full mix of financing options, families should compare federal and private student loans including interest rates and origination fees.

- Have a continuous and honest dialogue with each other: The financial aid process can be overwhelming. It's essential that college-bound students and their parents know their respective responsibilities and roles in paying for college. Parents should talk with their kids about what's important, their financial



limits and where the money is coming from, and then designate who will pay for what expenses.

- Know when to request a professional judgment: If a parent loses his or her job or has his or her wages reduced, then he or she can ask the university's financial office for a professional

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# New York Harbor Watch



**GENTLEMEN:** Dr. Joseph Westphal testifies before the Readiness and Management Support Subcommittee in April of 2012 on Capitol Hill.

Lt. Col Rob Manning

## Budget plans for Army released

### HARBOR WATCH

Under Secretary of the Army Joseph Westphal released the Army Business Management Strategy, which serves as the primary planning and execution document for activities associated with Army Business Transformation.

"We are shaping our force structure and developing resourcing strategies to meet the new defense strategy. Through an adaptive approach, we are establishing a solid foundation for continuing business transformation across the Army," said Westphal while discussing the importance of the Army Business Management Strategy in Washington.

The Army Business Management Strategy consolidates multiple planning directives and requirements into one strategic planning document that nests under the Army Campaign Plan.

The Management Strategy clarifies the roles and responsibilities

of Business Mission Area stakeholders from the Chief Management Officer through major commands of the institutional Army, and down to individual business system owners. The strategy provides detailed plans regarding business Information Technology portfolio modernization and cost reduction activities, and it integrates the Enterprise Resource Planning systems within overall portfolio activities.

Significantly, the plan links Business Mission Area information technology investments and compliance requirements to Institutional Army activities and the Network Mission Area. Finally, the Army Business Management Strategy codifies the alignment between the Department of Defense's Business Enterprise Architecture and the Army's business activities.

•What has the Army done?

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## Biathlon trials in Minn.

Staff Sgt. Jeremy Teela will compete with US team in Italy

### HARBOR WATCH

Pfc. Wynn Roberts finished third overall in the International Biathlon Union Cup trials, held Dec. 14 through 18 at Mt. Itasca, Minn., narrowly missing a berth on the U.S. World Cup Team and a possible chance to compete in the Winter Olympics.

Only the top two finishers from the International Biathlon Union, or IBU, Cup trials go forward to join Staff Sgt. Jeremy Teela and the U.S. team to compete in World Cup races in Ridnaun, Italy through Jan. 5, and have a shot at the Olympics.

Teela, a three-time Olympian and member of the Army World Class Athlete Program, has been competing this month in World Cup races in France. He is still vying for one of the last two nominations to the U.S. Olympic Biathlon Team, which will be announced next month following the World Cup in Italy.

Roberts — a member of the National Guard Biathlon Program who competed in the 2010 Olympics as a substitute — began the IBU Cup trials strong, taking second place in the 10-kilometer sprint on Dec. 14, 2013. He missed first place by less than two seconds, finishing in 31:09.3, just behind Casey Smith of Washington state.

Growing up in Minnesota, Roberts skied Mt. Itasca many times and said he felt comfortable with the course, despite calling it the toughest hill in the Midwest to climb with cross-country skis.

"I would say that Mt. Itasca is my home course. I've been racing there since I was 14 years old," said Roberts,



**ON YOUR MARK:** Jordan McElroy and Pfc. Wynn Roberts of the Vermont National Guard prepare to start the Cup trials on Dec. 14 at Mt. Itasca, Minn.

US Army

erts, now 25.

Some of his family and friends even came to cheer him on this week.

The single-digit temperatures in Minnesota, however, didn't help Roberts fight off his own cold symptoms.

"I've been fighting a little bit of an illness the past three or four weeks," Roberts said, explaining that he contracted a sore throat competing last month in Canada.

"I wasn't 100 percent. My skiing suffered and my shooting suffered," he said. "It wasn't the ideal situation for trials."

Sub-zero temperatures postponed the Dec. 15 biathlon competition for a day. Roberts finished the 10-km sprint on Dec. 16, in third place with a time of 32:23.1, just over a minute behind

leader Casey Smith and second-place finisher Russell Currier.

New snow slowed the course all week, Roberts said, explaining that about eight inches of powder made the cross-country skiing about six to seven minutes slower than the course's record pace.

Roberts finished the final 10-km sprint in fourth place on Dec. 18, with a time of 29:24.8, a minute and 7 seconds behind leader Russell Currier. He also missed two shots standing and two shots prone.

The combined points from the five days of racing put him in third place behind first-place finisher Casey Smith and runner-up Russell Currier.

"It was close, but not quite

close enough," Roberts said, somewhat disappointed at missing a shot at the Winter Olympics, scheduled for Feb. 7 through 23, 2014, in Sochi, Russia.

"That's the way it goes," he said. "There will be another chance in four years."

Two other young Guardsmen, however, competed at Mt. Itasca this week. Spc. Jake Dalberg, 20, of the Minnesota National Guard, finished in 10th place overall. Pfc. Jordan McElroy, 19, Vermont National Guard, finished the trials in 11th place.

Dalberg began the IBU cup only missing one shot (standing) in the first 10-km race. He finished in seventh place with a time of 32:48.5. McElroy was right behind, finishing eighth with a time of 33:37.4.

On the final day, Dalberg finished the 10-km sprint in ninth place with a time of 31:45.6. McElroy finished in 11th place and returned to Vermont on Christmas Day.

The National Guard Biathlon training facility is at Camp Ethan Allen, Vt., and Roberts will return there after the holidays to prepare for the National Guard championship races and the Conseil International du Sport Militaire, or CISM competition scheduled for March, in Finland.

Teela will compete in the World Cup races in Ridnaun, Italy through Jan. 5, and must do well to secure a nomination to the Winter Olympics in Sochi. The four-man U.S. Biathlon Team is already anchored by Lowell Bailey of Lake Placid, N.Y., and Tim Burke of Paul Smiths, N.Y., who earned early nominations to Team USA.



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### HARBOR WATCH

Most teenage young men only have a few things on their minds: sports, cars and friends. But when people meet 16-year-olds Dustin and Austin Haubner, Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps cadets at Grant County High School in Dry Ridge, Ky., they quickly notice something unique about them.

They are twins and both athletes. Austin is a track and field athlete, and Dustin plays football. Each brother also volunteers at Helping Out People Everywhere, or HOPE.

HOPE is a non-profit organization that the brothers and mom Kimberly started in February 2012 to help the homeless and needy in the northern Kentucky and Cincinnati areas. The effort started as a way for the family to cope with the deployment of Kimberly's husband, who was a police officer contracted to teach law enforcement techniques, during Christmas 2003. They called the event "County Christmas."

"We had about 60 people show up at the middle school cafeteria where we held it," Kimberly explained. "We started out with people making cards

for the troops; we served pizza and cake and Santa came by — it was really all about the kids."

Over the next nine years the organization grew to the point the Haubners filed for, and received, non-profit status. After deciding on a name almost two years ago, HOPE now operates out of a storefront, paid for with donations and run by volunteers, where they collect items for anyone who needs assistance.

Dustin said that they have served 25,000 people and have served almost 900,000 pounds of food this year. As of today HOPE has close to 4,000 members on its group site at [www.hopeky.org](http://www.hopeky.org) and Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/HOPEKY](http://www.facebook.com/HOPEKY).

Food, clothes and necessities are HOPE's yearly focus items. The food is donated from many companies and organizations across Kentucky, Ohio and Indiana. After HOPE receives a truck, the organization immediately supplies food banks at local churches.

"We call on about 29 churches and help fill their food banks whenever we get a shipment of food," Dustin explained. "Our shop is

open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, but we drive up (to Cincinnati) to serve food directly to the homeless (at their camps) every Tuesday."

Both twins are actively engaged in this family endeavor. Dustin runs HOPE on Wednesday nights and speaks to organizations with his mother. Both boys travel to homeless camps with their mother to pass out food, hygiene items and clothes. They package care boxes and make baby bags, inventory donated items, update client profiles, and Austin maintains the organization's computer system.

"When computers come in as donations I troubleshoot them, wipe the hard drive, do a systems restore, make sure it works well and fix it if it doesn't," Austin explained.

"Austin wants to study engineering and robotic science," Kimberly explained. "He has always wanted to go to MIT and has taken every kind of class or studied every kind of program you could think of. I'll do everything I can to see to it he gets his chance at MIT — and letting him develop this system is part of what

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Second, Army leaders developed a plan to reduce costs across the entire Army business system portfolio through 2018.

Third, the Army organizations underwent an extensive array of audits and examinations to prepare for achieving its 2014 Statement of Budgetary Activity requirements. And fourth, the Army executed a series of enterprise-directed business process re-engineering 'deep dives' and command-directed Lean Six Sigma ef-

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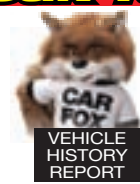
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# Terror lawyer 'dis-barred'

BY MEGAN RIESZ

A former Park Slope lawyer convicted of helping a jailed terrorist communicate with his followers is home after a judge ordered her release from a Texas prison where she has been dying of cancer.

The federal-prison-bureau-requested release of Lynne Stewart, 74, ends four years of imprisonment, much of which Stewart spent suffering from breast cancer. She was known for representing poor, politically active, and sometimes deeply unpopular clients as a defense attorney before her 2007 disbarment and subsequent jailing for communicating on behalf of blind cleric Sheik Omar Abdel-Rahman, convicted of plotting to blow up the New York landmarks including the United Nations and the Lincoln and Holland tunnels. Her family cheered the decision to allow her to return home, but lamented the circumstances.

"We were pretty surprised — it is very bitter-



**UNREPENTANT:** Slope lawyer Lynne Stewart has maintained that the justice system punished her for doing her job.

Associated Press

sweet," said Stewart's son and lawyer Geoffrey Stewart. "Freedom is the most important thing, and we still feel like she should have never been put through this in the first place."

Stewart arrived home on Jan. 1 and was greeted at LaGuardia Airport by a throng of supporters.

The release ruling cut short a 10-year sentence and followed a global outpouring of support for the

firebrand advocate and an order from the Bureau of Prisons recommending her freeing.

Backers argued that her conviction threatened the constitutional right to counsel, but multiple courts disagreed, finding that her transmission of messages from Rahman, nicknamed "the blind sheik," to his supporters in Egypt's "Islamic Group" was conspiracy to provide material support to terrorism.

Judges overturned and quadrupled an initial 28-month sentence following a press conference where Stewart said she could do that time "standing on [her] head."

U.S. District Judge John Koeltl granted the compassionate release appeal after denying the same bid in April because the federal Bureau of Prisons had not approved it. The prison bureau and the justice department recommended Stewart be freed on New Year's Eve morning and the Koeltl signed off on Stewart's



## Ridgite rises

Bay Ridge native Janet Yellen, at left, was confirmed by the Senate on Monday to replace Ben Bernanke, at right, as the head of the Federal Reserve. The Fort Hamilton High School grad has been vice chairwoman of the Fed since October 2010, but will become the first woman ever to take the reins of America's central bank on Feb. 1.

Associated Press / Charles Dharapak

release in the afternoon. In his decision, the judge pointed out that Stewart is near death and unlikely to commit further crimes.

The freed advocate will live in her son's Flatbush

home because a granddaughter lives in the Park Slope pad the agitator owns, a supporter said. She will be excited to check out Prospect Park's new ice-skating rinks and to listen to jazz with her

husband, her son said.

"I know she has a lot of people that she wants to thank, have private meetings with, and catch up with," he said. "She will be amazed at all the changes in Brooklyn."



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# Lethem is the new top teacher's pet

Former Bard of Boerum Hill says new schools chancellor was his favorite educator

BY RYAN SIT

The city's new school chancellor is Brooklyn to the core — and one famous native son would give her another apple if he could.

Carmen Farina began her new gig as head of the nation's largest school system last Thursday, but she got her start as an elementary teacher at Cobble Hill's PS 29, where she made a big impression on fourth-grader Jonathan Lethem.

"Carmen Farina was my favorite teacher, but I imagine anyone who'd been in one of her classrooms would say the same," said the novelist known as the Bard of Boerum Hill until his shocking defection to Southern California in 2010 and subsequent trash-talking of the borough that made him the following year.

"I'm thrilled at the news," he said of her appointment.

Lethem listened to Elvis for the first time and drank his first root beer float during his class's end-of-the-year retreat at Farina's country home in the Pocos, the news website Capital New York reported.

"I still think of that group as a magic group of kids," the scribe, now a professor at Ponomia College, told the website.

Lethem loved Farina so much he dedicated his first novel "Gun, with Occasional Music" to her.

Farina takes Dennis Walcott's place having served at almost every level of the school system, making her the most experienced education honcho in decades.

Farina taught at PS 29 for 22 years and Lethem was not the only one who described her skills there in supernatural terms.

"She was magical for the children," said Cobble Hill



**PUCKER UP:** Mayor-elect Bill De Blasio leans in to smooch Carmen Farina, his pick for education chancellor, at MS 51 in Park Slope. The Slope-boy-made-good chose the school because his kids went there. Farina, 71, will come out of retirement from a long education department career to take the agency's reigns.

Photo by Paul Martinka

resident Dorothy Siegel, an autism specialist at New York University who trains public school teachers.

Siegel, 67, first met Farina when her daughter was

enrolled in Farina's third grade class more than three decades ago. The two have remained close and even drove to Park Slope's MS 51 last Tuesday for the an-

nouncement of Farina's appointment as chancellor.

Sloper-in-chief Bill De Blasio's kids attended MS 51 and he and Farina initially crossed paths in 2001, when she was leading the neighborhood's school district and he was a member of its school board, his first elected post. She has been a sounding board for the rising political star ever since.

De Blasio was elected Park Slope's councilman soon thereafter and Farina went on to become the superintendent for Region 8 in Brooklyn, which serves scores of schools from Williamsburg to Sunset Park.

Siegel remembers Farina as an "irresistible teacher" who went through the region leaving her mark.

"Williamsburg, Bushwick, Sunset Park, Park Slope, Kensington — she went to all those schools

and inspired everybody," Siegel said.

Farina was appointed deputy chancellor in 2004, but stepped down two years later over differences with then-chancellor Joel Klein. Farina was particularly opposed to the increased weight given to standardized test scores. Both De Blasio and Farina have said they are unhappy with Bloomberg's data-driven approach to school planning and the school pro helped De Blasio craft his call for universal pre-kindergarten, a pillar of his mayoral campaign.

Siegel swears teachers and principals citywide are tickled pink to have Farina in charge for a change.

"People in the system are exploding with excitement about her being the new chancellor," she said. "I wouldn't be surprised if somebody started dancing."

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# Shoppers pay the price for mall brawl

To the editor,  
If one wonders why the foot traffic at Kings Plaza Shopping Center is growing less and less each year, one only has to remember what happened with the recent mini-riot by unsupervised teenagers (“Brawl at the mall,” online Dec. 30, 2013).

Shops and stores are catering to the younger crowd, blaring hip-hop and rap-crap music at ear-splitting levels. There used to be a variety of stores families could shop in, but now, unless you are into “bling” jewelry or clothes of a certain genre, you are out of luck.

My family and many others in our Marine Park-Mill Basin neighborhood have fled to points outside the city for a cleaner and safer shopping experience. The greatly expanded Gateway mall opening on the Belt Parkway should help put a stake in the heart of the once-proud Kings Plaza.

Maybe the owners and managers of Kings Plaza will have learned from this experience, and will change their business practices to opening stores that people can actually enjoy shopping in, confining blaring music to inside stores, and enforcing security rules that are on the books but not really followed.

Until then, I'll head to Long Island or pay the exorbitant bridge tolls to get to the Jersey malls.  
**Robert Lobenstein**  
Marine Park

## Frozen out

To the editor,  
Crawford Avenue off E. Seventh Street was forgotten in this snow storm — if anyone cares. And so was every single street that runs between Coney Island Avenue and Ocean Parkway in Gravesend.

We did not get any salt or sand. There were one or two subcontracted plows that ran up the block on the morning of the storm, but their blades were about six inches above the surface of the road, as if they were trying to create a layer of ice that would lay there untouched for days.

I guess politics and snowstorms make for bed mates. I thought Mayor DeBlasio

# SOUND OFF TO THE EDITOR

## LETTERS AND COMMENTS FROM OUR READERS

was all about all five boroughs. How was his street? Pretty well plowed I'm guessing.  
**Rob Hagen**  
Gravesend

## Shav & Christianity

To the editor,  
Shavana Abruzzo (“A Britisher's View”), consider the following regarding your column “Christianity Rocks” (Dec. 20, 2013):

Catholic priests sexually abusing children — a scandal that has been going on for many years.

For 100 years, the U.S. also had the boarding school system. Its goal was to deprive Native American children of everything that made them Indians. Many of these schools were run by religious orders. If a child was found speaking his or her native language, that child was beaten.

There also was sexual abuse going on. Children were taken far from home to these schools. President Carter ended this abusive system. An act was passed by Congress to allow Indians to practice their own beliefs, no longer forcing them to be Christians.

Saint Augustine said people should be punished, if they didn't convert. Martin Luther said, “Kill the Jews.” Forty thousand Jews returning to their homes after the Holocaust were murdered by Christians, who had moved into their houses in Poland.

Christianity has done bad as well as good.  
**Jerome Frank**  
Coney Island

## Crime cop-out

To the editor  
Restore our police blotters (“Public information cop shines light on blotter blackout as it turns one month old,” Jan. 1).

To expel it would leave many law-abiding residents and businesses of all sorts in complete darkness. In fact more information should be published on the criminals in our midst.  
**Amy Kaye**  
Sheepshead Bay

## Coney's castoffs

To the editor,  
The community garden that was taken apart like some useless blot on society in Coney Island was a place where people of different cultures were able to work together to grow fruit and vegetables (“Coney garden plowed under,” Jan. 3).

Our new mayor talks about two cultures, but this garden broke that mold to show how many people could work together for a common cause.

Coney Island has many seasonal events, including the January plunge of the polar bear club that attracts many swimmers and visitors, but how do they help the residents of Coney Island? Many of them still haven't recovered after Hurricane Sandy, but not one thing is not mentioned about how to improve their living and working conditions. Many of them are still second-class citizens at the bottom of the totem pole, and that is unacceptable.

What politician speaks for these residents? All I hear is silence, and I find this an offense. To my dismay, this is not the first time a community garden has gone to a developer. This just makes me sad. I often wonder how people can look in the mirror and feel nothing at all. No heart, no soul.  
**Jerry Sattler**  
Brighton Beach

...  
To the editor,  
As an educator and community activist, I look at the big picture and weigh options that are still available to the Coney Island gardeners (“Coney garden plowed under,” Jan. 3).

First, we already knew that the transformation of the former Childs Restaurant into an amphitheater received the approval from the City Planning Commission. Agree or disagree, we now need to find a new home for the gardeners.

I investigated two options that might be available: The Jewish Community Council of Coney Island has undeveloped land on the Boardwalk near W. 37th Street. Later, I was told that there is a plan for the Ocean Dreams development-housing, with a supermarket on Surf Avenue and a restaurant on the Boardwalk. This would be a perfect location for the gardeners to plant fruits and vegetables.

There is a direct tie-in to having a community garden adjacent to a supermarket and restaurant. The big picture is having the gardens make money by selling their fruits and vegetables to the supermarket and restaurant owners. In addition, this produce can be used for local Meals on Wheels programs. Finally, we can engage our local students in the education of planting.

The second option is to have the new community garden located at Asser Levy

Park. This location is available, and there is plenty of space to harvest, and also sell the fruits and vegetables on weekends. Sure, you can buy vegetables at the supermarket, but what's the fun in that?

People all over the world have been gardening for centuries, and for many it is more than just a hobby. Gardening can be about community, health, ecology, entrepreneurialism, and beautification.

**Scott Krivitsky**  
Coney Island

## Welcome Carmen

To the editor,  
The Council of School Supervisors and Administrators is delighted with Mayor DeBlasio's decision to appoint Carmen Farina as schools chancellor.

Carmen is universally recognized as one of the great educators in this city. Without a doubt, she is an educator's educator, something that we have not had for 15 years.

Carmen understands the need to restore the respect educators deserve. Her plan to reduce reliance on high-stakes testing at the expense of innovative instruction is a welcome change. Carmen's commitment to working with parents and all community stakeholders will restore a sense of optimism and trust in our schools.

We look forward to working with her and helping her as she guides our schools forward.  
**Ernest Logan**

*The writer is president of the Council of School Supervisors and Administrators.*

## Medical mistreatment

To the editor.  
I wrote that many people die each year because they do see a doctor, not because they don't (“Obama-No-Care,” Sound Off to the Editor,” Dec. 27, 2013).

This is the third leading cause of death in the nation and has a name — iatrogenic disease. There are lots of articles on this subject, and there is also a video on the subject called “Death by Medicare.”

The Journal of American Medical Association lists 225,000 deaths due to people seeking medical attention, although some medical researchers claim this figure is too low.

People also suffer from malnutrition due to hospital food. Clearly we have a real problem.  
**David Raisman**  
Bay Ridge

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# Hey, Chuck: Take care of vets

I watched a piece of one of the Schumer interviews on the tube and was so angry that I turned it off before I threw something at the television. Thank you, Sen. Schumer. You and many of your colleagues on both sides of the aisle are in favor of cutting veteran benefits.

We give billions of dollars in foreign aid to countries that hate us, burn our flag in public, and do not vote with us in the United Nations. Yet many of our men and women in the military who return to their families without arms and legs and have some mental disabilities, according to you and many of your friends, are not only unworthy of an increase in their benefits package, you are in favor of a decrease. Shame on all of you and your colleagues from both parties who agree with you.

I cringe every time I see an ad like the ones for the Independence Fund and the Wounded Warrior Project. These are organizations that should be receiving enormous assistance from our government, yet they have to rely on charities to serve our heroes.

Furthermore, Sen. Schumer, you declare that members of Congress have not received a pay raise in 10 years — and for them you can find the money. Oh, puleeze. You, the plural you, have the best job in the country. Congress is in session about 150 days a year. When you are not in Capitol Hill you are “working” your home state. “Working,” to our elected officials, is almost always campaigning and fundraising. So how many days do our elected representatives really work? According to some information I found on the Internet, they work approximately 200 days a year.

Now, let us add the oversized expense accounts to all the perks. Voila — you have been overpaid for the past 10 years. Be a mensch,



## IT'S ONLY MY OPINION

*Stanley P. Gershbein*

Chuck. Take that raise that you want for yourselves, find a few more bucks, and join me in supporting the men and women who really deserve our assistance.

Phil Robertson had every right to say what he said. Those that are opposed to what he said had every right to be opposed. A&E had every right to fire the patriarch of the Ducks Dynasty clan, then reinstate him. And those that disagree have every right to boycott the station. This is still a nation with some rights. Isn't America grand.

United Nations Ambassador Susan Rice — remember her? The other night, on “60 Minutes,” she said something about the United States not seeing a successful terrorist attack on our homeland since 9-11. Huh? Does she not know about the marathon bomber or perhaps she just doesn't consider Boston part of our homeland?

Hey, lady. Wake up.

Delta Airlines has announced that there will be no cellphone calls permitted on Delta flights. I am [StanGershbein@Bellsouth.net](mailto:StanGershbein@Bellsouth.net) asking you all to join me as I shout, “Yay!”

# Inauguration Day Bill-oney

Mayor DeBlasio's grudging thanks to his predecessor for leading the city through tough times was the high point of an inauguration speech that needed less lungs and more heart.

Tacky guest speakers provided the low point, spouting enough hot air to float a blimp.

The motor mouths — dumb to the propriety of the occasion and embodying the worst of our city — thrashed the outgoing mayor like a pinata as he sat in the front row, while lobbing racist spitballs like hand grenades at the family of New Yorkers viewing the induction outside City Hall and from home, and slandering the world's most inclusive metropolis as being an apartheid state for the past 12 years when that era gave some of them their start.

One opportunist, Public Advocate Letitia James, saw fit to rail against the “gilded age of inequality,” while being far from a model civil rights advocate herself.

James slapped 61-year-old Texas laborer David Day with a lawsuit in March 2010 for a shin scrape she sus-



## A BRITISHER'S VIEW

*Shavana Abruzzo*

tained after illegally jaywalking into his legally parked trailer hitch in Fort Greene. Tish, then raking in \$122,000 a year as a councilwoman, heartlessly ignored Day's plea for leniency and hired a team of lawyers to gouge the struggling senior for what she claimed were “serious, severe and permanent [injuries] to her limbs and body.” At the time, James refused medical treatment and denied this newspaper access to her medical records.

This column urged her to withdraw the case, unless she wanted to be known “as a petty witch who harassed a poor old man trying to eke out a living in his golden years.” She quietly dropped her suit soon after that.

James wasn't the only gloominary on Bill's dais. Youth Poet Laureate Ramya Ramana, an Indian American, waxed poetic about the “brown-stoned and brown-skinned playing a tug of war,” disregarding her ancestral

government's atrocious abuses, including custodial killings, torture, and cold-shouldering its impoverished masses.

Koran thumper Imam Askia Muhammad of the Department of Corrections offended with his

mere presence, given his support for the Nation of Islam, whose leader Louis Farrakhan considers white people “a race of devils.”

Harry Belafonte, whom DeBlasio should have ditched on the campaign trail for associating the KKK to billionaire energy moguls and philanthropists Charles and David Koch — whose hundreds of millions of dollars to charities have benefited all Americans — warbled ad nauseam about “divided communities.” And Sanitation Department chaplain Rev. Fred Lucas Jr., who delivered the invocation, astoundingly compared Gotham to a “plantation.”

These carpetbaggers trashed the most important day of Mayor DeBlasio's public life, and he let them, in a disturbing precursor of the Bill-oney yet to come.

<https://twitter.com/#!/BritShavana>

## Jo on ‘polar vortex’ and end of days

Not to be outdone by last year's dire predictions of the Mayan Calendar or Harold Camping and his end of days, we were again plunged into fear and panic by the weather stations and the newest catch phrase — the “polar vortex” — that descended upon us and brought us to our knees with sub-zero temperatures.

Oh hum. Why does the media feel it necessary to bring every weather condition to the level of a disaster movie? Okay, so we had cold temperatures. Okay, there was a snowstorm.

Hello, this is the northeast and, last I looked, the climate is prone to cold weather and snow this time of year.

It is not a dire predicament, it is reality.

George Carlin, as the hippy-dippy weatherman, once predicted, “Tonight, it will be dark, with large patches of light near morning.” It seems that the weather forecasters on all weather stations took a lesson from George, predicting natural occurrences like they were supernovas of weather.

As a result of the media's over-exaggerated musings, the neighborhood stores were flooded with panicked buyers rushing out to get the last quart of milk, loaf of bread, and dozen eggs. After all, with a few days of really, re-



## NOT FOR NUTHIN'

*Joanna DelBuono*

ally sub-arctic cold, the cows will stop making milk, the hens stop laying, no ovens will bake bread, and farmers will stop farming. Oh my, oh my — the end of our world as we know it.

I hit the stores before the last storm only to find the shelves empty, the lines out the door, and people acting like the events predicted in Y2K, the Mayan calendar, and Harold Camping were all converging within the next 24 hours.

It is okay folks, really okay.

Trust me, if we give Mother Nature a few months, the cold will turn to warm, the skies will clear, and we will again face spring, blooming flowers, and dare I say it warm weather.

But then the soaring temperatures and sunny days will have the weather mavens predicting dire warnings yet again — “It is hotter than Hades, it is the hottest day in the last 200 years, the sun is on fire, and people are melting.”

This will again cause panic and a shopping frenzy where frightened citizens will run out to empty the shelves of air conditioners, water bottles, SPF 100 suntan lotion, bags of ice, and push the electric grid to its cooling limit.

There will be brownouts, blackouts and the end of society as we know it. The Weather Channel will have endless hours of programming devoted to the heat spell. The movie channels will devote marathons to end of the world disaster movies, and, again, lunacy will reign in the cities across the country.

Not for Nuthin',™ but the weather predictors and stations of the little screen should leave disaster movies to Hollywood and just report the weather.

Follow me on Twitter @JDelBuono.



# Carminesays ‘Goodbye’ to a few friends

I’m madder than old Ebenezer Scrooge when those three ghosts crashed an otherwise perfectly fine long-winter’s nap over the fact that I’m spending more time this holiday season seeing people off than sitting down and enjoying a nice hot meal with them.

Look, you all know that the ol’ Screecher isn’t getting any younger, and it seems the older I get, the more often I find myself calling up the Access-A-Ride to get me to a funeral home so I can pay respects to an old friend.

This week, I headed over to the Dahill Funeral home to say goodbye to Gladinoro Russo, a longtime Brooklyn resident who died at the age of 95 on Dec. 28.

I met Gladinoro years ago, and I remember it, because it was the first time I came across the name “Gladinoro” — a beautiful, mellifluous name. And I haven’t heard it since. But it didn’t matter much, because ev-



**BIG SCREECHER**  
*Carmine Santa Maria*

erybody called him the less mellifluous “Glen.”

The Russos have been in Bensonhurst a long, long time, so it isn’t strange that our paths should cross eventually, especially since Glen was my first cousin’s uncle and I knew his brothers Trent and Paul. The Rus-

sos were always an asset to Bensonhurst.

In 1937, his love of country led him to volunteer for the National Guard. During World War II, he served a parachute instructor in the U.S. Army Air Corps, attaining the rank of sergeant.

Glen was very active in charitable causes. He was instrumental in founding and participating in a Catholic War Veterans Post (Russo-DeMarco Post) to honor his brother Alfred, whose plane was shot down in the Big One. He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Mary; his daughters Assunta, Anna, and Mary; son Alfred; eight grandchildren, and two great grandchildren.

The Screecher once again sends his sincerest condolences to his wife and family.

Now’s the point in the column where I fill you in on all the stuff my editor mistakenly left out of last week’s column.

Regular readers of this

column know I got an unwelcome Christmas present: a screw in my tire causing a flat. In our three-hour quest to find a tire repair shop so we could bring our grandchildren their Christmas presents in Long Island, we came across two cops on 86th Street and Bay Parkway.

Sharon ran to see if they knew where my tire might get fixed. These Finest not only heard our dilemma, but each took out their personal cellphones to contact other police officers, friends, and whoever knew where the flat could be fixed. But to no avail, outside of the privilege of meeting two great cops, we returned home to call AAA and Hyndai Road Service to see what they could do.

After calling each, we were promised to get service within 45 minutes and 30 minutes respectively. While in the elevator and before we could get down to the car, we received a call from

the service asking where we was. Boy, talk about fast service! His station wagon was by my car waiting. I thought that he would have a portable air compressor to inflate the low tire, but that was not his job. His job was to put the “donut” on, but advised us not to use it, because the trip way out to Long Island on a donut wasn’t advisable.

All this talk of donuts got me hungry, so we went and got the tire filled, and I was only 30 minutes late for my daughter-in-law Lori’s 3 o’clock Christmas feast. Apparently, a lot of Christmas Angels were working for us that Christmas Day. Thank you, God!

Now, back to those we lost.

Father Vincent J. Termine, pastor emeritus of Most Precious Blood Parish in Brooklyn, and beloved brother and uncle, died Dec. 26. He was 93. He served God for 69 years as a priest of the Diocese of Brooklyn, and is

survived by many whose lives he touched.

We the Vento, Zazzali and Santa Maria families were blessed to have Father Termine as an integral part of our lives ever since he came to our church in 1967. So much so, that our love for this precious unique man could fill volumes re-telling the antidotes, feats, tales, stories, and accomplishments he did in his selfless service to God.

Going through his bio, I learned stuff I never knew before nor realizing he was a driving force even in my youth.

For example, in my teens, my friends and I would come from Little Italy to the confraternity dances at Saint Rocco’s. One of my friends eventually married the girl he met there.

Father Termine you won’t be missed, because you will remain in our hearts forever.

Rest in peace!  
Screech at you next week!

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# CHOCK FULL

Dine on local confections at this sweet shindig

By Danielle Furfaro

This golden ticket will get you into a room of chocolate — and you won't have to go searching through Wonka Bars to find one.

On Jan. 14, an assortment of fancy chocolatiers will host a bash to celebrate some of the most adventurous chocolate the city has to offer — and you can taste all of it with one \$20 ticket.

"Brooklyn is so into chocolate and so receptive," said Jean Francois Bonnet, head chef at Tumbador Chocolate, which is based in Sunset Park. "We will have so many things to try, because they want to try everything."

"Chocolate Party!" is the first birthday party for Chocolate NYC, a blog dedicated to eating and reviewing all things chocolatey in the city. The celebration will take place at the Bell House in Gowanus, where Tumbador will be joined by a host of confection and bar producers from Brooklyn and the surrounding areas — including Nunu, Raaka, and the Chocolate Room — who will share their wares with sweet-toothed revelers.

"People say jokingly that chocolate is its own food group. Well, it's true," said Bonnet. "And it is its own culinary category too. We are a very specialized group."

Party-goers will be able to gorge themselves on a range of sweet treats from all the chocolate makers in attendance, and the tasting promises to be as educational as it does delicious. Organizers will arrange the tables in order of chocolate percentages — ranging from milk chocolate to 100 percent cacao — as well as by bean origins, flavors, and types of truffles.

Attendees will also have the opportunity to try chocolate that has been made from scratch in Brooklyn, via Williamsburg's Fine & Raw. The company is a part of the nascent "bean to bar" movement, in which chocolate makers create their product directly from the cacao bean itself, rather than relying on a middleman to provide chocolate couverture.

"It allows us to make flavor combinations that would not have been possible a few years ago," said Daniel Sklaar, Fine & Raw's owner.

*"Chocolate Party! Chocolate NYC's First Birthday Bash" at the Bell House [149 Seventh St. between Second and Third avenues in Gowanus, (718) 643-6510, www.thebellhouseny.com]. Jan. 14 at 7 pm. \$20.*



Sweet spot: Tumbador owner Jean Francois Bonnet with a tray of pumpkin bon bons. Tumbador is one of many local chocolate makers that will be at Chocolate NYC's first birthday party at the Bell House.

Photo by Steve Solomonson



# SKULL AND WHALEBONES

*Sludgie the whale returns to Gowanus for exhibit*

By Megan Riesz

It is a whale of an exhibition. Literally. “Sludgie,” the ill-fated baby whale who famously meandered into the Gowanus Canal in April 2007 and died after hitting some submerged rocks, is returning to Brooklyn. Or at least part of it is — two artists have designed an educational exhibit featuring Sludgie’s massive skull, which will be displayed at the upcoming TEDxGowanus conference at event space 501 Union on Jan. 26.

“This is a gesture toward the whale in the sense that the whale dying in the canal was a tragedy,” said co-designer Sasha Chavchavadze.

Chavchavadze, who is also the co-founder of the art and reading gallery Gowanus Proteus, worked with fellow artist Christina Kelly to create a massive broadside featuring newspapers that tell tales of animals and people falling into, or becoming otherwise ensnared by, the centuries-old canal. The installation will also boast cards attached to helium balloons that list flora and fauna that have disappeared or returned to the canal over the years — and of course, the massive cetacean cranium itself.

“There have been many tragedies — some more humorous, some sadder,” Chavchavadze said, also noting the death



Head case: TEDxGowanus organizer Sean Gannet adminies Sludgie the whale’s skull.

Photo by Matt Suter

of the dolphin that swam into the canal in January last year and died after only one day in the fetid waterway. “This will show how the canal has been the site of multiple issues, almost from the time it was constructed.”

The artist said she was approached by the organizers of TEDxGowanus — a spin-off from the popular TED conference series, which puts on global con-

ferences with talks on topics such as “The \$80 prosthetic knee that’s changing lives” and “The astounding athletic power of quadcopters” — to construct an interactive installation featuring the famed aquatic mammal for the one-day event. The conference will also highlight some 20 speakers, including writer Joseph Alexiou, who is penning a book about the canal, and Rachel Fershleiser, the literary and nonprofit outreach guru for blogging platform Tumblr.

The conference creators said they are looking forward to bringing Sludgie back from the dead.

“I think the exhibit will do a bunch of great things — it will tell the story of what happened to Sludgie after she died, educate people on whale anatomy, and also revitalize awareness of the intersection between our urban environment and natural environment,” said TEDxGowanus organizer Sean Gannet.

After the conference is done, Sludgie’s skull will float around Gowanus for awhile longer, on display at Proteus Gowanus’s mini-museum, Hall of the Gowanus, until March.

See Sludgie’s skull at 501 Union [501 Union St. between Nevins and Bond streets in Gowanus, (347) 529-6486, [www.tedxgowanus.com](http://www.tedxgowanus.com)]. Jan. 26 from 11 am.

## The most Gowanus-centric talks at TEDxGowanus

By Megan Riesz

Fans of Gowanus, your time has finally arrived. The TEDxGowanus conference will see people with big Gowanus-related ideas gather by the neighborhood’s notoriously disease-ridden waterway to share their thoughts in snappy spoken-word presentations. All tickets to attend have sold out, but you can still stream the event live online on Jan. 26. We have rounded up the five most Gownus-centric talks to keep an eye on.

### Hans Hesselein

Hesselin, executive director of the Gowanus Canal Conservancy — an organization that calls itself the “environmental steward” for the Gowanus Canal — will call on local residents to start cleaning up their own public parks, and stop relying on park maintenance to keep their Brooklyn greens litter-free.

### Pete Raho

“Artisan ambassador” Pete Raho makes fancy cutting boards out of industrial materials and hosts wood-working classes at his shop, Gowanus



Like a canal in the wind: Who would not want to hear more about this local landmark?

Photo by Kate Emerson

Furniture. He will talk about how the small-scale industry has exploded and created a new manufacturing sector in Gowanus — with ample job opportunities.

### Ate Atema

Architect Ate Atema will discuss innovative ways to channel freshwater into the Gowanus Canal, following on from his December 2012 TED talk, in which he proposed that in-street channels and pollutant-removing gardens could diminish sewer overflows. Atema’s “Street Creeks,” or sidewalk gutters, catch dirty water and keep it out of local waterways, and have

already been tested for the canal on Third St. between Third and Fourth avenues in Gowanus.

### Marlene Donnelly

Donnelly, a member of “Friends and Residents of Greater Gowanus” who researches and promotes the historical viability of the neighborhood, will outline what it would take for Gowanus to become the first urban industrial site on the “National Registry of Historic Places.” Such a designation would preserve the buildings, structures, places, and open spaces of Gowanus for adaptive re-use.

### T.M. Rives

Did you know that early settlers named “Gowanes Creek” after Gowanes, leader of the local Canarsees tribe, centuries before the canal became one of the city’s major docking waterways? Rives, author of “Secret New York: an Unusual Guide,” will elaborate on how Native American culture has become lost in the city’s history.

TEDxGowanus will be broadcast live at [www.tedxgowanus.com](http://www.tedxgowanus.com), Jan. 26 from 12:15 pm.

# Co-opting the grocery aisle

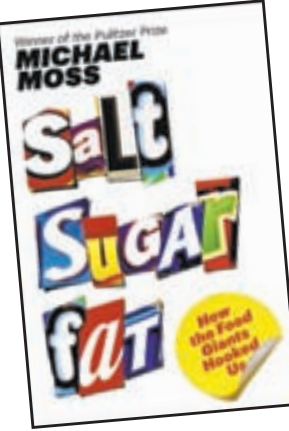
Reporter gives free talk on how to eat less-terrible food

By Megan Riesz

Watch out, Coca-Cola — the co-op is coming. New York Times investigative reporter and Park Slope Food Co-op veteran Michael Moss will bring his four-year exploration into the processed food industry to a reading series at the crunchy grocery store on Jan. 17.

“I like to call it the food you hate to love,” said Moss, whose bestselling 2013 book “Salt Sugar Fat: How the Food Giants Hooked Us” explores how big food companies knowingly contributed to the obesity epidemic by engineering difficult-to-resist treats, laden with fat, sugar, and salt.

Moss said he realizes he is preaching to the choir amongst his fellow kale shoppers, but the store will also open its usually exclusive doors to non-members for the free event. The talk will also cover shopping strategies for those whose local market is less Park Slope and more Pathmark.



Co-operate: Journalist Michael Moss started investigating big food companies’ contributions to the obesity epidemic after reporting on Islamic militants in Algeria. Photo by Stefano Giovannini

“I think co-op members are in an incredibly enviable position where they have access to incredibly fresh local produce that is relatively inexpensive,” said Moss, who has been a member of the Park Slope Food Co-op for about 15 years. “When I talk to co-op members, it is going to be less about their situation because, frankly, they are in close to an ideal situation.”

Moss says his investigation into Big Food yielded two particularly shocking discoveries — the largest food companies in America, such as Nabisco, General Mills, and Kraft, have known all along that they were contributing to the growing obesity problem; and they are even more addicted to the miracle ingredient of salt than we are, because of its ability to mask less tasty flavors inherent to processed food.

The Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist became interested in exposing the corruption of giant food companies after his 2008 return from Algeria, where he says he was reporting on terrorism and Islamic militants until the FBI told him he was on an al-Qaeda hit list. The reporter and his editor decided that he needed to pick a different beat — and before long, he was reporting on an outbreak of salmonella.

“I think that I have done with food what I have done with any subject I have grappled with — which is to put a huge amount of relevancy back into readers’ hands so they feel empowered,” Moss said. “That is my goal in writing any story about any subject.”

Michael Moss at the Park Slope Food Co-op (782 Union St. between Fifth and Sixth avenues in Park Slope, [www.food-coop.com](http://www.food-coop.com)). Jan. 17 at 7 pm. Free. Non-members welcome.



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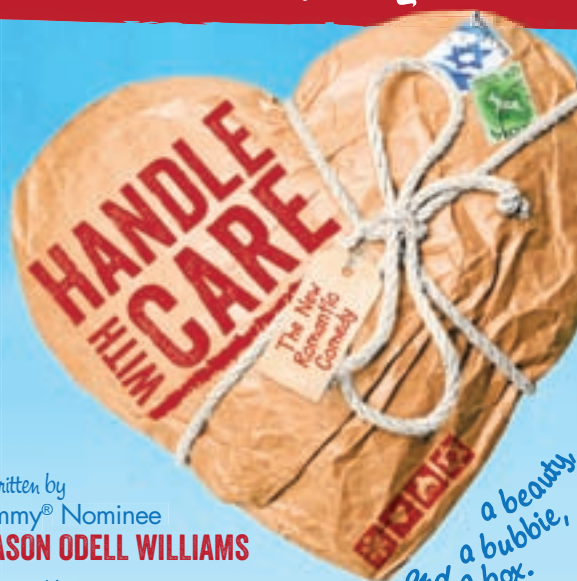
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# A STORM OF WORDS

*'Game of Thrones' book nerds do battle at new W'burg trivia night*

By Colin Mixson

Trivia is coming. A mercenary fellowship of Brooklyn literature nerds is putting the gentry in gentrified with the debut of a new Williamsburg bar-based trivia night, which focuses on the books behind the hit HBO series "Game of Thrones." At "A Trivia of Ice and Fire," which will take place at Over the Eight on the first and third Sundays of the month, fans of George RR Martin's fantasy novels are invited to test their knowledge of the Seven Kingdom's noble families and their violent and sexy adventures in the cult five-book series.

"It's such a huge world to get into," said Danielle Francis, a member of the organizing group, which goes by the name the Upjumped Sellswords. "I'm looking forward to seeing how deep people's knowledge of the books are."

Every night of the biweekly contest will consist of five rounds of questions, each based on a theme, such as the locations in the books, or the customs of its fictional peoples.

The adventurous trivia bands will, above all other considerations, be required to agree upon a title for their group, and the Upjumped Sellswords has high hopes that its contestants will conjure up some appropriate Westeros monikers.

"I'm pretty sure they can come up with really good punny names," said Francis. "They could be something like 'the Brotherhood Without Banners,' or they could come up with their own names, like



Study session: "A Trivia of Ice and Fire" organizers and Upjump Sellswords members Geoffrey Golia (left), Stephen Savin, and Steve Danay brush up on their George RR Martin trivia at Over the Eight bar.

Photo by Elizabeth Graham

'House Johnson.'"

Francis, who earned her maester chain in film studies before moving to Brooklyn, said the trivia night — the first the group has organized — is something of an experiment.

"We have questions for our first few nights planned, and we're going to see how it goes," said Francis. "We don't know how deep people's knowledge of the books are."

In this rag-tag spirit, the group has still not entirely settled on what the contest's prizes will be. It has a few ideas, though — the winners may have their bar tab paid in full, or receive priceless gifts such as a mug style after the sword hilt of Daario Naharis, who fans of the books and TV show will

recognize as Daenerys Targaryen's latest lover.

"It has a naked woman for a handle," said Francis. "Just like the hilts of Naharis's sword."

But regardless of where their audience's knowledge of the popular novels stand, Francis said her clan has been studying heavily in preparation for the trivia challenge.

"It's always really fun to come up with questions and nerd out about what you love," she said.

"A Trivia of Ice and Fire" at Over the Eight (594 Union Ave. between Richardson and Bayard streets, [www.overtheeight.com](http://www.overtheeight.com)). Jan. 19 at 6 pm. Runs every second Sunday.

## Out of Africa: Filmmaker revisits a trip to Angola in three-part performance

By Danielle Furfaro

It is a long way from here to Angola. And, apparently, it takes even longer to make a film about going there.

Dancer and filmmaker Jeremy Xido focuses his work on the intersection between narrative fiction and reality. His latest group of works, "the Angola Project," is a fusion of filmmaking and live performance that looks at the five-year process he went through in making a film in the south-west African country, including what happened behind the scenes and what got thrown out from the final product.

"I want to underscore the fiction of reality and the fiction of real spaces," said Xido.

"Angola" is comprised of three parts, which will be performed across four nights at



A wild hair: Jeremy Xido has spent years creating art based on his travels to places such as Angola, Portugal, and China.

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Cobble Hill's Invisible Dog as part of Performance Space 122's annual winter performance festival, COIL.

In the first part, Xido works out plans for a film about his trip to Angola, but the movie's narrative falls apart. In the second part, Xido makes a pitch to the

audience to get the film made. In the third part, he engages the audience in an interactive telling of stories related to travel, identity, colonialism, and biographies.

"It's almost as if you're in the editing studio with me," said Xido, who started his career in

Detroit before moving to New York City. "You see a film made out of bits and pieces of material. You see it being constructed and crumbling before your eyes."

Xido has performed parts one and two several times, but this is the first time that he will perform all three parts together.

"They all refer to each other, but it is kind of dizzying in the twists and turns that the narrative takes," said Xido. "It's entertaining and it is extraordinarily intimate."

"The Angola Project" at the Invisible Dog [51 Bergen St. between Boerum Place and Smith Street in Cobble Hill, (212) 352-3101, [www.ps122.org/coil](http://www.ps122.org/coil)]. Parts 1 and 2, Jan. 14 and 16 at 7 pm; part 3, Jan 15 at 7 pm and 9 pm; full trilogy, Jan. 17 at 7 pm. \$20-\$25.

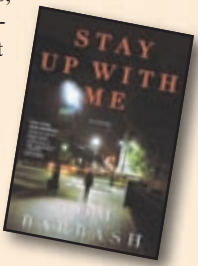


The best reads — handpicked by local bookstore employees

### WORD's pick: "Stay Up With Me" by Tom Barbash

The episodes of awkwardness, embarrassment, selfishness, and loneliness that exist in this collection hit humanity on the nose. Tom Barbash's crisp, minimalist storytelling cuts to the chase and leaves his characters exposed. What particularly moved me were the incredible flaws of his older characters. Often, his youthful characters are flawed in the way youth is flawed, but are open, kindhearted people. The older characters, however, are self-seeking and completely, utterly lost. Each story is better than the next, and I am sure I will go back to them again.

— CJ Schmidt, WORD [126 Franklin St. at Milton Street in Greenpoint, (718) 383-0096, [www.wordbrooklyn.com](http://www.wordbrooklyn.com)].



### The BookMark Shoppe's pick: "In The Blood" by Lisa Unger

"In The Blood" is Lisa Unger's most thrilling psychological thriller yet. Lana Granger has spent most of her young adult life as a student at Sacred Heart College. What better way to avoid facing the world than to remain in college? But as a condition of her trust fund, Lana will need to find part-time employment. When her college professor and mentor suggests a part-time nanny position to a bright, energetic boy, Lana quickly agrees. What Lana learns is that young Luke, who attends a school for troubled children, can be extremely is volatile and vicious. He reminds of her of another young troubled boy from her past, a past she had succeeded in running away from. Or so she thought. A gripping parallel story of diary entries brings this novel to a head in an explosive, jaw-dropping ending. A fast-paced story best read with a several nightlights on.

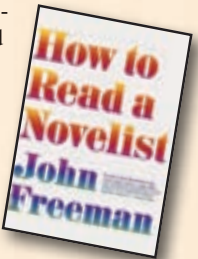
— Bina Valenzano, co-owner, The BookMark Shoppe [8415 Third Ave. between 84th and 85th streets in Bay Ridge, (718) 833-5115, [www.bookmarkshoppe.com](http://www.bookmarkshoppe.com)].



### Greenlight Bookstore's pick: "How to Read a Novelist" by John Freeman

Get ready to add to your "to-be-read" pile. John Freeman's essays and interviews with some of the world's top authors in "How To Read a Novelist" are thoughtful, engaging, and passionate. I have purchased numerous new books based on Freeman's essays, and am planning to revisit quite a few more with fresh eyes.

— Emily Russo, Greenlight Bookstore [686 Fulton St. between S. Elliott Place and S. Portland Avenue in Fort Greene, (718) 246-0200, [www.greenlightbookstore.com](http://www.greenlightbookstore.com)].



# LOVE IN A TIME OF VIDEO CHAT

*Brooklyn couple pens musical show over Skype*



You've got male: Jody Christopherson, with Michael de Roos projected in the background, in "The Skype Show."

Photo by Anna Flores

By Samantha Lim

When this couple was separated by 3,000 miles, they did not write each other love letters — they wrote a musical.

A Dutch actor and a Brooklyn-based playwright are reprising "The Skype Show" at the Brick Theater on Jan. 11 — a show the pair wrote entirely over the titular instant messaging service from their respective homelands, and debuted at the New York International Fringe Festival last year.

The musical was not just penned over Skype, it also tells the true story of how couple Jody Christopherson and Michael de Roos maintained their long-distance relationship via the application — something the audience will be able to experience first-hand.

"It's the story of us trying to stay connected via Skype while facing the challenge of distance," said Christopherson. "The audience makes it snow, eats some wedding cake, and learns to play the guitar. There is a lot of live music and a lot of Skype calls."

De Roos and Christopherson, who hail from Leiden, the Netherlands, and Omaha, Nebraska, respectively, first met in Brooklyn in 2013 when de Roos saw Christopherson performing in a play at a Crown Heights church.

"We went to Dutch Boy Burger afterwards to celebrate and immediately hit it off," said Christopherson. "He was a beatboxer, I was a singer. We both liked French fries and Brooklyn. So we moved in together and made music, film, and theater for two years."

The multi-talented twosome founded a self-

described "indie folk beatbox rock" duo called Greencard Wedding, but in 2012, de Roos was forced to return to Amsterdam due to visa complications. Although the separation was tough, it ultimately resulted in "The Skype Show."

The couple initially found Skype creatively stifling — the video messaging service's vexing lags and disconnections meant they were not being able to sing harmonies together. But the artists discovered another alternative — they could write a play.

The pair's perseverance draws attention to a predicament faced by many international artists based in New York — without expensive paperwork, such creatives have to travel back and forth between the city and their countries of origin. But creating "The Skype Show" may have also inadvertently helped the couple overcome this problem.

"Producing the show allows us to create a case for a visa," said Christopherson. "Ideally, with enough engagements, we can put funding toward getting his visa and make a case for him to reside in America."

But de Roos joked that if he had more money, he would tackle the problem a different way.

"I would just build a bridge between New York and Amsterdam," he said. "Why nobody has ever thought of this is beyond me, especially since the Dutch are famous for building bridges."

"The Skype Show" at the Brick Theater [579 Metropolitan Ave. at Lorimer Street in Williamsburg, (718) 285-3863, [www.bricktheater.com](http://www.bricktheater.com)]. Jan. 11-Feb. 8. \$18.

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**ART, "THE FASHION WORLD OF JEAN PAUL GAULTIER:** From the Sidewalk to the Catwalk": The first international exhibition of the celebrated French couturier's work, including stage costumes worn by Madonna and Beyonce. \$12 (suggested). 11 am–6 pm. Brooklyn Museum [200 Eastern Pkwy. at Washington Avenue in Prospect Heights, (718) 638–5000], [www.brooklynmuseum.org](http://www.brooklynmuseum.org).

**ART, "THE CAR POOLERS":** Work by Alejandro Cartagena, whose projects employ landscape and portraiture as a means to examine social, urban, and environmental issues. **Free.** Noon–6 pm. United Photo Industries Gallery (111 Front St. between Washington and Adams streets, Suite 226 in Dumbo), [unitedphotoindustries.com](http://unitedphotoindustries.com).

**AFTER SCHOOL ICE SKATING:** Children ages 5–7 learn the basic elements of ice skating through group and individual instruction. **Free.** 4 pm. Lasker Pool & Rink [110 Malcolm X Blvd., Central Park in Harlem, (212) 348–4867], [www.nycgovparks.org/events/2014/01/08/after-school-ice-skating](http://www.nycgovparks.org/events/2014/01/08/after-school-ice-skating).

**A NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM SLEEPOVER:** This unique sleepover will delight children ages 6 to 13 and their caregivers. The night includes tours of live-animal exhibitions, Museum Quests, and more. \$145 per person, \$135 (Members). 6 pm. American Museum of Natural History [Central Park West at 79th Street in Upper West Side, (212) 769–5200], [www.amnh.org/calendar/a-night-at-the-museum-sleepover-friday-january-10-2014](http://www.amnh.org/calendar/a-night-at-the-museum-sleepover-friday-january-10-2014).

**COMEDY, THE HYSTERODACTYL COMEDY SHOW:** Danny DelColle and Dillon Stevenson host a lineup of some of their favorite comedians. **Free.** 7:30 pm. Red Star Bar [37 Greenpoint Ave. at West

Street in Greenpoint, (718) 349–0162], [redstarny.com](http://redstarny.com).

**THEATER, "ARMINIO IN ARMINIA: A Budget Epic":** Opera Feroce presents a concert version of their opera, which features music by Nicola Porpora and an original storyline. \$20 (suggested). 7:30 pm. Zion German Evangelical Lutheran Church [125–131 Henry Street in Brooklyn Heights, (347) 909–1501], [operaferoce.com](http://operaferoce.com).

**FILM, POINT BREAK LIVE!** Meta-parody of the '90s action blockbuster. \$26–\$41. 8 pm. Bell House [149 Seventh St. at Third Avenue in Gowanus, (718) 643–6510], [www.thebellhouseny.com](http://www.thebellhouseny.com).

**MUSIC, MEET ME IN THE BATHROOM AND TELL ME ALL YOUR SECRETS:** A night of comedy and music with Dave Hill, Valley Lodge, Har Mar Superstar, Jackie Kashian, Doug Gillard, Mike Bocchetti, Ben Lerman, and Jodi Lennon. \$10. 8:30 pm. Union Hall [702 Union St. at Fifth Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 638–4400], [www.unionhallny.com](http://www.unionhallny.com).

**MUSIC, BILLY MINTZ RESIDENCY:** \$15 (suggested). 8:30 pm. IBeam Brooklyn [168 Seventh St. Third Fl. between Second and Third avenues in Gowanus], [www.ibeambrooklyn.com](http://www.ibeambrooklyn.com).

**MUSIC, MIGGUEL ANGGELO:** 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](http://www.bam.org).

SAT, JAN. 11

PERFORMANCE

**MUSIC, THREEFIFTY:** 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](http://www.bam.org).



Star power: The always dapper Har Mar Superstar will be one of the performers at "Meet Me In The Bathroom and Tell Me All Your Secrets" at Union Hall on Jan. 10. Associated Press / Matt Sayles

**MUSIC, LEE RANALDO AND THE DUST, STEVE GUNN, SPECTRE FOLK:** \$17 (\$15 in advance). 9 pm. Bell House [149 Seventh St. at Third Avenue in Gowanus, (718) 643–6510], [www.thebellhouseny.com](http://www.thebellhouseny.com).

**MUSIC, RENEE & THE DERELICTS:** **Free.** 9 pm. The Branded Saloon [603 Vanderbilt Ave. at Bergen Street in Prospect Heights, (718) 484–8704].

OTHER

**MULCHFEST:** Recycle your tree. 10 am–2 pm. Owl's Head Park [Colonial Road and 68th Street in Bay Ridge], [www.nyc.gov/mulchfest](http://www.nyc.gov/mulchfest).

**ICKY FEST WEEKEND:** Children learn all about what is gross, gooey, yucky and icky with fun activities. Free with museum admission. 10 am–5 pm. Brooklyn Children's Museum [145 Brooklyn Ave. at St. Marks Avenue in Crown Heights, (718) 735–4400], [www.brooklynkids.org](http://www.brooklynkids.org).

**READING, "INSIDE OUTSIDE":** After reading the book children create inside outside pictures of the subway. Free with transit museum admission. 1:30 pm. New York Transit Museum [Boerum Place at Schermerhorn Street in Downtown, (718) 694–1600], [www.mta.info/mta/museum](http://www.mta.info/mta/museum).

**ART, "REANIMATION LIBRARY/GOWANUS BRANCH":** Fea-

turing work by Jen Bervin, David East, and Marget Long. **Free.** 7–9 pm. Proteus Gowanus (543 Union St. at Nevins Street in Gowanus), [proteusgowanus.org](http://proteusgowanus.org).

SUN, JAN. 12

PERFORMANCE

**MUSIC, MIL'S TRILLS:** Celebrate the first concert of the new year with Melanie Hope Greenberg, Mil's Trills and lots of fun. \$15 (\$10 advance), free for babies. 11 am. Shape-shifter Lab [18 Whitewell Pl. between Carroll and First streets in Park Slope, (646) 820–9452].

**MUSIC, JAY Z:** \$32.50–\$175. 8 pm. Barclays Center [620 Atlantic Ave. at Pacific Street in Prospect Heights, (917) 618–6100], [www.barclayscenter.com](http://www.barclayscenter.com).

OTHER

**READING, MELISSA GUION:** Author of "Baby Penguins Love Their 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](http://www.powerhousearena.com).

**"ALEXANDER AND THE TERRIBLE, HORRIBLE, NO GOOD, VERY BAD DAY":** Have you ever had a really bad day? Alexander has and he has to learn to deal with

it. This musical is suitable for children 4 years and older. \$7. 2 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](http://www.brooklyncenteronline.org).

MON, JAN. 13

MUSIC, ASK ME ANOTHER:

Night of trivia, comedy, and music hosted by Ophira Eisenberg. With guest Delia Ephron. \$20 (\$15 in advance). 7:30 pm. Bell House [149 Seventh St. at Third Avenue in Gowanus, (718) 643–6510], [www.thebellhouseny.com](http://www.thebellhouseny.com).

**COMEDY, MICHAEL KOSTA AND HIS "FRIENDS":** The comedian hosts a night of comedy with Michelle Buteau, Jared Logan, and more. \$5. 8 pm. Union Hall [702 Union St. at Fifth Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 638–4400], [www.unionhallny.com](http://www.unionhallny.com).

**MUSIC, HANK MAY, SMALL WONDER, THE BEARS:** \$7. 8 pm. Trash Bar [256 Grand St. at Driggs Avenue in Williamsburg, (718) 599–1000], [www.thetrashbar.com](http://www.thetrashbar.com).

TUES, JAN. 14

**BESSIE'S BIG SHOT:** It's a bird, it's a plane, no—it's Bessie the cow! Based on the PuppetMobile show of the same name, this popular production is making its debut at the Swedish Cottage Marionette Theatre. \$10, \$7 (children under 12). 10:30 am & Noon. Swedish Cottage Marionette Theater [79th & West Dr, (212) 988–9093].

**COMEDY, CHEAP DATE COMEDY SHOW:** With Kevin Avery, Jackie Kashian, Jay Welch, and more. \$5. 8 pm. Union Hall [702 Union St. at Fifth Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 638–4400], [www.unionhallny.com](http://www.unionhallny.com).

WED, JAN. 15

**TALK, COMIC BOOK NIGHT:** With Sean Howe and Tim Leong. After a panel discussion, the experts will answer questions and sign copies. **Free.** 7 pm. Word Bookstore [126 Franklin St. between Milton and Noble streets in Greenpoint, (718) 383–0096], [www.wordbrooklyn.com](http://www.wordbrooklyn.com).

**SECRET SCIENCE CLUB:** Featuring mind-bending lectures, volatile experiments, and chemical libations. **Free.** 8 pm. Bell House [149 Seventh St. at Third Avenue in Gowanus, (718) 643–6510], [www.thebellhouseny.com](http://www.thebellhouseny.com).

**COMEDY, "THE ELECTRIC STUDY BREAK":** With Rob Cantrell, Matt Koff, and more. \$5. 8:30 pm. Union Hall [702 Union St. at Fifth Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 638–4400], [www.unionhallny.com](http://www.unionhallny.com).

THURS, JAN. 16

**HAT WORKSHOP:** Learn how to make a hat inspired by the work of Jean Paul Gaultier with design alchemist Heidi Lee. \$15 (\$10 members). 7 pm. Brooklyn Museum [200 Eastern Pkwy. at Washington Avenue in Prospect Heights, (718) 638–5000], [www.brooklynmuseum.org](http://www.brooklynmuseum.org).

**TALK, FRAN LEBOWITZ:** In conversation with Martin Scorsese. \$30. 7:30 pm. Brooklyn Academy of Music [30 Lafayette Ave. between Ashland Place and St. Felix Street in Fort Greene, (718) 636–4100], [www.bam.org](http://www.bam.org).

**DROP-IN DRAWING:** Explore artists' processes and build professional drawing skills. All ages welcome, no experience necessary. \$8 (\$7members). 7:30–9 pm. Brooklyn Museum [200 Eastern Pkwy. at Washington Avenue in Prospect Heights, (718) 638–5000], [www.brooklynmuseum.org](http://www.brooklynmuseum.org).

**MUSIC, COURT & SPARK TURNS 40:** A concert performance celebrating Joni Mitchell's 1974 album. \$5 (donation). 8 pm. Old Stone House (Third Street between Fourth and Fifth avenues in Park Slope), [theoldstonehouse.org](http://theoldstonehouse.org).

FRI, JAN. 17

**MUSIC, ONAJE ALLAN GUMBES & NEW VINTAGE:** 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](http://www.bam.org).

**MUSIC, BRIDGES AND POWERLINES, HIGH WAISTED, EULA:** \$8. 9 pm. Union Hall [702 Union St. at Fifth Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 638–4400], [www.unionhallny.com](http://www.unionhallny.com).

**MUSIC, LEVIN VINCENT/ DJ QU/ DAKINI9 WITH TERRANCE PARKER/ DJ SPIDER:** \$20. 10 pm. Output (74 Wythe Ave. at N. 12th Street in Williamsburg), [outputclub.com](http://outputclub.com).

**KARAOKE KILLED THE CAT:** Karaoke dance party for people who never thought they'd like karaoke. **Free.** Midnight. Union Hall [702 Union St. at Fifth Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 638–4400], [www.unionhallny.com](http://www.unionhallny.com).

SAT, JAN. 18

PERFORMANCE

**TALK, ART SPIEGELMAN AND PHILLIP JOHNSTON: WORDLESS!** The two collaborate on an innovative hybrid of slides, talk, and musical performance. \$30. 7:30 pm. Brooklyn Academy of Music [30 Lafayette Ave. between Ashland Place and St. Felix Street in Fort Greene, (718) 636–4100], [www.bam.org](http://www.bam.org).

OTHER

**LET'S MARCH:** Children learn about the Civil Rights movement and hear stories about Martin Luther King, Jr., and his famous march on Washington. 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](http://www.brooklynkids.org).

**WALKING TOUR:** Join Urban Rangers for a tour of historic sites of the American Revolution. Wear appropriate clothing. **Free.** 1 pm. Fort Greene Park Visitor Center [Enter park at Myrtle Avenue and Washington Park in Fort Greene, (718) 722–3218].

Spend your frosty Bay Ridge Nights at local hotspots

By Will Bredderman  
Welcome back to Bay Ridge Nights, showing you the exits to fun between the Gowanus and the Belt.

Warm up from the polar vortex that was your work week by hearing your favorite tunes at the **Greenhouse Cafe** [7717 Third Ave., between 77th and 78th streets], courtesy of DJ Suds. The longtime Brooklyn mixmaster starts spinning your requests at 10 pm — and no request is too tough. The veteran crate digger boasts a 220,000 song repertoire, ranging from '50s



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Things get even hotter on Saturday night at 10 pm, on the dance floor of the **Lone Star Bar** [8703 Fifth Ave., at the corner of 87th Street]. DJ Anthony will be at the country and western-themed bar, blasting modern Top 40 and dance music hits sure to make you buck like

a mechanical bull. Feel more in the mood for a live band,

but can't decide what you want to hear? Then bring your droogs to the **Wicked Monk** [9510 Third Ave., between 95th and 96th streets] at 11 pm, where Mashwork Orange will be dishing out its trademark medleys and mash-ups of beloved songs. Be sure to bring your Visine, because you won't be able to take your eyes off the band's electrifying live act.

Then on Sunday, soothe your aching hangovers at 2 pm with the quiet zither sounds of Dr. Bill Kolb at the **Schnitzel Haus** [7319 Fifth Ave., between 73rd and 74th streets). The man known as "Doctor Zither" will be serving up the sounds of Bavaria while the Schnitzel Haus's kitchen provides the taste.

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Inspector **Jeffrey Schiff**, former commander of the 76th Precinct and one of New York's finest. Chairperson **Daniel Kummer** bestowed the accolades at the board's Nov. 2013 meeting, where district manager **Craig Hammerman** and his assistant **Leroy Branch** shared in the festivities.

The awardees received the recognition for consistently going above and beyond in their service to the district, stated Standing O pal Kummer.

"In both cases, we have two excellent examples of local service chiefs," he said, adding clean streets and crime reduction can make us forget the hard work of our uniformed workers. "It's important that we make the time to recognize those that are responsible for these essential services that improve our quality of life."

Standing O salutes Deputy Inspector Schiff and District Superintendent Proscia.

*Community Board 6 [250 Baltic St. at Court Street in Cobble Hill, (718) 643-3027].*

## CONEY ISLAND

### Gelt for People's Playground

Hip, hip, hooray to the **New York City Regional Council** for awarding the **Alliance for Coney Island** a \$225,000 grant to improve tourism in the one-and-only Coney Island.

The campaign draws tourists by marketing and expanding seasonal events and programs, according to Senate Majority Coalition Leader **Jeffrey Klein**, who hailed the group's workers.

"I am proud of the awardees who are making environmental sustainability and long-term job growth a touchstone of their success," he said.

Standing O is especially proud of the Alliance for Coney Island for helping to keep America's Playground strong for Brooklynites and attractive to visitors.

*Alliance For Coney Island [1000 Surf*



**HO, HO, HO:** Nikoa Gaudin, accompanied by Mother Hefen on keyboard, rocks the Caton Park Nursing Home during a Christmas concert.

## Rockin' the Jingle Bells at the Center

### PROSPECT PARK SOUTH

Residents of the **Caton Park Nursing Home** were treated to a Carnegie Hall concert without ever leaving the borough.

Students from the **Maa Sa Akhi Performing Arts Academy** in Prospect Park South braved the rain and toted over keyboards, speakers, drums, and mics to perform an award-winning holiday concert.

Assistant director **Marilyn Antoine** welcomed all the performers, especially her son **Jayden**, who after only three months of lessons is able to tickle the ivories and play "Jingle Bells."

"He played with both hands" boasted the proud mom, who spread the admiration around. "For kids so young, it was unbelievable. It was even

better than Carnegie Hall."

Seasonal songs and pop favorites included "Every Breath You Take," performed by **Randy Valcourt, Fred-eric Renaud**, and the **Mesasdieu twins, Samien and Sebastien**, along with dad, **Samuel**. And the **Wee Rock Band** crooned "Ain't No Mountain High Enough," featuring solos by **Mar-quisse Sutton and Akayla Worme**.

The medley had seniors toe-tapping along, shared Sutton.

"The kids played pieces that made the seniors get from their seats and sing along," she said.

Singing students also delivered loads of cheer by handing out beautifully packaged gifts provided by **HSBC Bank's** Flatbush branch.

*Caton Park Nursing Home [1312 Caton Ave. at Rugby Road in Prospect Park South, (718) 693-7000].*

*Ave. at W. Eighth Street in Coney Island, (718) 594-7895].*

## GREENPOINT

### And the Tony goes to...

Brava to **Josh Hecht**. The borough son is directing "The Clearing," which will run off-Broadway at the Theatre at St. Clement's in that other borough across the river, from Jan. 15 through Feb. 9.

Josh is also the recipient of the Drama Desk Award for "Christine Jorgensen Reveals," and a director of first-run productions, including "Wearing Lorca's Bowtie," "Drew Larimore's Out Of Iceland," "Bob Morris's Assisted Loving," and "The DR2 Anna Ziegler's BFF," among many others. "The Clearing," written by Jake Jeppson and starring Allison Daugherty, Gene

Gallerano, Brian McManamon and Brian Murphy, tells the story of two brothers bound together by a terrible secret.

Josh officially hit the big time with this Standing O to add to his accomplishments!

*"The Clearing" at Theatre at St. Clement's [423 W. 46th St. in Manhattan, (212) 246-7277].*

## PARK SLOPE

### In their 'Hour' of need

The do-gooding family at **Saint Saviour High School** has done it again. Students, staff, and parents joined together for the second consecutive year to donate clothes, toys, and other items to **Hour Children**, a compassionate service organization that helps incarcerated and formerly incarcerated women and their children to rejoin the



## MARINE PARK

### 'Madison' band is a hit

A toot-toot-tootin' New Year's shout-out to **James Madison High School Marching Band** for bringing musical cheer last month to patients at **Beth Israel Medical Center's Kings Highway Division**, with a crowd-pleasing holiday concert in the lobby.

**James Trybendis**, a music teacher at the Marine Park school, directed his talented musicians through rousing renditions of "Jingle Bells," "Feliz Navidad," "Santa Claus is Coming to Town," and other seasonal favorites.

Welcome committee members, including **Rabbi Sheldon Goldsmith**, administrative vice president **Rhona Hetsrony**, patient care services veep **Marguerite Corda, RN**, and **Rabbi Jacob Hoenig** who arranged the annual event, added their sweet voices to the merry making.

*Beth Israel Medical Center [3201 Kings Hwy. at New York Avenue in Marine Park, (718) 252-3000].*

community and reunite with their families.

**Sr. Anne Lalley**, head of Religious Studies, organized the drive.

Standing O is proud to give a shout-out to Saint Saviour's good Samaritans, who make sure people are not neglected in their hour of need.

*St. Saviour High School [588 Sixth St. at Eighth Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 768-4406].*

## BROOKLYN HEIGHTS

### Rub-a-dub-dub

Three cheers to the **Massage Envy Spa** in Brooklyn Heights for giving the gift of relaxation to staffers at **PS 8**, the **Robert Fulton School**.

Spa workers provided stress-reducing chair massages for a teacher appreciation event over the holidays, to thank the hard-working educators for their dedication to the next generation.

Spa owner **Aaron Jones** said it felt great to let teachers know just how important and appreciated they really are.

"Giving them a few minutes of calm in the middle of a busy day is just a small way that we can say thank you for all that they do," he said.

In return, Standing O says, "Thank you" to the Massage Envy Spa.

*PS 8, the Robert Fulton School [37 Hicks St. at Middagh Street in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 834-6740].*



# Coney restaurant row! Food replacing furniture

BY WILL BREDDERMAN

It's out with sofas and footstools, in with sandwiches and frozen treats on Surf Avenue this summer!

A pair of chain eateries and a locally owned cafeteria are due to open on the People's Playground's most famous thoroughfare, replacing a pair of decades-old furniture stores.

A Subway sandwich shop will take over part of the location of Lago Furniture, a 30-year-old home furnishings dealer opposite Jones Walk that was swamped during Hurricane Sandy — while a locally owned cafeteria will move into Astroland Furniture's spot at W. 10th Street. And gelati giant Rita's Italian Ices will open a location at the corner of W. 15th Street in time for the amusement district's hot season.

Joe Vitacco, the real estate agent behind the Subway and Rita's deals, said the hero-making franchise will use the corporation's upscale "Tuscan design," complete with couches and a fireplace.

"It'll be more of a place to sit down and eat, a little nicer ambience," Vitacco said.

Vitacco said he was in talks with potential tenants to take over the rest of Lago's space.

The owner of Astroland Furniture's old location — who refused to

give his full name, and asked to be identified as "Ted" — said he was unsure what his new tenant would name its business, but said it would serve pizza, ice cream, and other fast food in a self-serve format.

Lago and Astroland Furniture existed in violation of the 2009 re-zoning of Coney's core, which required "entertainment-related retail," and drew the ire of amusement advocates like Sideshows by the Seashore founder Dick Zigun — particularly because of their aesthetic effect on the thoroughfare on summer evenings.

"The heart of an amusement district should not go dark at six o'clock at night," the self-proclaimed mayor of the People's Playground complained.

Rita's Italian Ice, meanwhile, will provide additional corporate competition to 74-year-old candy apple and ice cream institution Williams Candy, which sits almost directly across the street. Williams already faces a challenge from IT'SUGAR, an international candy chain that opened at the corner of Stillwell Avenue in May 2013. But Williams owner Pete Agripides has said he is unafraid of a tooth-rotting rivalry.

"I got no problem with competition. Competition is always good,"

said Agripides.

The new eateries join the Applebee's and Pop-eye's locations between Stillwell Avenue and W. 12th Street. Frozen yogurt titan Red Mango and retro-diner chain Johnny Rockets are set to open on the same block this year.



**MOVING OUT:** Superstorm Sandy drove Lago Furniture store president Liana Stevens out of business, and the space will soon host a Subway sandwich shop and other, as-yet-unannounced corporate tenants.  
Photo by Elizabeth Graham



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## Twins

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he wants to do."

These are all lessons that retired Command Sgt. Maj. Charles Duffee, the senior Army JROTC instructor at Grant County High School, said he tries to teach his JROTC cadets every day.

"It's important to teach young people discipline, and respect and dignity for themselves and for the people around them," Duf-

fee said. "They also need to have an appreciation for community service and learn that they shouldn't judge someone based on religion, appearances, or where they are from."

HOPE has serviced people with needs ranging from an elderly woman who needed a regulator for an oxygen tank, to people in need of beds for their children. HOPE also places messages on its Facebook page, and people within the community respond and fill the need.



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● ‘Everyone was telling me to wake up. I woke up and I was making shots.’

– Brooklyn Collegiate and guard Willie Barnes on his strong fourth quarter against Thomas Jefferson

● ‘We’ve got to move on, get better, and get ready to play them.’

– St. Francis coach Glenn Braica on rebounding from a tough loss to face LIU this week

# Brooklyn Collegiate routs rival Jefferson

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Brooklyn Collegiate and guard Willie Barnes turned a wild back-and-forth game filled with long scoring runs into a decisive rout last Saturday.

The Lions used a 30-point fourth quarter to secure a 94-78 home victory over Thomas Jefferson in Brooklyn Class AA boy's basketball. Barnes, who was inconsistent early, scored nine of his game-high 22 points in the final frame.

“The biggest difference was Willie Barnes finally started hitting shots he wasn't hitting early on the game,” said Lions coach Jacob Edwards.

The victory moves Brooklyn Collegiate (6-3, 5-1) into second place in the division, but it will have to go the rest of the way without star wing Jahliil Tripp.

The junior, who was playing his first game since being hit in the right calf with a stray bullet in early December, slipped taking a layup during warm ups and broke his left tibia in two places.

“It's really sad to see him not play,” said Lions junior Craig McKenzie. “His first game back and he can't even get on the court. It hurts.”

Barnes allowed his team to leave on a happier note. His teammates moved the ball crisply and finally got him open looks in the flow of the offense. He converted a three-point play and hit consecutive treys to help Brooklyn Collegiate take a 78-68 lead, the largest by any team up until that



**HEAR US ROAR:** (Above) Brooklyn Collegiate's Davere Creighton has the ball during the Lions' win over Thomas Jefferson on Jan. 4. (Right) Collegiate's Adrian Williams plans his next move.

Photos by Steve Solomonson

point, with 5:00 remaining in the game.

“I realized I had to wake up,” Barnes said. “Everyone was telling me to wake up. I woke up and I was making shots. They got me the ball.”

His long-range shooting allowed Brooklyn Collegiate to spread the floor. It opened up the paint for drives from big man Davere Creighton (13 points) and point guard Cheyenne Nettleton (12 points). Jefferson had no answers on both ends of the floor.

Brooklyn Collegiate lightened up its pressure defense and used a zone

to make the Orange Wave (7-4, 4-1) have to execute in the half court. Sophomore Shamorie Ponds paced Jefferson with 21 points, including five three-pointers, and star Daquaise Andrews, who was under the weather, added 13 points. The Orange Wave led 47-43 at the half.

Brooklyn Collegiate's game-changing surge started in the third quarter. It went on a 6-0 run to close the frame behind Craig McKenzie (16 points) to take a 64-59 lead into the fourth. Jefferson failed to respond after doing so for much of the game.

“We played three quar-



ters,” said Orange Wave coach Lawrence “Bud” Pollard. “In the fourth quarter we just gave up. We didn't have enough fight in us. They had a lot of fight. They took the game over.”

Brooklyn Collegiate felt its experience was the reason it was able to put the game away.

“Some of our players have been in the situation before,” McKenzie said. “A lot of them know what to do.”



**NOT ENOUGH:** St. Francis College forward Jalen Cannon scored 15 points in a loss to Columbia last Saturday.

St. Francis College Athletics / JC Ridley

## St. Francis misses a chance at history

BY MICHAEL RANDAZZO

St. Francis College's hopes of making conference history were dashed last Saturday in a 81-61 defeat by host Columbia.

The Terriers, looking to become the first Northeast Conference team to win 10 games entering league play, got off to a slow start before a defeat that snapped St. Francis' four-game winning streak.

Columbia rolled to an 11-2 lead 4:00 into the game. Consecutive three-pointers by Alex Rosenberg and Meiko Lyles pushed the Lions' advantage to 27-9 midway through the first half. Another Lyles's three made it 45-29 with 2:00 left before the break.

“We had no energy to start,” St. Francis coach Glenn Braica said. “It was one of those games where everything was going wrong — missing layups, every bounce going their way.”

Columbia sophomore Maodo Lo led all scorers with 22 points and Rosenberg had 21, including four of six shooting from behind the arc.

Junior Jalen Cannon and senior Ben Mockford each scored 11 second-half points and finished with 15 apiece for the Terriers, who never got closer than 13 points.

St. Francis (9-6) played man to man, it played zone, it pressed and it used every player on the bench. Nothing Braica de-

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# All-Brooklyn girls' volleyball honors

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Brooklyn teams made their presence felt in the city's volleyball landscape this year, and here we honor the programs and individuals who made the biggest impact in girls' volleyball.

Midwood reached the Public School Athletic League's Class A final for the first time since 2001. Fort Hamilton, which beat the Hornets at tournaments throughout the season, took home its second-straight PSAL Class B crown. Fontbonne Hall made it to the Catholic High School Athletic Association Brooklyn-Queens Division I final for the first time in three years. Poly Prep and Brooklyn Tech made semifinal appearances in the private school state tournament and the PSAL respectively, and St. Edmund was the Brooklyn-Queens Division II runner up.

Here are the people who excelled most on the court this season:

**All-Brooklyn Player of the Year:** Elisabet Genis, Midwood

The four-year varsity starter has been among the city's elite players throughout her career. Midwood coach Thomasina Lenzi's style of moving players around the court allows Genis, predominantly a setter, to flourish. She recorded 116 assists, 36 digs, and 37 aces in PSAL play this season and always gave the extra effort on the court. Genis pumped out 12 assists in the Hornets' semifinal win over rival Susan Wagner.

**All-Brooklyn Coach of the Year:** Richard Sherry, Fort Hamilton

Sherry has pushed the Tigers into the upper echelon of girls' volleyball programs in New York City after just seven seasons of existence. Fort Hamilton won its second-straight PSAL Class B title this year with hopes of compet-

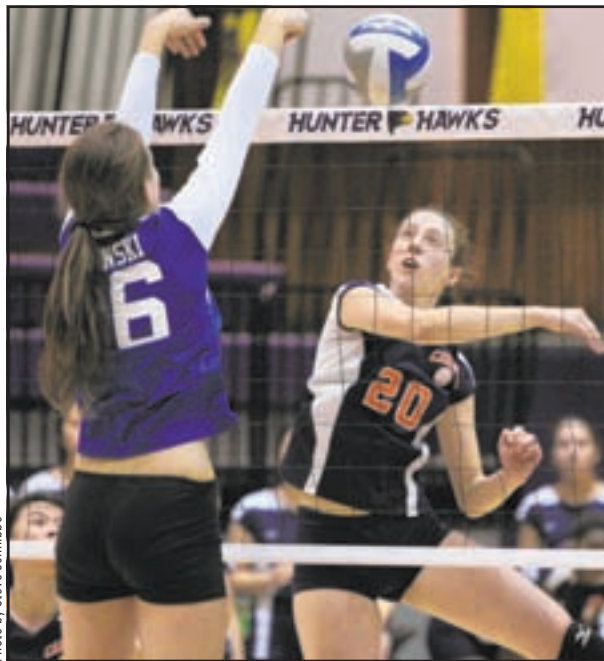


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**GAME, SET, MATCH:** (Clockwise from above) Brooklyn Tech's Victoria Plonski, one of the city's best young players, blocks a shot by Cardoza's Alyssa McAdam. Setter Elisabet Genis is the All-Brooklyn Player of the Year for her help in leading Midwood to the Public School league's Class A final. From left, Fort Hamilton coach – and Coach of the Year – Richard Sherry accepts the championship plaque from commissioner Tomas Baez.

ing for one at the highest level next season. Along the way, Fort Hamilton beat teams like Midwood, Fontbonne Hall and Susan Wagner. Fort Hamilton is a program on the rise thanks to Sherry's willing to go the extra mile to help players improve.

**All-Brooklyn Girls' Volleyball First Team:**

**MH** Marlena Budna, Fort Hamilton

Few players can change a game the way Buda can. The 6-foot-1 junior is a dominant force around the net. She recorded 154 kills, 72 blocks and 29 digs in PSAL play. Buda made opponents think twice about attacking the net.

**MH** Gillian Chan, Poly Prep

The senior had big shoes

to fill with the graduation of Jackie Kennedy, and did so seamlessly. Chan was the Blue Devils' best player at the net, and was usually on the sharp end of most of the team's big points. She helped lead Poly Prep to the New York State Association of Independent Schools Athletic Association semifinals.

**OH** Alexandra Gordon, Midwood

Gordon's athleticism was easy to see. The senior was the Hornets' most consistent hitter, usually getting up high to bring down booming kills and was also quick to dig out tough balls. Gordon also compiled 41 aces in PSAL play, adding to the ways she helped her team.

**MH** Emily Greenstein,



Photo by Steve Schimble



Photo by Yinghao Luo

Fontbonne Hall

The sophomore was one of the pleasant surprises of the 2013 campaign. She emerged as the Bonnies' best offensive force after senior Kristen Sullivan. Her big arm and athleticism mean Fontbonne's future is bright.

**MH** Victoria Plonski, Brooklyn Tech

Plonski, a sophomore, is one of the city's best young players. She helped lead Brooklyn Tech to the program's first ever PSAL Class A semifinals while displaying an array of skills. Plonski recorded 86 kills, 15 blocks and 36 aces in league play.

**OH** Sarina Rozek, Fort Hamilton

Rozek, a senior, was one

## No holiday cheer for two top hoops stars

The New Year certainly wasn't a happy one for two of Brooklyn's best basketball players trying to return from injuries.

Long Island University forward Julian Boyd and Brooklyn Collegiate wing Jahlil Tripp saw their seasons ended instead of restarted.

Boyd, a graduate student, again tore his anterior cruciate ligament in non-contact drills on Dec. 26 as the Blackbirds prepared to play Texas State. It is the same knee Boyd injured against Rice in December 2012.

A day later, Brooklyn Collegiate star Jahlil Tripp was set to return to action after being struck in his right calf by a stray bullet in early December. He was suited up and ready, but just minutes before game time he slipped taking a layup during warm ups and broke his left tibia in two places. Tripp will miss the remainder of the season.

"It was hard to see," Lions junior Willie Barnes said.

It is the kind of news in both cases that hits home and reminds you that life can be as unfair and cruel and as it is giving and exhilarating. The timing, especially around the holidays, just seemed to make it worse.

You can't help but feel for the two, who worked so hard to come back and were unable to enjoy the fruits of their labor.

The original hope was to have Boyd in uniform, even in a limited capacity for conference play, which opened on Jan. 9 in Brooklyn Heights against rival St. Francis College. Boyd returning for that game would have been special.

Boyd, who missed the 2009-10 season with



### JOE KNOWS

by Joe Staszewski

a heart condition, was destined to at least make a very good living playing professionally overseas and take a run at the NBA. But all of that just got a lot harder.

"He was determined to make it back on the court in whatever capacity he could," Blackbirds coach Jack Perri said. "He has such an incredible work ethic that you thought if anyone could do it, he could. I just can't help but feel sick with all that he has gone through and had to deal with over his career."

Tripp, who has scholarship offers from Manhattan and Quinnipiac, was looking to take his career to the next level and attract more schools. He and his veteran Brooklyn Collegiate team were supposed to challenge Abraham Lincoln for a city title. It still might, but having Tripp in the line up could be the difference between a trip to the final and falling short.

"The kid deserves to be out here on the court," said Thomas Jefferson coach Lawrence "Bud" Pollard. "He's a good kid. It is just luck. It's just bad luck."

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# Loughlin falls to Hayes

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Khadeen Carrington and Bishop Loughlin came up just short on Tuesday.

The Seton Hall-bound guard poured in a game-high 36 points, but had a potential game-tying three-pointer in the closing seconds of the Lions' 86-83 loss to host Cardinal Hayes in Catholic High School Athletic Association Class AA boys basketball. Carrington got a deep, but straight-on open look — but he misjudged how much time he had to take it, and it hit off the front rim.

"I think I just short armed it," Carrington said. "I didn't know how open I was, so I just kind of shot it quick."

He and his team were only in the position to tie thanks to a frantic fourth quarter comeback in what was a back-and-forth battle



**NOT ENOUGH:** Khadeen Carrington scored 36 points for Bishop Loughlin in a loss to Cardinal Hayes.

Photo by William Thomas

between two of the league's top teams. Loughlin trailed 83-73 with 2:11 to play in the game after Hayes (9-0, 8-0) was able to score quickly in transition. Carrington responded by tallying six straight points as Hayes

missed free throws and committed key turnovers.

Consecutive layups by Khalik Howe put Loughlin down just 84-83 with 22 seconds left in the game. Hayes star Shavar Newkirk, who scored 19 of his 24 points in the second half, made two free throws with nine seconds left to go. That left the Lions (8-3, 5-1) needing a three-pointer to force overtime. Carrington just wasn't able to get it in.

"He makes that shot in practice," Loughlin coach Ed Gonzalez said. "He was just a little short. Who better to take the last shot than your best player?"

Gonzalez was not happy with his team's defensive effort as five Hayes players scored in double digits, but he did like that they shot 28 of 31 from the free throw line. He also watched Javian Delacruz step up in

the second half with Rutgers-bound guard Mike Williams (13 points) in foul trouble. Delacruz scored 14 points and connected on four three-pointers to help open up the diving lanes.

"He spread them out," Gonzalez said. "When we are hitting on all cylinders we are a tough team to defend."

Loughlin, which reached the CHSAA city title game last year, has lost its last three meetings against Hayes. Carrington called it a tough defeat to swallow. He and his teammates know if they see the Cardinals again, it will be deep into a playoff run.

Carrington wants to be ready for that moment next time he is called on with the game on the line.

"I think I'm about to go the gym now, to tell you the truth," Carrington said.



**KILLER SHOT:** Fort Hamilton senior Sarina Rozek goes for a kill against Riverdale-Kingsbridge in the Public School Athletic League Class B final.

Photo by Yinghao Luo

## Volleyball

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of the biggest reasons for Fort Hamilton's rise to prominence. She's been the glue for the Tigers over her four years. Rozek tallied 148 kills, 77 digs and 31 aces in PSAL play.

**MH** Aleksandra Ryshina, Midwood

The senior's contributions didn't always show up in the stat sheets. Ryshina was an imposing presence around the net and big part of a talented front line. She and Alexandra Gordon formed a dynamic hitting duo.

**OH** Kristen Sullivan, Fontbonne Hall

The senior is one of the city's hardest working and determined players. Sullivan was the Bonnies' most productive and feared hitter. She was a leader and an example to the club's younger players. Sullivan had 10 kills and 16 digs in a diocesan final loss.

**S** Katherine Vaskevich, Brooklyn Tech

Vaskevich, a junior, was the engine for Brooklyn Tech. The two-year starter spread the ball around brilliantly throughout the season, but knew when to feed

the hot hand. Vaskevich posted 164 assists in league play, including 21 in a quarterfinal win over Bronx Science, and also had 33 aces.

**L** Shannon Twomey, Poly Prep

Twomey filled in admirably for graduated libero Kerri Saputo. The senior made all the hustle plays and helped Poly be one of the city's better defensive teams. Twomey was a big reason for the Blue Devils' late surge and run to the New York State Association of Independent Schools Athletic Association semifinals.

**All-Brooklyn Honorable Mention**

**RS** Michaela Appel, Midwood

**S** Kayse Brown, Bishop Loughlin

**S** Erin Blum, St. Edmund

**OH** Francesca Castellano, Fontbonne Hall

**OH** Monique Chambers, Van Arsdale

**S** Flora Gallina Jones, Poly Prep

**S** Morgan Henderson, Leon Goldstein

**OH/L** Alexandra Kiosse, Brooklyn Tech

**RS** Stefanie Rozek, Fort Hamilton

**S** Julia Yu, New Utrecht

## History

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vised could slow down Rosenberg, Lo or Columbia's up-tempo and unselfish attack. Columbia's Isaac Cohen — who led all players with 14 boards — snatched the rebound and shoveled in a put-back at the buzzer to give Columbia a commanding 50-33 halftime lead.

"It's a tough matchup for some of our young guys who are not used to guarding stuff like that," Braica said.

Columbia (9-6) bested St. Francis in every way. It out-scored them from outside by hitting 45.5 percent of its threes (10 of 22), compiling 15 assists to just four for the Terriers. Columbia also shot 23 of 28 from the free throw line.

"We do a good job of moving — cutting hard — because that gets other guys open," Rosenberg said.

Despite Braica's efforts to regroup, Columbia had no intention of letting up after inter-

mission. Behind seven points by Lo and two free throws by sophomore Grant Mullins, the Lions scored the first nine points of the second half and sprinted to a 59-33 lead, the largest of the game.

There is little time for the Terriers squad to lick its wounds. Northeast Conference play began this Thursday against visiting Long Island University in the first of two meetings.

"It's now 0-0 [in the conference]," said Braica of the upcoming Battle of Brooklyn. "We've got to move on, get better in practice and get ready to play them."

He remains confident in his squad despite them not being able to earn a place in the history books. In goes into conference play with a win over Miami and near upset of a nationally ranked Syracuse.

"We've had it good," Braica said. "If you looked at it before this season, the games we had to play, we've done very well."



## En garde!

Nets guard Alan Anderson defends against Atlanta Hawks point guard Jeff Teague at the Barclays Center on Jan. 6, when Brooklyn's home team defeated the Hawks 91-86.

AP / Kathy Willens



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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, PURSUANT TO LAW, that the NYC Dept. of Consumer Affairs will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, January 15, 2014 at 2:00 p.m., at 66 John Street, 11th floor, on a petition from S.I.A.E.A.1, Inc to continue to, maintain, and operate an unenclosed sidewalk cafe at 1123 Quentin Road in the Borough of Brooklyn for a term of two years. REQUEST FOR A COPY OF THE PROPOSED REVOCABLE CONSENT AGREEMENT MAY BE ADDRESSED TO: DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, ATTN: FOIL OFFICER, 42 BROADWAY, NEW YORK NY 10004.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY given that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Kings County on 12/31/2013, bearing Index Number NC-001452-13/KI, a copy of which may be examined at the Office of the Clerk, located at 141 Livingston Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201, grants me (us) the right to: Assume the name of (First) Shloma (Last) Rosenberg. My present name is (First) Shloma (Last) Felberbaum. My present address is 4515 - 12th Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11219-. My place of birth is Manhattan, New York. My date of birth is April 23, 1993.

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NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS, NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE, LLC, Plaintiff, vs. ANATOLIY BOLOBOV, ET AL., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on July 29, 2013, and the Supplemental Order filed October 29, 2013, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, Room 224, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on January 30, 2014 at 2:30 p.m., premises known as 60 Oceana Drive West #4A, Brooklyn, NY. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the

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buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, Block 8720 and Lot 1450 together with an undivided 1.28% interest in the common elements. Approximate amount of judgment is \$854,421.40 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 16177/07. Bernard Mitchell Alter, Referee Knuckles, Komosinski & Elliott, LLP, 565 Taxter Road, Ste. 590, Elmsford, NY 10523, Attorneys for Plaintiff

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SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS

AMERIQUEST FUNDING II REO SUBSIDIARY LLC, Plaintiff against FRANTZ ROWE (A FICTITIOUS PERSON) if living and if any be dead, etc..., et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered herein and dated September 30, 2010, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Courthouse, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY on the 30th day of January, 2014 at 2:30 PM premises situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point on the southerly side of Halsey Street, distance 76 feet westerly from the corner formed by the intersection of the southerly side of Halsey Street and the westerly side of Ralph Avenue; being a plot 100 feet by 18 feet by 100 feet by 18 feet. Block: 1668 Lot: 44 Said premises known as 764 HALSEY STREET, BROOKLYN, NY Approximate amount of lien \$ 539,242.98 plus interest & costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index Number 9954/06. KEVIN J. BYRNE, ESQ., Referee. Jeffrey A. Kosterich, LLC Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 68 Main Street, 3rd Floor Tuckahoe, NY 10707 (\*BAY RIDGE - \*)

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File No.2004/2205/A CITATION SURROGATE'S COURT, KINGS COUNTY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, By the Grace of God Free and Independent TO: NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK LOUIS R. ROSENTHAL, ESQ. HOWARD WILLIAMS and SYLVIA WILLIAMS, if living, and if dead, to such persons' heirs at law, next of kin and distributees whose names and places of residence are unknown and if such persons died subsequent to the decedent herein, to such persons' executors, administrators, legatees, devisees, assignees and successors in interest whose names and places of residence are unknown and to all other heirs at law, next of kin and distributees of JOYCE WILLIAMS, the decedent herein, whose names and places of residence are unknown and cannot after diligent inquiry be ascertained the unknown spouse, if any, and any and all unknown distributees, heirs-at-law and next-of-kin of JOYCE WILLIAMS, and if any of the aforementioned persons be dead, their respective husbands or wives, if any, legal representatives, heirs-at-law, next-of-kin, distributees and successors-in-interest generally, all of whose names and places of residence are unknown and cannot after diligent effort be ascertained A petition having been duly filed by Public Administrator of Kings County, with offices at 360 Adams Street, Room 144A, Brooklyn, New York 11201, YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, Kings County, at 2 Johnson Street, Room 319, Brooklyn, New York, on February 25, 2014, at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, why the account of the Public Administrator of Kings County, a summary of which has been served herewith, as Administra-

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tor of the estate of Joyce Williams, should not be judicially settled. [X] Further relief sought (if any): that the above persons be cited to show cause why such settlement should not be granted; why the Surrogate should not fix, determine and approve the petitioner's statutory commissions pursuant to SCPA 2307 in the amount of \$1,290.60, as shown in Schedule C-1, the petitioner's administration expenses pursuant to SCPA 1106(3) in the amount of \$258.12, as shown in Schedule C-1, and the compensation of the petitioner's counsel in the amount of \$1,471.29, as shown in Schedule C-1, together with such additional amounts as determined by the Surrogate, based on additions to the estate from the closing date of the Account to the date of the Decree; why such compensation of the petitioner's counsel should not be equitably allocated between Steven R. Finkelstein, Esq., and Louis R. Rosenthal, Esq.; why the claims of New York State Department of Taxation and Finance, in an unknown amount, as shown in Schedule D, Contingent and possible claims, and Schedule C-1, should not be fixed and determined or, if not so fixed and determined, deemed rejected; why a hearing should not be held to determine the decedent's distributees, at which time proof pursuant to SCPA 2225 may be presented; why the petitioner should not be permitted to distribute so much of the net estate, less an appropriate reserve for the preparation of fiduciary income tax returns and the payment of taxes, if any, shown thereon to be due, to the decedent's distributees, as now known or hereafter determined, as their interests may appear, and to deposit any amount not so distributed with the Commissioner of Finance of the City of New York for the benefit of any distributees of the decedent who are under disability and for whom or for whose estate no fiduciary has been appointed, or who are unknown or whose

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whereabouts are unknown; why the petitioner, upon fully complying with the Decree to be made in this proceeding, should not be released and discharged of and from any liability, responsibility or accountability with respect to the petitioner's acts and proceedings, whether embraced in or reasonably to be inferred from the Account; and why such other and further relief as this Court deems just and proper should not be granted. Dated, Attested and Sealed, HON. MARGARITA LÓPEZ TORRES Surrogate December 24, 2013 Seal Doreen A. Quinn Chief Clerk Steven R. Finkelstein, Esq. (212) 363-2500 90 Broad Street, Suite 1700, New York, New York 10004-2286 NOTE: This citation is served upon you as required by law. You are not required to appear. If you fail to appear it will be assumed that you do not object to the relief requested. You have a right to have an attorney appear for you, and you or your attorney may request a copy of the full account from the petitioner or petitioner's attorney.

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CITATION File No. 2012-00578/A PA. No. 137820 SURROGATE'S COURT, KINGS COUNTY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, By the Grace of God Free and Independent To: Harvey J. Watson, Jeannette E. Pharo, Arlene Evangelos, Joyce Woolverton, Richard Watson, Clara Elaine Torres, Carol Johnson, Adelaide Thompson, Cora Joyce Woolverton, as Executor of the Estate of Madeline Turner, Attorney General of the State of New York, New York State Department of Taxation and Finance, New York City Human Resources Administration. The spouse, if any and any and all unknown distributees and creditors of HELEN SILVERMAN, deceased, whose whereabouts are

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unknown and if any of the aforesaid persons be dead, to their heirs at law, next of kin and distributees whose names are places of residence are unknown and if the persons died subsequent to the decedent herein, to their executors, administrators, legatees, devisees, assignees and successors in interest whose names and places of residence are unknown and to all other heirs at law, next of kin and distributes of HELEN SILVERMAN, the decedent herein, whose names and places of residence are unknown and cannot after due diligence be ascertained, A petition having been duly filed by the Public Administrator of Kings County, who has offices at 360 Adams Street, Room 144A, Brooklyn, New York 11201, United States. YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court Kings County, at 2 Johnson Street, Room 319, Brooklyn, New York, on February 18, 2014, at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, why: (a) The account of proceedings of the Public Administrator of Kings County as Administrator of the estate of HELEN SILVERMAN, a summary of which has been served herewith, should not be judicially settled; (b) The public Administrator of Kings County should not be paid his commissions pursuant to SCPA § 2307 in the amount of \$15,233.42 as set forth in schedules C-1 and I of the Account; (c) The Public Administrator of Kings County should not be paid his administrative expenses pursuant to SCPA §1106(3) in the amount of \$3,744.47, as set forth in Schedules C-1 and J of the Account; (d) The Court should not fix, determine and approve the legal fees of Cullen and Dykman LLP, counsel to Petitioner, in the amount of \$22,466.82 as shown in Schedules C-1 and J of the Account; (e) The Court should not fix, determine and approve the disbursements of Cullen and Dykman LLP in the amount of \$474.00 as shown in Schedules C-1 and J of the Account; (f)

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The claims of the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance and the New York City Human Resources Administration, if any, should not be fixed and determined; (g) The petitioner should not be permitted to distribute so much of the net estate to the decedent's distributees, as now known or hereafter determined, as their interest may appear, and to deposit any amount not so distributed with the Commissioner of Finance of the City of New York to be held for the benefit of the decedent's unknown distributees or for the benefit of any distributees of the decedent who are under disability for whom no guardian of the property has been appointed; (h) The Petitioner, upon fully complying with the Decree to be made in this proceeding, should not be released and discharged of and from any and all liability, responsibility and accountability with respect to the Petitioner's acts and proceedings as administrator as set forth and embraced in said account and Court grant such other and further relief as it deems just and proper; Dated, Attested and Sealed, December 9, 2013. HON. Margarita Lopez Torres, Surrogate, Doreen A. Quinn, Chief Clerk. Attorney, Richard H. Freeman, Esq., Cullen and Dykman LLP, 44 Wall St., New York, NY 1 0 0 0 5 - 2 4 0 7 . (212) 701-4175. NOTE: This citation is served upon you as required by law. You are not required to appear. If you fail to appear it will be assumed that you do not object to the relief requested. You have a right to have an attorney appear for you, and you or your attorney may request a copy of the full account from the petitioner or petitioner's attorney.

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1256 BUSHWICK LLC, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 9/19/13. Office location: Kings County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served.

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SSNY shall mail process to Octavio Campoverde, 401 Linden St., 1st Fl., Brooklyn, NY 11237. General Purpose.

LEGAL NOTICE

203 17TH STREET, LLC, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 10/23/13. 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, 57 Hudson Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11201. General Purpose.

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30 LEXINGTON AVENUE, LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 11/16/2000. Office in Kings Co. SSNY design. agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 45 John St., Ste. 1711, NY, NY 10038, which is also the address of the registered agent, Spiegel & Utrera, PA, PC, upon whom process may be served. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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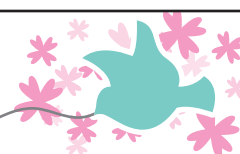
586 Morris-Bronx, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 09/24/13. Off. Loc.: Kings Co. SSNY design. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 245 Amherst St., Brooklyn, NY 11235. General Purposes.

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ALK Visions HR Consulting, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 12/10/13. Off. Loc.: Kings Co. SSNY design. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 40 Oceana Dr. W, #4H, Brooklyn, NY 11235. General Purposes.

LEGAL NOTICE

NORFOX, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 09/19/11. Off. Loc.: Kings Co. SSNY design. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 74 Amherst St., Brooklyn, NY 11235. General Purposes.



## Bridal fashion

### BRIDAL STYLE BOUTIQUE

905 Ave. U in Brooklyn, (718) 339-3222, [www.bridalstylesboutique.com](http://www.bridalstylesboutique.com)

Brides hoping to add a bit of flair to their outfit need to look no further than Bridal Styles. Its showroom has an unmatched selection of unique headpieces, veils, and jewelry.

### SPOSABELLA COUTURE

69A 7th Ave. in Brooklyn, (718) 789-8700, [www.sposabellacouture.com](http://www.sposabellacouture.com)

This full-service bridal shop has just about everything a bride needs like veils, headpieces, flower girl dresses, and a wide array of designer gowns.

### WORLD MALL BRIDAL DREAMS

7905 5th Ave. in Brooklyn, (718) 333-5041 or (646) 712-4084, [www.bridaldreamsmall.com](http://www.bridaldreamsmall.com)

It has a wide selection of designer gowns and shoes. This Bay Ridge dress shop will work with any bride, regardless of budget, to find the perfect dress.

## Catering & venues

### ALLEGRIA HOTEL

80 W Broadway in Long Beach, (516) 889-1300, [www.allegriahotel.com](http://www.allegriahotel.com)

Allegria Horel, is a chic and sophisticated wedding venue in Long Beach with breathtaking ocean views. Its great for rooftop or beachfront weddings.

### BAY RIDGE MANOR

476 76th St. in Brooklyn, (718) 748-8855, [www.bayridgemanor.com](http://www.bayridgemanor.com)

This distinctive catering hall is located in the heart of Bay Ridge and can accommodate anywhere from 40 to 250 guests in its two banquet rooms.

### CASA PEPE RESTAURANT

114 Bay Ridge Ave. in Brooklyn, (718) 833-8865, [www.casapepe.com](http://www.casapepe.com)

Casa Pepe, a Mexican and Spanish restaurant that New York Magazine describes as an "elegant restaurant, with garden dining in fine weather and a fireplace to warm up the gray days of winter" is a great place for a wedding or rehearsal.

### GIACOMO'S TRATTORIA

7902 3rd Ave. in Brooklyn, (718) 439-6993, [www.facebook.com/GiacomosWoodFiredPizza](http://www.facebook.com/GiacomosWoodFiredPizza)  
Giacomo's offers authentic Italian cuisine prepared by its renowned chefs. Its party room, that has a friendly atmosphere, is the perfect place for your bridal shower or rehearsal dinner. It offers off-premises catering as well.

### GLEN TERRACE

5313 Ave. in Brooklyn, (718) 252-4614

Glen Terrae has been serving Brooklyn for over 50 years and offers unique catering options at affordable prices for wedding banquets and other special occasions. It also features a brand new Caribbean menu.

### GREENHOUSE CAFE

7717 Third Ave. in Brooklyn, (718) 833-8200, [greenhousecafe.com](http://greenhousecafe.com)

Greenhouse Cafe offers a blend of traditions and modern food trends and is located in the heart of Bay Ridge. It has a full-sized bar and three dining rooms which include a beautiful atrium and outdoor dining area. It is ready to accommodate your boutique wedding, bridal shower, or rehearsal dinner. Valet parking is also available.

### IL FORNETTO

2902 Emmons Ave. in Brooklyn, (718) 332-8494, [www.ilfornettorestaurant.com](http://www.ilfornettorestaurant.com)

Il Fornetto is the only restaurant in Sheepshead Bay with a waterfront view. Its banquet hall and authentic Italian cuisine is the perfect setting for your wedding reception.

### GRAND PROSPECT HALL

263 Prospect Ave. in Brooklyn, (718) 788-0777, [www.grandprospecthall.com](http://www.grandprospecthall.com)

Grand Prospect Hall offers a wide variety of traditional wedding accommodations. It ensures the highest level of service to make your special day like a fairy tale.

### GRAND OAKS COUNTRY CLUB

200 Huguenot Ave. in Staten Island, (718) 356-2771, [www.grandoaksnyc.com](http://www.grandoaksnyc.com)

This new and improved Staten Island venue, which was formerly the South Shore Country Club, can provide the perfect and elegant backdrop for your reception. It has prime dates still available.

### NEW YORK CITY EVENTS

Contact Dyker Beach Golf Course at (718) 836-9722 x 1 or Pelham Bay & Split Rock Golf Course at (718) 885-1258 x 229, [www.nycevents.americangolf.com](http://www.nycevents.americangolf.com)

These two historic venues, each situated on a beautiful golf course, can provide the perfect backdrop for your wedding reception.

### REBAR

147 Front St. in Brooklyn, (718) 766-9110, [www.rebarnyc.com](http://www.rebarnyc.com)

Rebar, located in the heart of DUMBO, is a gastropub that promises to give you a unique "Brooklyn style" wedding that is truly an unforgettable experience.

### SIRICO'S

8015-23 13th Ave. in Brooklyn, (718) 331-2900, [www.siricoscaterers.net](http://www.siricoscaterers.net)

Sirico's offers elegantly modern accommodations, with the care and service that comes from being family-owned and operated business for over 85 years.

### THE VANDERBILT AT SOUTH BEACH

300 Father Capodanno Blvd. in Staten Island, (718) 447-0800, [www.vanderbiltssouthbeach.com](http://www.vanderbiltssouthbeach.com)

The Vanderbilt boasts both a luxurious banquet hall and magnificent outdoor oceanfront space. It can provide the highest quality of service, regardless of your preference.

### VILLA RUSSO

118-16 101st Ave in Queens, (718) 849-0990, [www.villarusso catering.com](http://www.villarusso catering.com)

Celebrate your wedding while experiencing the true radiance of this elegant Italian style villa that is nestled in the heart of Queens.

## Entertainment

### 360 ENTERTAINMENT

(718) 974-3214, [www.facebook.com/360Entertainment](http://www.facebook.com/360Entertainment), [hree60djs@aol.com](mailto:hree60djs@aol.com)

360 Entertainment is a DJ and event-planning company for all types of events and affairs. It has monthly discounts so follow the company on Facebook.

### THE AMAZING BOTTLE DANCERS

(800) 716-0556, [www.bottledancers.com](http://www.bottledancers.com)

The Amazing Bottle Dancers' thrilling 20-minute program is a great addition to your wedding reception.

### E-SQUARED PRODUCTIONS

4308 Richmond Ave. in Staten Island or 1665 Bath Ave in Brooklyn, (718) 227-3235, [www.e2dj.com](http://www.e2dj.com)

This full service wedding DJ has combined the latest technology in music, lighting, and entertainment to make for an unforgettable wedding reception.

## Event planning

### ERRAND BOY'S EXPRESS

(888) 418-6616 or (347) 946-9298, [www.ErrandBoysExpress.com](http://www.ErrandBoysExpress.com)

This full-service event planning company offers 24/7 assistance with lifestyle management, personal assistant, concierge, and errand services. It provides assistance for your special event or party.

## Florists

### 13TH AVENUE FLORIST

7806 13th Ave in Brooklyn, (718) 236-9088, [13thaveflorist@gmail.com](mailto:13thaveflorist@gmail.com)

Thirteenth Avenue Florist is fully equipped and can make your wedding day a memorable occasion. It is located in Dyker Heights and offers cutting-edge designs and a variety of signature wedding packages.

### FLORAL FANTASY

3031 Quentin Rd. in Brooklyn, (718) 998-7060 or (800) 566-8380, [www.floralfantasyny.com](http://www.floralfantasyny.com)

Floral Fantasy is an instructor for Brooklyn's Botanic Gardens and has your entire wedding celebration covered with bouquets, floral arrangements, and decorations fitting any budget.

### HENRY'S FLORIST

8103 Fifth Ave. in Brooklyn, (800) 543-6797 or (718) 238-3838, [www.henrysfloistweddingevents.com](http://www.henrysfloistweddingevents.com)

This company has proudly been serving the tri-state area for over 75 years with service, floral designs for different tastes, and budget-friendly wedding and reception packages.

### MARINE FLORIST AND DECORATORS

1995 Flatbush Ave. in Brooklyn, (800) 447-6730 or (718) 338-3600, [www.marineflorists.com](http://www.marineflorists.com)

This 100-year-old family-owned and operated florist has your ceremony and reception covered on the day of your wedding

## Jewelry

### BENNY'S JEWELRY LTD.

89-02 165th St., Ste. B1 in Jamaica, (718) 526-4613, [www.bennysjewelryllc.com](http://www.bennysjewelryllc.com)

Benny's Jewelry, LTD sets the standard in fine diamond watch making. Twenty years of creating some of the most unique jewelry has given it a unique perspective on the pulse of its clientele.

### CHIARIELLO JEWELERS

1135 Morris Park Ave. in the Bronx, (718) 823-0495, [www.chiariellojewelers.com](http://www.chiariellojewelers.com)

Chiariello Jewelers has been a family owned and operated business since 1988. It is a full-service jewelry store and offers comprehensive and detailed advice at any time.

### TIVOLI JEWELERS

327 Graham Ave. in Brooklyn, (718) 384-1305, [www.tivolijewelers.com](http://www.tivolijewelers.com)

Offering a wide variety of unique brands that cannot be found anywhere else, Tivoli Jeweler offers the highest quality of product while still remaining affordable.

## Limousine services

### A-CLASS LIMOUSINE

(800) 760-7125, [www.aclasslimousine.com](http://www.aclasslimousine.com)

New York and New Jersey's #1 limousine specialist has wedding packages to meet your budget. Call for a free price quote.

### MILA LIMOUSINE CORPORATION

(718) 232-8973, [www.milalimo.com](http://www.milalimo.com)

Mila is about providing the best service possible to ensure the utmost satisfaction by servicing the tri-state area with their selection of luxury and exotic vehicles.

### RJ'S LIMOUSINES

3285 Sunrise Hwy. in Wantagh, (516) 221-3040, [www.rjlimos.com](http://www.rjlimos.com)

RJ's will beat the price of any legitimate competitor by offering one of the largest selections of new and exotic cars on the East Coast with the utmost professional service,

## Photography & video

### FANTASY PHOTOGRAPHY

3031 Quentin Rd. in Brooklyn, (718) 998-0949, [www.fantasyphotographyandvideo.com](http://www.fantasyphotographyandvideo.com)

Fantasy Photography has over 30 years experience in the Metropolitan area and specializes in photo and video services for all types of weddings.

### GLAMOUR ME PHOTO & VIDEO

104-12 111th St. in South Richmond Hill, (888) 400-2738 or (718) 504-1970, [www.glamourmestudio.com](http://www.glamourmestudio.com)

Glamour Me offers one of the best wedding photo and video services in New York. It has packages for any budget, with a price and quality money-back guarantee.

### JOURDAN LEON PHOTOGRAPHY

(718) 529-4303, [jourdanphotovideo.com](http://jourdanphotovideo.com)

Jourdan Leon Photography specializes in wedding and event photography and video. It has been in business for t20 years and serves the five boroughs of New York.

### ONE FINE DAY PHOTOGRAPHERS

459 Pacific St. in Massapequa Park, (516) 690-1320, [www.onefinedayphotographers.com](http://www.onefinedayphotographers.com)

This company offers award-winning photography and video packages and competitive pricing that can match any budget.

## Salons

### PILO ARTS SALON

8412 3rd Ave. in Brooklyn, (718) 748-7411, [www.piloarts.com](http://www.piloarts.com)

This award winning Bay Ridge salon has been serving the New York area with exceptional style and service for 35 years. It was voted "Top five color salons" in the Metropolitan area and has been a choice wedding day-hair-an- make-up destination.

### SALON MALAVE

7824 13th Ave in Brooklyn, (347) 497-5720, [salonmalave.com](http://salonmalave.com)

Salon Malave is owned by master hairstylist Mary K. Berlinger-Malave and is home to a special team of experienced and dedicated professionals who work tirelessly to pamper and indulge their clients. It offers numerous bridal services.

## Services

### THE CAMBRIA FAMILY DENTAL CENTER

22802 Linden Blvd. in Queens, (718) 528-8592, [www.cambriafamilydental.com](http://www.cambriafamilydental.com)

Cambria Family Dental Center is dedicated to providing the entire family with outstanding preventive and restorative dental healthcare. It can give you a perfect smile for your big day.

### JOSEPH LICHTER, D.D.S.

1420 Ave. P in Brooklyn, (718) 339-7878, [www.josephlichterdds.com](http://www.josephlichterdds.com)

Your smile is Joseph Lichter's top priority. His entire team is dedicated to providing you with the personalized, gentle care that you deserve.

### OMNI DENTAL CARE

313 Kings Hwy. in Brooklyn, (718) 376-8656, [www.omnidentalcare.com](http://www.omnidentalcare.com)

If you teeth have chips, gaps, or just need whitening, Omni Dental can solve many issues with minimal visits so your smile can be perfect for your wedding day. Call now for a free consultation.

## Wedding expos

### BOSCO'S WEDDING EXPO

[www.cl.boscoweddings.com](http://www.cl.boscoweddings.com)

Bosco's Wedding Expo puts on bridal shows in the New York and Connecticut areas. Visit it's website to see the remaining 2013 show dates, and special offers.

### BRIDAL AFFAIR

(718) 317-9701, [www.bridalaffair.com](http://www.bridalaffair.com)

Bridal Affair hosts free bridal shows through November and across all the boroughs. It features runway shows and a variety of vendors. See its website for reservations and additional details.

### GREAT BRIDAL EXTRAVAGANZA

[www.greatbridalextravaganza.com](http://www.greatbridalextravaganza.com)

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**Brooklyn 2013, LLC.** Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 07/16/13. Off. Loc.: Kings Co. SSNY desig. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Seongchul Hong, 100 Old Palisade Rd., Apt. 2101, Fort Lee, NJ 07024. General Purposes.

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**Notice of Formation** of MKSA LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State on 11/13/13. Office location: Kings County. Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served to: Hebrew Academy for Special Children, Inc., 5902 14th Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11219, principal business address. Purpose: as specifically set forth in the Arts. of Org.

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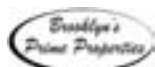
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Brick, on Huge 41x108 Lot,  
6.5 Dplx Feat: 3 Lrg BRs,  
Frm'l DR, Mod Kits & Baths  
w/ 3 Room Walk In 1st Flr  
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Fin Bsmt, Lrg Yrd, 3 Car  
Pvt Prkng. Only \$479,000  
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**CANARSIE**  
Sat, 1/11  
Sun, 11/12  
1-4 PM  
**1082 East 86<sup>TH</sup>**  
(Ave J & Ave K)  
**GORGEOUS!**  
Brick 2 Fam,  
Split Level.  
Total Remodeled  
7.5 over 5.5 + custom  
Kit & Baths, Den, Full  
Fin Bsmnt, Bckyrd, Gar



**CANARSIE**  
Sun, 1/12  
1-4 PM  
**1429 East 98<sup>TH</sup>**  
(Ave L & Ave M)  
**ALL BRAND NEW!**  
Large 2 Family  
Semi-Attached  
5.5 Over 5.5 +  
Finish Basement,  
Driveway, Backyard  
**ONLY ASK: \$499K**



**CONEY ISLAND OPEN HOUSE**  
SAT. 1/11 From 1-4 PM  
3513 MERMAID AVE.  
(West 35<sup>th</sup> & West 36<sup>th</sup> St)  
Beautiful, totally renovated  
3 bedrm 1.5 bath semi-det  
brick 1 family. Large  
yard & private drive.  
**Asking \$399,999**



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**Dyker Heights CO-OP OPEN HOUSE**  
SAT-SUN 12-2 PM  
1085 SHORE PKWY  
#2-B (16th/ 15th Ave)  
**Rare Find, Ocean View!**  
Bright & airy 2nd (top) flr  
garden apt co-op. Spa-  
cious 1BR w/full LR, ocean  
view. Kit w/window, dining  
area, full bath. Clean MIC.  
H/W incl, laundry rm. Sub-  
lease & pets ok. Indoor/  
outdoor parking waiting list.  
Steps to Dyker Park, golf,  
tennis courts, water,  
Express bus to NYC.  
\$228,000  
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### ► BROOKLYN OPEN HOUSE

**East Flatbush OPEN HOUSE**  
SUN. 1/12 From 1-4 PM  
3912 AVENUE J  
(E.39<sup>th</sup> & E.40<sup>th</sup> Sts)  
**EXCLUSIVE**  
Semi-det 3 bdrm 1 family  
dplx. 2.5 baths, new hwd  
floors, 2 car garage. Near  
schools & transportation.  
Asking \$499,000.



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**East Flatbush**  
Sun, 1/12  
1-4 PM  
**1102 East 38<sup>TH</sup> St.**  
(Ave I & Ave J)  
**NEW LISTING**  
2 Fam, Semi-Det,  
4 BR Duplex over 3  
BR, EIK, LR & DR,  
Walk-in Fin Bsmnt.  
**MUST SEE!**



**Flatlands CO-OP OPEN HOUSE**  
SUNDAY 1-3 PM  
1275 EAST 51<sup>st</sup> ST.  
#2-Z  
(Betwn Aves I & J)  
Kings Village. Studio  
co-op w/ separate kitchen  
& full bath. Hrdwd flrs.  
10% down OK. \$59,000.



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**Madison Co-op OPEN HOUSE**  
SUN. 1/12, 12-2 PM  
3203 Nostrand Ave.  
Apt. #2-K  
(Btwn Aves R & S)  
Nice, bright, quiet & sunny  
co-op apt with separate  
kitchen, facing rear. Good  
cond, bldg has 24 hr sur-  
veillance, laundry, parking-  
waiting list, Express bus  
to Manhattan. Asking  
\$109,000.  
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### ► BROOKLYN OPEN HOUSE

**MADISON OPEN HOUSE**  
SUN. 1/12, 12-3 PM  
1860 E.27<sup>th</sup> STREET  
1 FAM det Side center hall  
3 bedrm, 2.5 bath on  
30x100. High ceilings  
w/ crown & wall moldings.  
Eat-in kitch, oak floors.  
Fin bsmt, garage, privt  
drive. \$919,000.  
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**Marine Park/Flatbush**  
Sat, Jan. 11, 2014  
11 AM-3:30 PM  
Sun, Jan. 12, 2014  
1 PM-4 PM  
2239 Troy Ave.  
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**LRG 2 BR: \$135K**  
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Beautiful Hard Wood  
Floors, Eat In Kitchen,  
New High End/Energy  
Efficient Windows.  
Low Maintenance  
Utilities included.  
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Sun, Jan. 12<sup>TH</sup>  
12-3 PM  
**2318 Plumb 2<sup>ND</sup> St**  
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New Windows,  
New EIK & Bath,  
Parquet flrs, Custom  
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**Old Mill Basin/Kings Plaza OPEN HOUSE**  
SUN 1/12, 12 Noon-3PM  
2072 E.53<sup>rd</sup> PLACE  
(Btwn Ave T & Ave U)  
Beautiful 2 Family Brick,  
S/D, 5 Over 5 Feat: 2 Lrg  
BRs Each Apt, Mod Kitchens  
& Baths, Yard + Comp Fin  
Bsmt w/ Add'l 2BRs, 2 Car  
Pvt Prkng, Near Transp  
& Shops, Priced to Sell  
Only \$549,900.  
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**Old Mill Basin OPEN HOUSE**  
SATURDAY 1/11  
1-3 PM  
**2333 UTICA AVE.**  
(Off Ave O)  
Brick 1 Family, Prvt  
Drv, Garage, Sliding  
Door to Deck, 2BRs,  
2 Baths, Move-In  
Cond, Only \$300's.  
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**OLD MILL BASIN OPEN HOUSE**  
SATURDAY 1-3 PM  
1504 EAST 45<sup>th</sup> ST.  
(Flatlands & Ave K)  
Lovely det 1 fam. Spacious  
2 bdrm duplex w/ lrg LR w/  
vaulted ceiling & skylights,  
FDR, new kitch w/S.S ap-  
plis, new full C/T bath & full  
bsmt. Polished hwd flrs.  
Exclnt MIC. Bkyrd w/ new  
cement patio. Mid \$300's



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**Old Mill Basin OPEN HOUSE**  
SUN. 1/12 From 1-4 PM  
1464 EAST 59<sup>th</sup> ST  
(Btwn Ave N & Ave O)  
Semi-det 1 family. 8 room,  
3 bdrm home w/ fin bsmnt.  
Lrg yard & prking for 1 car.  
**SHORT SALE**  
**Reduced \$419,888**



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**OPEN HOUSE MARINE PARK**  
SUN, JAN. 12<sup>th</sup> 1-3<sup>pm</sup>  
2171 EAST 34<sup>st</sup>  
**SHORT SALE**  
**Stunning Fully Detached Brick Beauty!** Totally  
renov 3 bdrm duplex  
magnificent kit, beautiful  
hwd floors, fin bsmnt with  
9 ft ceilings, custom alcoa  
aluminium high end win-  
dows that are solar cooled,  
soun resistant & so much  
more. This house is a  
winner! **Asking \$699,000**  
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**Sheepshead Bay OPEN HOUSE**  
SAT & SUN 12-3 PM  
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**PENTHOUSE UNITS**  
3 bdrm/ 3 bath condos  
\*2 Parking Spots & All  
Appliances Included.  
Starting at \$689,000  
Also Avail: Studio w/ bdrm  
alcove & balcony \$259K  
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**Sheepshead Bay OPEN HOUSE**  
SUN. 1/12, 1-4 PM  
2455 HARING ST.  
APT. #1-H  
Large 2 bdrm corner front  
co-op, w/ windows on 3  
sides. Updated eat-in kitch  
w/ window, lrg LR, sep din-  
ing area, 7 closets, 2 A/C  
units. Maint \$658 incl gas,  
elec & heat, \$112,000.  
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SUN. 1/12, 1-3 PM  
1625 Emmons Ave  
**#2-P (Bell #43)**

**VIKING BUILDING**  
Large 1 BDRM Co-op,  
EIK w/ window, separate  
dining area, full size  
BDRM and Living Room,  
Pool. No sublease,  
no dogs. \$189K

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Nadya 917-407-4543

**SHEEPSHEAD BAY OPEN HOUSE**  
SUNDAY 1-3 PM  
2800 BROWN ST.  
(Emmons Ave & Shore Pkwy)  
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renovated det 1 fam ranch.  
Kitchen w/new appliances,  
LR/DR combo, Full Bath,  
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Walk to bay. \$345,000



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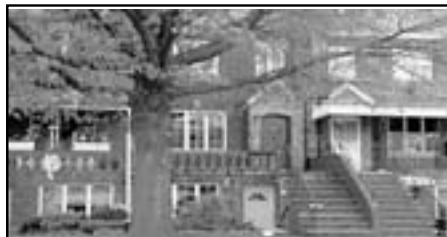
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### MARINE PARK OPEN HOUSE SUN. 1/12, 1-3PM 2012 Bragg Street

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### MARINE PARK OPEN HOUSE

SUN. 1/12, 1-3PM  
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3 BR 1st Floor Condo! 2 baths, new kitchen, hwdw flrs, lg LR/DR combo, full bsmt, (private) with laundry rm and an extra 500sq - Nice rear yd and pvt drv for 3 cars.  
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**GERRITSEN BEACH:** Great Opportunity! 2 BR Semi-Det. Duplex, LR, DR, kit. over semi-fin bsmt with ¾ bth, rear porch and extra large yard. Needs TLC! Priced to Sell!  
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MM1244

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### ► BROOKLYN GARAGE RENTAL

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**Bergen Cove**  
3 BR, 2 Full Baths  
Terrace  
\$2,000 + Heat  
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### BERGEN BEACH

East 70<sup>TH</sup> & Ave U  
2 Bedroom  
\$1,350  
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BERGEN BEACH-Lovely 1BR, 1st flr prvt house. LR, updated kitch w/win & bathrm, spacious bdrm w/large closet. No pets, non-smoking. \$1100/mo. Century-21 Homefront, 718-252-6060

Bergen Beach mod 7.5 rm. 2 bths, yard, parking also same bldg 4.5 Walk in Joseph RE 718-934-2400

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2 Bedroom, 1 full bath in 3 Family house. Lower Level 2 blocks to Q train, shops & beach  
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2 Bedroom  
Split Level  
2<sup>ND</sup> floor  
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Renovated  
\$1,400

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Midwood-Renovated 2 rm studio co-op, elevator bldg. Sep kit w/window, lrg bdrm, lots closets. Near B'klyn College/shopping/transp. Need board approval. \$1,200/mo. Century-21 Homefront, 718-252-6060

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Old Mill Basin- Lovely 2BR apt w/LR, EiK, full bath. Heat included. \$1,450/mo. Century-21 Homefront, 718-252-6060

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#### SHEEPSHEAD BAY

**Ave T & Ocean Ave**  
3 Bedroom, 1.5 Baths  
Terrace  
\$2,075 + Heat  
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Double Lot. Gutted 2 Bedroom Ranch, Bring the sheetrock needs TLC  
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