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## Fed cash flows for bridge

BY NICHELLE HENRY

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority will finally be reimbursed for millions of dollars in repairs it made in Marine Park after Hurricane Sandy.

Nearly \$3.5 million in Federal Emergency Management Agency funding will reimburse the agency for repairs and improvements on the Marine Parkway-Gil Hodges Bridge done last year after the superstorm swept away a sea wall and doused its electrical systems with seawater.

The Marine Parkway Bridge is a four-lane bridge connecting Beach Channel Drive in Rockaway, Queens, to Flatbush Avenue in Marine Park, with nearly 8 million vehicle crossings a year. The bridge is also popular among Brooklyn cyclists who use the bike lane to get to the beaches of Rockaway in the summer. More importantly, the critical causeway is the main evacuation route for residents of the Rockaway Peninsula.

It is also a lift bridge, equipped to raise a portion of its span to allow boats to enter Jamaica Bay.

Hurricane Sandy caused critical damage to the bridge's electrical and mechanical systems, requiring immediate repair, in addition to damaging several parts of the bridge structure, including an adjacent sea wall and service road.

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# PER-SWAN-A NON GRATA



**ENEMY OF THE STATE:** The New York State Department of Environmental Protection has targeted the mute swan, claiming it is an invasive species that must be completely eradicated by 2025.

File photo by Anne-Katrin Titzte

## State aims to exterminate elegant fowl

BY COLIN MIXSON

What does an ugly duckling grow up to become in New York? A dead swan, that's what — if the state gets its way!

Albany has declared the mute swan an enemy of the state and plans to eradicate the menace by 2025.

The state's Department of Environmental Conservation's recently released "Mute Swan Management Plan," labels the bird an invasive species that hurts the environment and calls for the elimination of the per-swan-a non grata's free-ranging population in the state.

"This plan supports actions by DEC to eliminate free-ranging mute swans from New York

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# 'SATANIC' PUSSY RIOT?

## Anarchic artists are disciples of the Antichrist – says Orthodox priest

BY MEGAN RIESZ

Turn off that devil music!

Members of the Russian protest punk group Pussy Riot are set to make their first post-prison appearance in the United States at the Barclays Center in February, but one local priest does not want those heretics anywhere near his flock.

"This is satanic," said Archpriest Serge Lukianov of the Orthodox New Martyrs and Confessors of Russia Church in Bensonhurst.

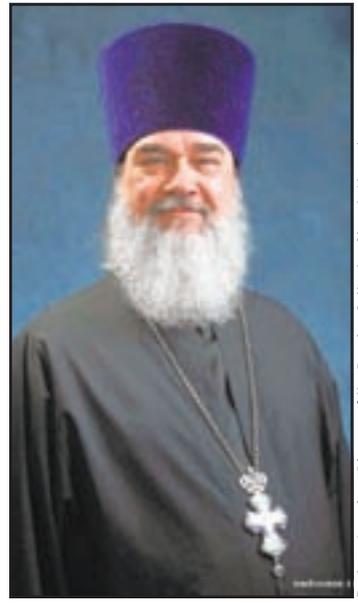
The anarchist rockers made headlines in 2012 when the Russian authorities arrested three of them for filming a raucous anti-Vladimir Putin music video in a Russian Orthodox Church cathedral in Moscow. The group became a cause celebre over the course of the trio's subsequent trial and imprisonment on hooliganism charges. Two are now fresh out of the pokey — the third was released in 2012 — and planning to say a few words at the Feb. 5 Amnesty International concert in Prospect Heights, but Lukianov says their message of protest against the church and its role in government is nothing to celebrate.

"It is appalling that people are making them into heroes," he said. "Anyone who desecrates a church, synagogue, or mosque is not a hero."

International civil liberties organizations, including Amnesty International, say the two years Nadezhda "Nadva" Tolokonnikova and Maria "Masha" Alyokhina spent in a Mordovin prison were unjust attacks on political speech, but Lukianov thinks their jail-



**THROWING UP THE HORNS:** (Clockwise from above) Pussy Riot member Nadezhda Tolokonnikova made this devilish gesture in a Mordovan court halfway through her two-year prison term. But Brooklyn Archpriest Serge Lukianov says it's no joke. New York cops cuff a protester demonstrating in support of Pussy Riot back in 2012. Pussy Riot members, from left, Nadezhda Tolokonnikova, Yekaterina Samutsevich, and Maria Alekhina sit in a glass cage in a Moscow courtroom in 2012.



Eastern American Diocese of the Russian Orthodox Church Abroad

ing was called-for.

"They have their own opinion, but to desecrate the holiest of holy churches is completely out of line," the priest said.

Another prominent Russian took a more tempered view.

Pussy Riot has the right to protest wherever it wants, but probably should not have picked a beloved cathedral for their now-famous performance, according to Assemblyman Alec Brook-Krasny, the first and only Russian-born legislator in New York state.

"Freedom of speech is freedom of speech," said Brook-Krasny (D—Coney Island).

Tolokonnikova and Alyokhina were supposed to

be held until April 2014, but were released in December, which they said was an effort by Putin to clean up his dictatorial image ahead of the Winter Olympics in early February. The rabble-rousing pair said they are lending their radical bona fides to Amnesty International because the organization had their backs while they were on the inside.

"We will never forget what it's like to be in prison after a political conviction," the twosome said in a statement. "We have vowed to continue helping those who remain behind bars."

They plan to "inspect the conditions of U.S. inmates" during their time here, according to the Hollywood Reporter.



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# GRIMM'S REGRET



## Rep apologizes to reporter for verbal threat

BY WILL BREDDERMAN

Rep. Michael Grimm says he is sorry for menacing a television journalist after the President's State of the Union address on Jan. 28, but Dems are saying he is not sorry enough — and political experts say he soon may be even sorrier.

Grimm (R-Bay Ridge) threatened to throw a NY1 reporter over the Congressional balcony, then “break him in half” after the newsman inquired about a federal investigation into the pol's campaign finances.

“I shouldn't have allowed my emotions to get the better of me and lose my cool,” said in a statement. “I have apologized to Michael Scotto, which he graciously accepted, and will be scheduling a lunch soon.”

Scotto tweeted that he had accepted the apology, but it wasn't enough for the ex-Marine and Federal Bureau of Investigation agent's Democratic critics.

Forces seeking to unseat the Congressman in this year's election jumped on the incident, recalling the recent arrest of Grimm contributor Diana Durand for allegedly breaking federal campaign finance laws through donations to Grimm's 2010 election effort. They also alluded

to the ongoing investigation into whether the Congressman's fund-raisers strong-armed members of a Manhattan rabbi's congregation into giving money to Grimm's successful bid for the Staten Island-to-Gravesend seat.

“What exactly was Congressman Michael Grimm so afraid of discussing that he threatened to throw a reporter off a balcony?” de-

manded the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, which funds deep-blue bids for the House of Representatives. “There's an abundance of corruption, ethics and fund-raising controversies to choose from.”

And Grimm's Democrat rival, ex-Coney Island Councilman Domenic Recchia, blasted the incumbent as a national disgrace.

“Michael Grimm's behavior last night was disgraceful, completely unacceptable, and unfitting of a United States Congressman. Using threats of physical violence to intimidate the press from doing their jobs is against everything our country — and our government — stands for, and is a shameful abuse of power,” Recchia wrote on

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## Mike's history of violent talk

BY WILL BREDDERMAN

Hot-headed Rep. Michael Grimm's scrape with NY1 reporter Michael Scotto may not have been the first time his temper got the best of him in public. Stories about the Bay Ridge congressman's volatile demeanor have followed him for years, so we have rounded up the Republican's greatest hits:

• In 1999, Grimm and a date entered a Queens nightclub called Caribbean Tropics — apparently unaware that the woman's estranged husband was inside, according the New Yorker magazine. The spurned hubby accosted the then-Federal Bureau of Investigation agent, and a heated exchange ensued where Grimm allegedly warned “He don't know who he's f----- with. I'll f----- make him disappear where nobody will find him.” Grimm then left, and report-



edly returned later with a gun, screaming, “I'm gonna f----- kill him.” Grimm allegedly then left again, and returned a third time with a fellow g-man and a group of police officers and declared the Feds were taking control of the scene. To locate the husband, he reportedly ordered, “All the white people get out of here.” Grimm denied the incident took place.

• In 2012, at a meeting of the Bensonhurst West End Community Council, several residents in attendance demanded to know how Grimm could represent their largely Democratic neighborhood when he was a “Tea-Party Republican.” The critics attempted to talk over the Congressman, causing him to become visibly angry.

“You asked me a question, let me an-

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# A dinger!

## All-Stars coming to Coney

BY WILL BREDDERMAN

Who needs the Super Bowl — the New York-Penn League All-Star Game is coming to Brooklyn!

The best and brightest of the Class-A short-season league will go to bat at MCU Park in Coney Island on Aug. 19, 2014 — marking the first time since 2005 that the Cyclones' home has hosted the match-up.

Top brass at the 'Clones organization said the game will not only showcase the batting, pitching, and fielding skills of the young baseball players, but also the enormous transformations the People's Playground has undergone in the last decade.

“It's been almost 10 years since we hosted the game, and we are excited for the opportunity to show the fans, players, and executives from around the league the transformation that Coney Island has undergone,” said Mini-Mets vice president Steve Cohen.

New York-Penn officials said they picked the Pride of Coney Island's stadium to host the game because the team has led the league in attendance every year since it came to Brooklyn in 2001.

“The Cyclones have consistently set the bar for excellence in their operations, overall fan experience, and community involvement,” said league prez Ben Hayes.

The game promises to be a Civil War of sorts, pitting South against North. The South All-Star Affiliates will feature the finest talents from the Cyclones, alongside players from their reviled rivals the Staten Island Yankees, as well as the Williamsport Crosscutters, Jamestown Jammers, Aberdeen Ironbirds, Mahoning Valley Scrappers, and the State College Spikes. The North team will include athletes from the Auburn Doubledays, Batavia Muckdogs, Connecticut Tigers, Hudson Valley Renegades, Lowell Spinners, Tri-City Valleycats, and the Vermont Lake Monsters.

The 2005 All-Star Game — the first ever in the New York Penn League — pitted National League affiliates against the American League-connected clubs, with the Cyclones and the National League edging out the Yankees and the American League in a 5-4 squeaker.

The All-Star Game will not be the only showdown at MCU. The day before the professional baseball game, the stadium will host the Civil Servant/Celebrity All-Star Challenge — a softball game featuring players from the Police, Fire, Sanitation, and Port Authority Police departments, with one team led by Brooklyn-born retired Mets hurler John Franco and the other by borough-native Rosanna Scotto of Fox 5's Good Day New York.



**AMAZIN':** Legendary Mets southpaw and Bensonhurst native John Franco will captain a team of civil servant softballers at MCU Park before the All-Star Game.

Photo by Steve Solomonson



## Rockin' tribute to Ridge arts visionary

BY WILL BREDDERMAN  
Gone, but not forgotten.  
Bay Ridge's biggest bands rocked Saint Patrick's School Auditorium at the corner of 97th Street and Fourth Avenue on Jan. 24 to remember a legend in the local arts community.

Bay Ridge-born writer, actor, and mentor Tom Kane would have turned 56 on Jan. 21, but he lost his life to cancer in 2011. So his

friends, family, and proteges decided to throw a party in his honor.

"Three years was time enough that we were done mourning and could celebrate his life and his legacy. And that's why I felt a birthday party would be so appropriate," said Anthony Marino, who starred in Kane's first play "The Life and Times of Mathew Ryan" at age 12, and a decade later

co-founded BrooklynOne Productions with the man who gave him his start in the arts. BrooklynOne continues to put on original film, poetry, theater, and dance events in and around Bay Ridge to this day.

Kane loved Bay Ridge's music scene, and the neighborhood's top performers came out to honor him. Show tunes and oldies vocalist John Heffernan,

classic rockers Beefcake, beloved party rock cover group Frankie Marra & His Band, southern rockers Head N' South, and hard rock cover band Radio Daze all took the stage to pay tribute to Kane and bring down the house. Some 200 people in all came out to reminisce and rock out.

"It was electric. The crowd was just so enthusias-

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**GUITAR MAN:** (Above) Eddie Sarkis from Head N' South wails on the axe during a concert in honor of late Ridgite Tommy Kane. (Center) Kane's sister, Kerry, on the left, and her husband Pat Boarst get their groove on on the dance floor. (Right) Radio Daze closed out the Jan. 24 party.  
Photos by Steve Schnibbe

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**RAINBOW CONNECTION:** (Above) The Children's Chorus of Bay Ridge belted out tunes honoring late South African leader Nelson Mandela and opposing child homelessness. (Center) Kids from Saint Savior Catholic Academy play the bongoes at the Third Annual Children's Choral and Arts Festival of Peace on Jan. 26. (Right) Kids from Leif Ericson Day School also performed onstage at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Bay Ridge. Photos by Elizabeth Graham



## Kids sing for peace in Bay Ridge

BY WILL BREDDERMAN

They sing to unite the world — and the borough!

Youth singing groups from Bay Ridge, Dyker Heights, and Park Slope converged on Good Shepherd Lutheran Church on Fourth Avenue between 74th and 75th streets Jan. 26 for the third annual Children's Choral and Arts Festival for Peace.

Students from Saint Saviour's Catholic Academy in Park Slope, Leif Ericson Day School in Dyker, PS 102 in Bay Ridge, Bay Ridge Prep, and the Children's Chorus of

Bay Ridge intoned songs for peace in front of an audience of 300, recalling the life and work of late South African leader Nelson Mandela and the 22,000 homeless children in New York City.

Organizers said they first conceived of the children's concert three years ago in the aftermath of the Haitian earthquake. The planners decided they wanted to raise money to help those affected while teaching valuable lessons about cooperation.

"We wanted to get the kids together to sing for each

other and to exercise peace-building, building bridges between people," said Rita Pihra-Majurinen, music director of the Children's Chorus of Bay Ridge and at Good Shepherd, and an employee of Leif Ericson. "We just want to make sure we're instilling in children a way to become peaceful citizens and global citizens."

The first event was a success, and Pihra-Majurinen and her co-organizer Julia Hurn — the music teacher and choral director at Saint Saviour's — held it again in

2013 to raise money for Sandy victims. This year, the two took inspiration from the passing of anti-apartheid leader and former South African President Nelson Mandela and from the news that the number of homeless children in New York has topped the number during the Great Depression.

"It's absolutely unacceptable, the number of transient children in this city," said Pihra-Majurinen.

So the two had the children decorate the Good

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New brewery is coming to Coney Island

BY WILL BREDDERMAN

The People's Playground's alcohol content is about to rise!

The company behind Coney Island Lager will soon debut a full-scale brewery in the beer's namesake neighborhood.

The craft-brewer Alchemy — a subsidiary of Boston Brewery, which produces Sam Adams — said that plans are underway to start mixing the barley malt and hops at an as-yet undecided spot near Surf Avenue and the world-famous amusement district. The fermenting facility should be making suds by summer, in time to quench the crowds thronging the beach and the rides, a sales manager said.

"We're looking to create a space where you can drink beer there on the premises and where we can supply beer to the New York City area," said manager Mike Sheehan.

The brewery could include a bar and will definitely feature a tasting room, he said.

Coney Island Lager began as an offshoot of San Francisco's Shmaltz Brewing Company, and operated out of Sideshow by the Seashore at the corner of W. 12th Street and Surf Avenue from 2011 to 2012. The freakshow's owner, Dick Zigun, let the company make its micro-micro-brews by the one-gallon batch in his



**CONEY ALE-LAND:** Coney Island Lager will open a large-scale brewery in the People's Playground this summer.

Photo by Steve Solomonson

building rent free.

But Hurricane Sandy swamped the property, and the brewers moved out. Shmaltz sold the label to Alchemy in Aug. 2013, Sheehan said. The lager will remain as a legacy brand and will be joined by a new version of the Mermaid Pilsner and an India Pale Ale, among other varieties.

"We may use the same names, but all of the liquid will be brand new," Shee-

han said.

Alcohol and Coney Island have been synonymous for more than a century.

Besides the famous bars on the Boardwalk, the Herman Popper Building first rose on Surf Avenue between Stillwell Avenue and W. 12th Street in 1904 as a bottling plant. The facility supplied spirits to the neighborhood bars until Prohibition hit in 1920. Today, the Popper Building houses Popeye's Chicken.

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**68TH PRECINCT**

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**Why so serious?**

A knife-wielding lowlife sliced up a man's face in a failed mugging on 81st Street on Jan. 23, police report.

The victim told cops that he was near Fifth Avenue at 2:50 am when the blade-wielding fiend tackled him from the back.

"Give me your wallet," the villain demanded, brandishing his weapon.

The victim struggled, and the crook carved up the man's cheeks before fleeing without any loot.

**Construction job**

Three hardhats swiped a stash of cash from a woman's Ovington Avenue home on Jan. 21, authorities state.

The victim reported that the three men had recently done work on her house between 10th and 11th avenues, and came around at 10:55 am to tell her that they wanted to check up on the site.

One of the men spoke to her, while the other two snuck into her room and rummaged around until they found \$1,200 in currency, she told cops.

The woman said she discovered the theft and confronted them, but the blue-collar bandits scrambled.

**Tarred**

A burglar made off with 17 cartons of cigarettes from a Fifth Avenue grocery store on Jan. 26, according to cops.

Security cameras captured the crook breaking into the supermarket between 82nd and 83rd streets at 9:30 pm. Inside, he picked up the boxes of smokes, then hurried to the basement to disconnect the alarm.

But not in time — the store owner got notice of the invasion and rushed to the scene just in time to see the villain escaping with his lung-damaging loot.

**Shop and sack**

A crook crowbarred his way into a Fifth Avenue supermarket and swiped \$2,500 from the tills on Jan. 19, police say.

Surveillance tapes show the crook prying open the doors at the store between 75th

**POLICE  
BLOTTER****Con Ed con man nets big bucks with crank calls**

BY DANIELLE FURFARO

One or more thieves has been dialing up small business owners and tricking them into turning over big bundles of cash.

Shopkeepers have been getting calls from a man pretending to be a bill collector from Con Edison, who convinces them that they need to pay up right away before the energy giant kills the lights, cops said.

"It seems like they are just cold calling people and seeing who responds," said Deputy Inspector Mark DiPaolo, commanding officer of Williamsburg's 90th Precinct. "They are preying on small businesses."

The precinct has handled at least three of these calls in January, while the 94th precinct in Greenpoint has taken at least one.

The caller uses the same modus operandi every time. After threatening to cut the juice if the business owner does not cough up the cash, he instructs the mark to go a store such as Walgreen's to put funds on a

prepaid money market card and then call back with the Personal Identification Number within a half hour. Once the crook has the digits, he can use the cash without being traced, police said.

At 12:15 pm on Jan. 21, the con man struck the proprietor of a place on Montrose Avenue between Lorimer and Leonard streets, scaring up \$429. An hour later, he swindled the manager of a store on Grand Street between Bedford and Driggs avenues, netting \$1,259.10. And at noon on Jan. 25, a lady executive on Manhattan Avenue between Meserole and Norman avenues gave the guy \$1004.95 on two cards.

Cops cautioned business owners to check out the identity of the voice on the other end of the line before marching over to the pharmacy with cash in hand.

"Get their number and call Con Ed to confirm that they called," he said. "And if they ask you to pay by a card, it's a scam."

and 76th streets at 8:50 pm — then entering, jacking the cash, and fleeing.

**Deliverance**

A crook snatched \$322 in cash from a van

delivering construction supplies on Third Avenue on Jan. 22, authorities allege.

The driver said he was making a drop off between 88th and 90th streets at 1:30 pm when he saw the perp open the door of his vehicle, then run.

**62ND PRECINCT**

BENSONHURST-BATH BEACH

**Crackin' a cold one**

Three thugs battered a man on W. Seventh Street and stole his cellphone on Jan. 24 after he refused to buy them beer, police report.

The victim said he was near Avenue U on his way to work at 5:53 am when the goons came up to him and demanded cash for booze.

When the man refused, the three attacked — punching him, knocking him to the ground, kicking him, and then reaching into his pockets and taking his mobile device.

**Getting a lift**

A robber stole a woman's cellphone in the hallway of her 21st Avenue building on Jan. 27, according to cops.

The victim told police she was riding with the villain in the elevator of the residence between 73rd and 74th streets at 8:45 pm when he told her to give him her cellphone.

She refused at first, and when the doors opened, the brute muscled her into a corner of the passageway and took her mobile device, then ran.

**The wire**

A crook lifted several items from a McDonald Avenue electronics depot on Jan. 15, authorities report.

Security tapes show the lowlife entering the store between Avenue P and Quentin Road at 1:30 pm, picking up several items, and walking out without paying.

**Offensive linemen**

A trio of phone company workers stole numerous tools from a 20th Avenue basement on Jan. 8, police state.

The victim said the linemen started work in his cellar between Benson and Bath avenues at 4 pm.

When he went down after the workers were done, he discovered his hand tools gone. — *Will Bredderman*

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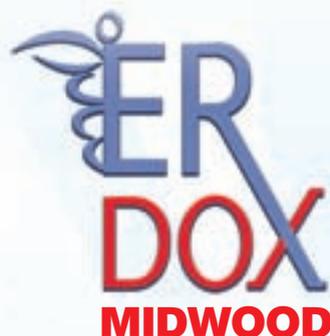
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# The 'Greenfielding' of Brooklyn politics

## Insiders: Sephardic dollars and redistricting give Borough Park Councilman vast power

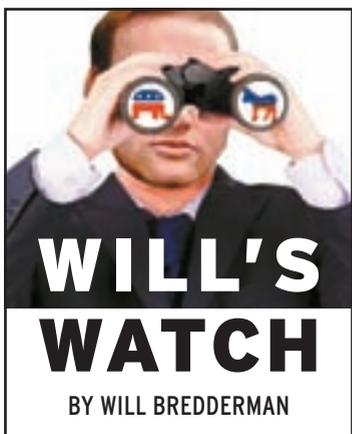
**S**peaker **Melissa Mark-Viverito's** new, supposedly "Progressive" Council claims to be fighting for the 99 percent, but one of its first moves bows down to Brooklyn's ultimate insider and real estate millionaire ally — **Borough Park Councilman David Greenfield.**

Greenfield's impending appointment to the helm of the Land Use Committee was one of the first details to leak out on the deal to put Viverito at the top of the Council food chain — just at the moment when real estate interests were lining up to oppose the left-wing East Harlem councilwoman's rise to the speakership.

"It's not that hard to connect the dots," one source said.

Greenfield is perhaps the most influential political figure in Brooklyn today.

Sources say Greenfield derives his power from two sources — his ability to collect donations from wealthy Sephardic Jewish real estate moguls, and his aptness working as an intermediary with



that community for other council members.

Greenfield's connections to the Middle Eastern Jewish community stems from his pre-Council stint as executive vice president of the Sephardic Community Federation, a post sources said he obtained through a connection with the group's founder.

Greenfield is Ashkenazic, or European Jewish extraction, but he nonetheless quickly became the Sephardic community's fa-

vored representative to the political world.

When he decided in 2010 to run to replace then-Councilman **Simcha Felder**, he received the backing of then-Dem boss **Vito Lopez** and the entire Sephardic community. The names of major Sephardic real estate families — Sitt, Sutton, Tawil, Jerome, Bailey, Laboz, among others — now appear in the campaign filings of nearly every candidate that Greenfield endorses.

Greenfield's fund-raising prowess has astounded members of his own party.

"He'll just show up with checks from people you never heard of and you'll ask 'Who the hell is this?' And he'll say 'Don't worry about it,'" one Democratic leader said.

Insiders said Greenfield also directs his land-owning backers to have **Brooklyn Dem boss Frank Seddio** and his law chairman **Frank Carone** — both attorneys — handle the legal paperwork on their real estate transactions, which translates into even greater

influence over the party machinery for Greenfield.

"He gets the two of them a lot of work, and so when he says 'jump,' they say 'how high?'" a party insider said.

Greenfield now reportedly helps the county organization select candidates.

A spokesman for Seddio and Carone denied that they have received accounts through the councilman, and Greenfield denies steering business their way.

Greenfield also benefited from the Council redistricting soon after he took office, which divided up the core religious Jewish neighborhoods of Borough Park, Crown Heights, and Midwood among several council members, who turned to Greenfield to gain entree to that tight-knit community.

Sources said **Councilman Mathieu Eugene** (D-Flatbush) was terrified of an Orthodox insurgency in the Crown Heights section of his turf in 2013, and had Greenfield take him on a tour to introduce him to the ma-

jor players in the Jewish community. Eugene denied being scared of any demographic, but admitted he had received Greenfield's assistance

"When I go to his community, he makes me feel comfortable," Eugene said.

Insiders say the only check on the power Greenfield wields over his colleagues and the Brooklyn Democratic machine is how much his colleagues loathe him.

"He would definitely agree with Machiavelli's theory that it's better to be feared than loved," one observer said.

Sources said that Greenfield twice lobbied for the powerful Finance Committee, but the distaste for the councilman was too great.

"They said 'no way,' because they hate him," one insider recalled.

Greenfield's office denied that he lobbied for any committee chairmanship and called the allegations conveyed in this piece "offensive and bizarre," sating the councilman "is well liked and respected by his colleagues."



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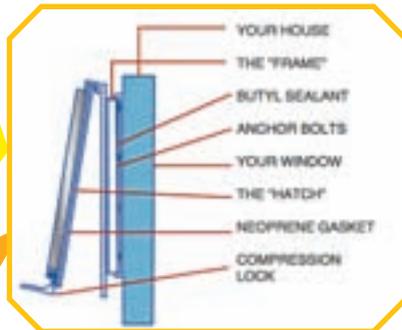
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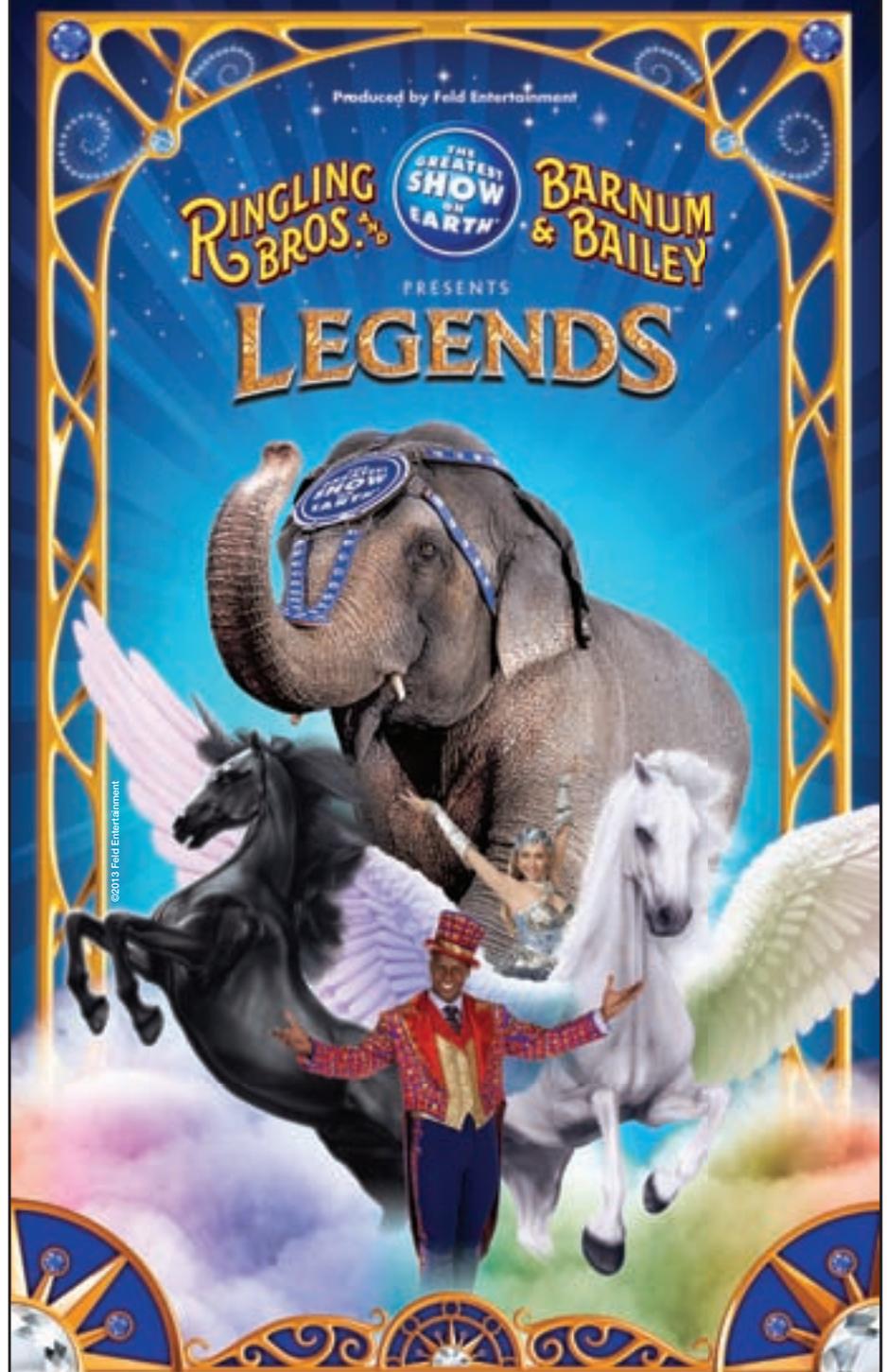
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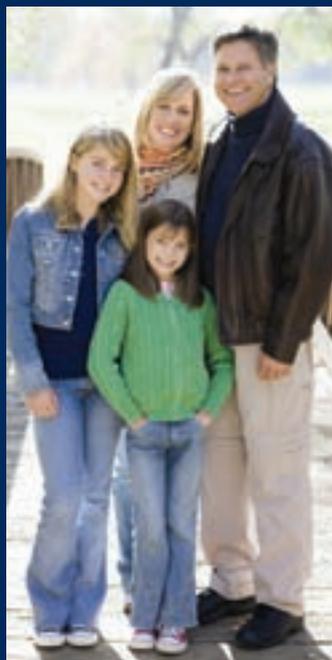
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# Fire in frigid Flatlands

BY COLIN MIXSON

An early morning fire in Flatlands claimed a three-story, Victorian-era home on Brooklyn Avenue last Friday, but spared the lives of its inhabitants, who escaped with only minor injuries.

Firefighters were called in to battle the inferno between Avenue I and J at 7:22 am, and when they reached the scene they quickly upgraded the blaze to a second-alarm fire, according to an FDNY spokesman.

Before it was all over, 106 of New York's Bravest attacked the fire for an hour amidst the frigid air of the polar vortex, which returned to Kings County for round two, after first striking the city a few days into the New Year.

The bitter temperature, which sank to an icy 9 degrees, made the job harder on the firefighters, but didn't



**FIRE FIGHTING IN THE COLD:** Firefighters struggled for an hour to smother a blaze at a Brooklyn Avenue home on Friday morning.

Photo by Paul Martinka

cause any significant problems with the equipment, according to a spokesman.

"As far as cold, the most we get is some icicles on the rig, or problems with the hose lines freezing up," said an FDNY spokesman. "It makes the job a little more difficult, but we're trained

to prevent problems like those happening."

The Victorian home was destroyed by the fire, but the folks inside managed to escape without harm, save for one man who suffered minor injuries that were treated at the scene, according to an FDNY spokesman.

## Tribute

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and having a great time, the bands were on fire. It was loud, it was fun, it was the place to be," said Marino.

Bay Ridge's newest craft beer bar, the Lockyard, was on tap with its finest brews, while Dyker's Rocco's Cala-

mari provided the food. The \$6,000 raised at the show will go to Ridge anti-cancer fund the Francesco Loccisano Memorial Foundation — where Kane once sat on the board — and to Saint Pat's, where Kane attended school as a boy.

Marino vowed that the party will become a new Bay Ridge tradition, so that

Kane's memory will be carried on for years to come.

"Every year it's going to get bigger and better," said Marino. "Being co-founder of the company with him, we have a responsibility to maintain his legacy in the community, because so many people in the community loved him and were influenced by him."

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**KEY TO THE CITY:** The Brooklyn Knight made an amazing appearance at the Park Slope Key Food. Photo by Stefano Giovannini

# Nets provide 'Key' assist

BY MEGAN RIESZ

Sometimes the Nets get slam dunks off the court.

Brooklyn Nets point guard Shaun Livingston and team mascot BrooklynK-night surprised wide-eyed shoppers at a Park Slope Key Food supermarket with gift cards last Wednesday night — and even helped them bag a few groceries.

"It is a great surprise for kids," Livingston said. "You never know when they are having a bad day."

The unexpected ap-

pearance at the store on Fifth Avenue at Sterling Place was part of the Nets' Random Acts of Kindness program, in which players surprise Brooklynites with goodies such as free gas. Last year, Kim Kardashian's former hubby Kris Humphries and small forward Jerry Stackhouse came to the same Key Food and paid for the items of a few working stiffs.

Small forward Paul Pierce was slated to help this time around but was



**SWISH:** Martina Bellevue gets a surprise gift card from Nets point guard Shaun Livingston — who even helped bag a few groceries — at the supermarket. Photo by Stefano Giovannini

so sick he missed practice, as well as the promotional event, according to a Nets spokeswoman. But patrons were still pleasantly surprised to see the athletes out and about in the Slope.

"I am glad they came out to the neighborhood," said Nets fan and Park Slope resident Koave Joseph.

"It does not always have to be about the super-stardom."

## Kids sing

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Shepherd's sanctuary with Mandela-inspired artwork, and had them perform tra-

ditional African numbers alongside Katy Perry's anti-bullying number "Roar" and John Lennon's pacifist anthem "Imagine." They also collected donations from attendees to benefit

school counseling programs for homeless children. The organizers are still counting up all the contributions.

Pihra-Majurinen also argued it was important that the young performers met in

a friendly, egalitarian forum.

"It's really a way to get kids together in a way that is not adjudicated, not competitive," the director said. "This is just a way for them to express themselves."

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# Swans

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by 2025," the department's website reads.

The bird, which can weigh up to 25 pounds and is New York's largest fowl, has become ubiquitous along Southern Brooklyn's waterfront and Prospect Park is home to nine of the birds, according to the anti-fowl-slaughter group Goosewatch NYC.

Mute swans are a particularly common sight in Sheepshead Bay, where one unfortunate feathered friend was discovered suffering from lead poisoning on E. 19th Street near Emmons Avenue last summer by local resident Sharon Messer, who happened to be the office manager for then-Assemblyman Steve Cymbrowitz.

The big-hearted state employee quickly summoned the NYPD, which transported the swan to the Wild Bird Fund in Manhattan, where it was treated before being sent to live out its days at a bird sanctuary in Stamford, Conn.

Other Brooklynites have a soft spot for swans as well, such as Anne-Katrin Titze and her trusty sidekick Ed Bahlman, who rescued three swans in Prospect Park last June that had gotten their beaks snared on carelessly discarded fishing hooks.

But in the eyes of the state, Messer, the Wild Bird Fund, Bahlman, and even Titze — a wildlife rehabilitator licensed by none other

than the Department of Environmental Conservation — were all aiding and abetting a foul fowl bent on the destruction of New York's watery habitats.

"Mute swans can cause a variety of problems, including aggressive behavior towards people, destruction of submerged aquatic vegetation, displacement of native wildlife species, degradation of water quality, and potential hazards to aviation," reads the department's website.

The mute swan, which was introduced to the New World from Europe in the late 19th century, may be prized for its aesthetic qualities, but it's also a vicious brawler, known to harass hapless pedestrians and other birds, which wander too close the swan's nesting areas.

In addition, the mute swan is a terrible glutton, and has been gobbling up underwater plant life at an alarming rate, according to the agency, destroying 95 percent of submerged vegetation where they hang out, thus depriving other animals of food and habitat.

But perhaps most disturbing is what happens to all that vegetation after the swans eat it.

The department cites a 1979 study in Maryland of a similar species — tundra swans — which found they excreted 100 times more fecal coliform bacteria than Canada geese. A follow-up study by the department confirmed that water in areas where mute swans feed had elevated concentrations of coliform bacteria,

which can trigger beach closings when detected at high levels.

This is not the first time Brooklyn has been touched by anti-avian atrocities — authorities carried out a goose massacre in Prospect Park in 2010, sparking widespread public outrage and pro-geese civic action. And the state regularly rounds up and gasses geese on Brooklyn's southern shore.

Public opinion could stall the state's swan culling initiative. The mute swan's distinctive white plumage, black facial markings, and gracefully curved neck have become symbols of beauty and romance, so the idea of tax dollars funding a program to exterminate the birds may not go over well.

"There are different actions at play and people are trying to do their best to have this turned around," said veterinarian Rita McMahon, who cared for the sick swan found in Sheepshead Bay. "All the swans that people respond to about how lovely and majestic they are, those are mute swans."

Indeed, GooseWatch NYC — a group spawned by the infamous Prospect Park goose massacre — has already started a petition on Change.org.

It has gotten more than 20,000 signatures so far.

*The state is taking comments on the plan through Feb. 21. Mail to NYSDEC Bureau of Wildlife, Swan Management Plan, 625 Broadway, Albany, NY 12233-4754 or e-mail [fwwildlf@gw.dec.state.ny.us](mailto:fwwildlf@gw.dec.state.ny.us) with "Swan plan" in the subject line.*



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# Yield to the shield

## Park Slope police stage crosswalk sting operation

BY MEGAN RIESZ

Cops in Park Slope are doing something seldom attempted by the New York Police Department — enforcing traffic laws.

Undercover officers with the neighborhood's 78th Precinct went on a ticketing blitz last Thursday and Friday, hitting drivers with the rarely-enforced charge of failure to yield to a pedestrian, according to police. Only instead of camping out near crosswalks to watch for the countless infractions that occur in a given hour, the precinct had undercover cops pose as hapless walkers. However they did it, the car crackdown is a step in the right direction, road safety activists say.

"Drivers are supposed to yield because anything could go wrong," said Doug Gordon, Park Slope resident and writer of the bike activist blog Brooklyn Spoke.

"This is a really good and easy way to make walking a little safer for everyone."

Over two days, the girls and boys in blue handed out 16 summonses, one sixth of the 96 they gave out over all of 2013, and nearly two thirds of the 26 they wrote in December.

The crosswalk stings come as part of Mayor DeBlasio's road

safety agenda and they took place less than two weeks after the city supposedly started issuing tickets from 20 speed cameras in school zones as part of DeBlasio's plan to bring traffic deaths down to zero by 2024. The Sloper-in-chief wants to devote more cops to traffic enforcement and push legislation to lower speed limits citywide, a priority of neighborhood road safety activists.

Park Slope's Finest should be applauded for their legwork, but reining in reckless motorists is

going to take a lot more, Gordon said.

"Enforcement will be really big, and that is clearly starting, but education will be a small part of it," he said.

The citation spree started the same day that the precinct's commanding officer, Deputy Inspector Michael Ameri, drew praise from cyclists for personally shoveling out a section of Bergen Street bike lane.

The lane is directly outside Ameri's station house.



**DRIVER DETERRANT:** Undercover Park Slope cops are stalking intersections to catch drivers who do not yield to pedestrians. Photo by Elizabeth Graham

**CAR WARS  
REVENGE  
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## Bridge

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Most of the money will reimburse the agency for repairs, including \$1.5 million to repair erosion caused by the storm surge, \$161,144 to repair equipment ruined when the electrical rooms were flooded by salt water, and \$600,914 to replace electrical conduits where junction boxes and cables for navigation and secu-

rity lights were submerged under Sandy's floodwaters.

The rest of the federal cash will pay for improvements the agency made to the bridge to make it more resistant to damage from future storms, including installing flood-proof doors on electrical rooms, raising 45 security floodlights and 12 navigation lights to flood-safe levels, and adding a layer of "rip rap" — loosely packed rocks — on the sea wall to better protect the wa-

terfront service road.

Sen. Charles Schumer — who pushed a reluctant Congress to provide funding not only to repair the damage wrought by Hurricane Sandy but also to guard against future superstorms — hailed the reimbursements for the bridge work.

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# Onofrio D. Oro Fine Jewelers is Fifth Avenue's gem

BY CAMILLE SPERRAZZA

His jewelry is fit for three queens — the Queen Mary 2, the Queen Elizabeth, and the Queen Victoria.

Onofrio Demattia of Onofrio D. Oro Fine Jewelers is Cunard Cruise Lines' top-selling jewelry salesperson for two consecutive years. He cruises the world, lecturing about gems, and offering passengers his custom-designed jewelry in shops aboard these gorgeous ocean liners.

But you don't have to sail the seven seas to make a purchase because Demattia has a store in Bay Ridge where he offers one-of-a-kind masterpieces that are created by him, right on the premises.

Among the special pieces include rare gemstones such as Alexandrites.

"They are one of the rarest gemstones in the world," he says. They change color as their exposure to sunlight changes. In the day, they may be emerald-color in appearance. By night, they turn pur-



(From left) At Onofrio D. Oro, located on Fifth Avenue in Bay Ridge, owners Angela and Onofrio Demattia sell fine jewelry. A 25-carat colored diamond necklace that Onofrio designed for the store. Onofrio holds some cocktail rings that he recently finished.

Photos by Elizabeth Graham

ple or ruby-colored. They make beautiful rings.

Only about 60 karats per year are mined, and usually they are a half karat or less, he says.

"Anything over two karats is considered a museum piece."

Yet, Demattia has a 2.08 stone, set in a platinum ring, adorned on each side by diamond baguettes, at the shop.

That would make one spectacular gift.

Indicolite tourmaline is another gem that is in demand. Onofrio D. Oro carries pendants featuring this blue-ish green stone that is highly coveted. Some say indicolite brings happiness and helps to relieve stress. It is also the modern birthstone for those born during the month of October.

What makes shopping at Onofrio D. Oro so inviting is its unique pieces. Here, you'll find jewelry that you won't find any-

where else. They are offered at affordable prices because there is no middle man, says Demattia. It is Demattia who creates everything.

Yet, if you don't find the piece of your dreams, don't despair. He will design it for you.

"Bring us your ideas, and we will bring them to life," he says. Customers are involved in the process, as the piece progresses, seeing sketches, wax carvings, and finally wit-

nessing the design turn to gold. What an incredible opportunity to design something extraordinary for yourself or someone special.

There are many other gift ideas, too. For example, the store carries Nomination jewelry from Italy, which features high-quality stainless steel, sterling silver, gemstones, and 18 karat gold pieces for men and women.

"They are very unique and

different," he says.

You'll also find Officina Del Tempo, elegant watches from Italy.

"They make stunning gifts," he says.

Demattia's flare for his craft began at New Utrecht High School when he took a jewelry-making class. He enjoyed it so much, he went on to earn a degree at the Fashion Institute of Technology. He spent a decade working for a division of Tiffany and Co., and also had a shop in Manhattan before opening a jewelry store in Brooklyn more than 10 years ago.

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# Cooperating cooperatives

Planned Windsor Terrace grocery would take members from its Park Slope peer

BY MEGAN RIESZ

The Park Slope Food Co-op knows it could lose business to a fledgling do-good food store in Windsor Terrace, and it does not care.

The famed Union Street co-op has been giving Windsor Terrace organizers advice on how to form their own members-only grocery despite the fact that hundreds of the up-and-coming store's would-be worker-owners currently belong to the longtime kale haven.

"We feel that we could possibly lose members, but it is a good thing to have co-ops in neighborhoods," said Amy Herpel, general coordinator at the Park Slope Food Co-op.

The idea for the Windsor Terrace Food Co-op took root after the beloved Key Foods on Prospect Avenue closed two summers ago, sparking rallies and petitions by locals who lamented the disappearance of the neighborhood's only grocery store. Slope co-operators encouraged the venture, which has buy-in from 300 to 350 people, according to a Windsor Terrace organizer.

"Our relationship with Park Slope is the centerpiece of what could be problematic or what could be successful," said Windsor Terrace food activist Jack O'Connell. "At one point in the very beginning I did think of this as



**GROCERY GUY:** Jack O'Connell hopes to make the Windsor Terrace Food Co-op a thing, but nothing is certain yet.

Photo by Elizabeth Graham

competitive, but my thinking has evolved."

Herpel and other Park Slope members initially advised O'Connell and his team to wrangle up community support and win firm commitments from would-be members and eventually agreed to help with drafts of Windsor Terrace's by-laws, which would make the new venture a fully-fledged corporation with a board of directors.

Windsor Terrace also hopes to broker a deal with Park Slope that would allow members of the 41-year-old co-op, who have to work one two-hour, 45-minute shift every month, to have their time spent pitching in at the new market counted. Park Slope's world-famous green grocer has more

than 16,000 members, and at least a few of them could defect to a more intimate store, O'Connell said.

"You have people that feel the tasks they do on a monthly basis [at Park Slope] are meaningless, or not the greatest experiences in the world," O'Connell said. "It is so crowded that they do not look at it as being a wonderful co-op experience."

But the hunt for a two-story space has not been easy. The team was pursuing a building on Greenwood Avenue near Prospect Avenue — the former home of Blondie's Deli — but rent was astronomical, O'Connell said. Windsor Terrace is not exactly flush with commercial space, either, he said.

"The neighborhood is changing, and the dollar signs are going up," O'Connell said.

The Windsor Terrace Food Co-op would charge between \$125 and \$200 to join, plus a \$25 membership fee, much like its Park Slope counterpart, but the next six months will probably decide whether the project will even make it to that point. The grocery needs buy-in from about 400 comrades to open, according to O'Connell.

"It has to be a moment of do or die at some point," he said. "If we do not get X number of members, we will have to say this just did not work."



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**HELLO MY PRETTY!:** Samantha Nieves, left, and Shannon Willis of Crown Heights celebrate the arrival of their baby girl Shannon-Lee Willis at New York Methodist Hospital on Jan. 1.

New York Methodist Hospital

# January recap

## Month In Review delivers the lowdown

*Brooklyn's New Year bragging rights sure were worth a hoot and a holler. Gotham's first baby of 2014 was born in Park Slope as the clock struck midnight, and Brooklyn Bowl announced it was striking out with new sites in Sin City and London.*

Our month in review recaps these and other top stories from last month.

**Oh baby!** Shannon-Lee Willis of Crown Heights stole the spotlight from the Times Square ball drop on Jan. 1, when she arrived at the stroke of midnight to high fives and fist pumps at New York Methodist Hospital, where officials said the adorable infant girl's buzz-worthy arrival made her the city's first newborn of 2014. We drank to that!

**Power position:** Las Vegas and London are poised to roll with cool Kings County, thanks to new Brooklyn Bowl branches in both cities. The Sin City site will open inside the Ling, a new entertainment mall near the famous Las Vegas Strip, and be more than twice the size



**LUSH LIFE:** The city pledged to turn around the overgrown lot at Brigham Street and Emmons Avenue into Brigham Park, which will have plenty of trees and grassy picnic areas.

New York City Parks Department

of its Wythe Avenue mothership. The English edition of the popular venue opened its doors in East London last month, steps from the Barclays Center-sized O2 Arena, with live feeds of shows at its

big-time neighbor across the pond.

**New park:** An abandoned eyesore in Sheepshead Bay is set to become a sight for sore eyes. The city

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## Grimm

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his Facebook page. "He also owes the people of Staten Island and South Brooklyn an apology."

Both Democrats and Republicans in the district have questioned Recchia's viability as a candidate

due to his Brooklyn roots in a district where the majority of votes are on the Rock, and because to his ties to disgraced Brooklyn Democratic County boss Vito Lopez. Experts said that the battlefield will still be on the other side of the Narrows, but argued that Recchia may have finally found a weapon to

use against Grimm on his home turf.

"It gives the Recchia team a very good negative ad, and it makes the South Shore of Staten Island less important, because more people on the North Shore might vote for Recchia because of this incident," said leading strategist and lobbyist Hank Sheinkopf.

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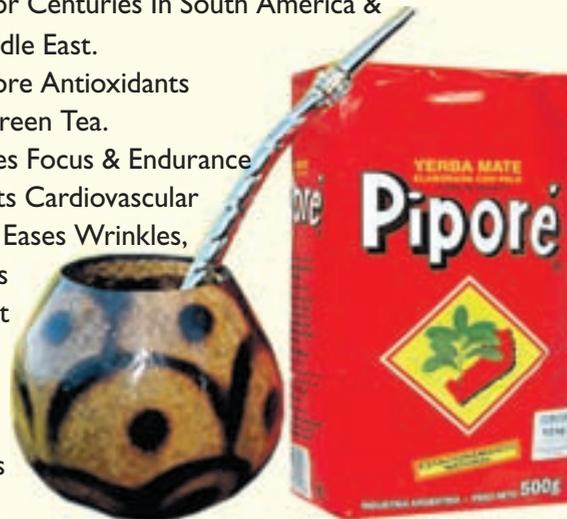
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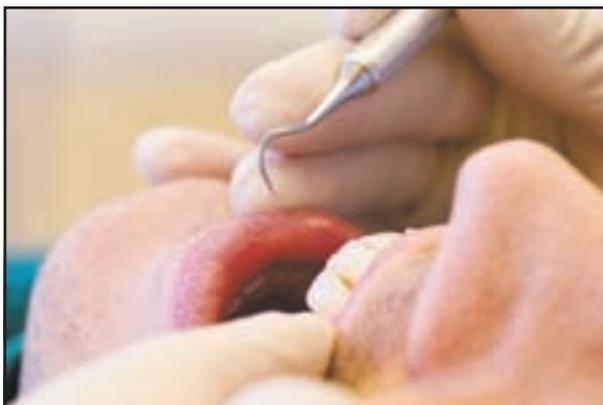
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Those assessing their health in the new year should not overlook their oral hygiene.

## Emphasize oral hygiene in new year

Of all the plans people make at the dawn of a new year, getting healthier is often at the top of the list. Although many individuals are concerned about shedding a few pounds, there are many other ways to focus on health in the upcoming months, including paying more attention to dental hygiene. Proper dental care can not only keep a smile bright, it can affect other areas of the body.

### Fluoride benefits

One of the keys to oral health is the use of fluoride to prevent cavities. In fact, many health professionals will say that exposure to fluoride, whether through use of toothpaste or fluoridated water supplies, is probably the most effective cavity-prevention treatment available. Fluoride helps the teeth in a number of ways.

Fluoride can promote tooth remineralization. This means it attracts other minerals, particularly calcium, to the areas of the teeth where tooth decay can form, helping to strengthen teeth. Fluoride also helps to make teeth more resistant to decay. New tooth mineral created when fluoride is present helps to make teeth harder, making it more difficult for acids and bacteria to penetrate the enamel of the teeth and cause damage.

Another advantage is that fluoride helps to inhibit acid creation. Dental researchers have found that fluoride can inhibit bacteria living in the

mouth. That's an important finding, as such bacteria can contribute to the formation of damage-causing acids that are notorious for wearing down tooth enamel, causing spots for more bacteria to congregate and form cavities.

According to the American Dental Association, individuals who find themselves prone to cavities or whose dentists have deemed them at elevated risk for developing cavities may benefit from fluoride application beyond the norm. This may include prescription fluoride applied directly to the teeth at home or procedures where dentists apply the fluoride in their offices.

Recent clinical recommendations from a multi-disciplinary expert panel convened by the Association's Council on Scientific Affairs suggest that topical fluoride, used in conjunction with drinking optimally fluoridated water and using toothpaste with fluoride, can prevent tooth decay. These clinical recommendations cover professionally applied and prescription-strength, home-use topical fluoride agents for cavity prevention.

The panel concluded that additional research is needed, but recommended the following products for patients at elevated risk of developing cavities.

- Professionally applied 2.26 percent fluoride varnish or a 1.23 percent fluoride gel

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# Dental X-rays changing?

## American Dental Association reviewing link to brain tumors

A visit to the dentist often involves a check-up and a routine cleaning. Many dentists prefer to do annual X-rays as part of preventative care — helping to diagnose oral problems that cannot be seen by the naked eye. However, new developments may change the frequency of dental X-rays.

The American Dental Association has reviewed recent studies that link yearly or more frequent dental X-rays to an increased risk of developing meningioma, the most commonly diagnosed brain tumor. The Association's longstanding position on X-rays is that dentists should order dental X-rays for patients only when necessary for diagnosis and treatment. In addition, steps must be taken to safeguard patients against radiation while the X-rays are being taken.

### Care and diligent records keep patients safe

Since 1989, the Association has published recommendations to help dentists ensure that patients' exposure to radiation is as low as possible. The association encourages the use of abdominal shielding (e.g., protective aprons) and thyroid collars on all patients. In addition, it recommends that dentists use E or F speed film, the two fastest film speeds available, or a digital X-ray.

In some cases, dentists ask patients when their most recent dental X-rays were taken, especially if the patient is new to the practice. This happens frequently thanks to changes in dental coverage that force employees to choose a different dentist who accepts the new insurance.

But relying on a patient to recall their most recent X-rays is flawed.



Dental X-rays can help dentists diagnose oral problems. However, new developments may change the frequency of dental X-rays.

Studies have shown that the ability to recall information is often imperfect, and, as a result, patients may get more frequent X-rays than is necessary. Therefore, carefully document when and where dental X-rays were given.

### X-ray studies accuracy raise concerns, questions

While studies linking X-rays to brain tumors may have some basis in truth, the Association has said that studies that look at the prevalence of X-rays and rates of cancer can be flawed if patient information is included based on the individuals' own recall of when X-rays took place. The type of X-ray the patient received

also needs to be given consideration. X-rays taken decades ago relied on heavy concentrations of radiation. While research into the medical ramifications of frequent X-rays seems promising, the Association encourages further research about the possible link between X-ray exposure and patient safety.

### X-rays do serve a purpose

Although X-rays put the body in the path of radiation, the data collected from them is important. Dental X-rays are valuable in helping dentists detect and treat oral health problems at an early stage. Many oral diseases can't be detected

on the basis of a visual and physical examination alone, and dental X-rays can fill in the blanks about certain conditions, such as early-stage cavities, gum disease, infections, or some types of tumors. How often dental X-rays should be taken depends on the patient's oral health, condition, age, risk for disease, and any signs and symptoms of oral disease that the patient might be experiencing.

Patients should talk to their dentists if they have questions about their dental treatment. Patients also have the right to refuse X-rays or question their necessity at a dental visit.

# Ways of getting children to floss

## This key to oral hygiene is something most kids skip

It is well known that a combination of brushing, flossing, and periodic dental checkups are essential to oral health. Some parents teach their children to brush thoroughly early on,

even taking them for dental visits at young ages so youngsters can become acclimated to the dentist's office. But flossing is one component of oral hygiene that may be overlooked because

many kids simply don't enjoy it.

Flossing is one of those tasks that people understand they must do regularly, but many still do not. According to Humana Den-

tal, flossing cleans bacteria and trapped food from between the teeth. Brushing only reaches the surface of the teeth, but floss is required to get into the small crevices to prevent



Flossing is one component of oral hygiene that may be overlooked because many kids simply don't enjoy it – but there are ways for parents to get kids flossing regularly.

bacteria from turning into plaque buildup. The American Dental Association recommends flossing at least once per day. It is far better to floss once a day and do a thorough job rather than several times a day and miss areas of the mouth by doing it quickly.

Children should be urged to floss regularly in addition to brushing. However, flossing can be cumbersome for youngsters who have yet to develop the dexterity needed to manipulate dental floss. There are many products available and techniques that can be used to assist children with cleaning between their teeth. The following are some flossing tips for kids.

- Begin the introduction to floss early. The younger children are introduced to floss, the more likely they are to embrace flossing as part of their oral hygiene routine.

- Show visual proof of the benefits of flossing. Oftentimes, children are more likely to respond to something they can see. Show pictures of dental decay and what occurs when proper oral hygiene is not followed. This may help make the concept of flossing more attractive.

- Get the proper tools. Kids cannot floss unless they have floss products on hand. There are various age-appropriate flossers and types of dental floss available. Children may not

be able to use dental floss properly because of a lack of dexterity. However, floss picks are much easier to hold and work between the teeth, particularly for kids with small hands. Floss should always be on hand, whether at home or when you go on vacation.

- Let kids choose. Take kids down the dental aisle at the store and let them pick and choose which products they want to use. They may be more excited to brush and floss if they're using something they picked out themselves.

- Lead by example. Children will be more likely to floss if they see their parents flossing. That means adults should floss regularly and let their children watch and learn.

### Benefits of flossing

Removing bacteria and trapped food from teeth has a number of benefits. Bacteria can cause bad breath, but flossing and brushing helps to keep breath smelling fresh.

Dirty teeth can lead to cavities. Children may be more inclined to floss if they know they'll be preventing cavities and avoiding potentially painful trips to the dentist.

Plaque trapped between the teeth and along the gum line that leads to periodontal disease puts a person at a greater risk for heart disease. There are some studies that show bacteria from the mouth can end up in the bloodstream.



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# Smart choices for braces

Getting braces is a rite of passage for many children. The American Association of Orthodontics estimates more than 3.5 million children ages 8 to 17 wear braces in a given year. While some children cannot wait to get braces and correct problems with crooked teeth, others are a bit nervous about the experience. When braces are in place, it helps to know the dos and don'ts of maintaining braces — including which foods can be comfortably eaten and which should be avoided.

Braces use a series of brackets and wires to treat malocclusion, a Latin term that translates to “bad bite.” The wires used today are smaller and stronger than they used to be, which has helped to shorten the length of time that braces may need to be worn. There also are braces that can be worn behind the teeth or are the same color as the teeth, minimizing the appearance of the braces.

Many brackets are cemented to the teeth with an impermanent product that is designed to be du-



It is probably safer to avoid sticky peanut butter when wearing braces, especially if there are small bits of peanut inside.

removable while the braces are worn. When the braces need to be removed, the cement is scraped off, leaving no damage to the teeth. But it doesn't take much force to

remove these brackets from the teeth, necessitating repairs.

Certain foods can break brackets or bend wires, while others can get stuck in rubber bands used when wearing braces. Monitoring diet can prolong the life of the braces and shorten the amount of time they need to be worn.

Hard foods, such as nuts, ice cubes, apples, and crunchy crusts, can damage the fragile components of the braces. Sticky foods, such as caramel, gummy candies, gum, and taffy, can pull apart braces or get wrapped around the hardware, making for a difficult time cleaning the teeth. Similarly, sweet foods, including some fruits that are high in sugar, can feed bacteria on the teeth. Braces make it more difficult to clean the teeth effectively, so consuming excessive amounts of sugar may result in decay.

Small foods also can become lodged in between brackets and wires. When such foods are not removed, they can promote bacteria growth and cavities.



New York Methodist dental resident Jennifer Mullarkey, and one of the hospital's pediatric dental patients at Give Kids a Smile Day! in 2013.

## NYM polishing kids' smiles

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 28 percent of children between the ages of 2 and 5 experience tooth decay in their primary teeth. Pediatric dental specialists recommend that parents start taking the necessary steps to ensure good dental health as early in life as possible.

“A considerable amount of bacteria can be found in a baby's mouth,” says Dr. Reneida E. Reyes, chief of pediatric dentistry at New York Methodist

Hospital. “Baby teeth are especially vulnerable to decay, since the enamel that covers the exterior of the tooth is soft when it first breaks through the gums. From the day a baby is born, parents should take steps to provide good oral care for him or her. It's important to wipe your child's gums twice a day, after breakfast and after the last meal in the evening. The best way to do this is to wrap a two-inch square of gauze around your in-

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# Cavity-causing bacteria can be transmitted to babies

Many of today's children are being reared by both their parents and grandparents in order to meet the demands of tight family schedules and even tighter financial situations. Not every caregiver is aware of the ever-changing guidelines that protect children against injury or illness, including information that has come to light regarding pacifiers.

Parents should be aware that bacteria that cause dental decay can be transmitted

from adult to child by sharing eating utensils or by the parent sucking on a baby's pacifier to clean it. A study recently published in *Pediatrics*, the journal of the American Academy of Pediatrics, about the immunological benefits of adult saliva does not, according to the American Dental Association, provide the full picture that adult saliva may also contain bacteria that causes decay. The Association notes that licking a pacifier, as promoted in the study, can

transfer the cavity-causing bacteria from the parent to the baby, increasing the possibility of tooth decay as the baby grows.

"A child's teeth are susceptible to decay as soon as they begin to erupt," said Dr. Jonathan Shenkin, a pediatric dentist in Maine and a pediatric dental spokesman for the American Dental As-

sociation. "Cavity-causing bacteria, especially *Streptococcus mutans*, can be transferred from adult saliva to children, increasing their risk of getting cavities."

Dr. Shenkin points to other steps that parents can take to help children develop a healthy immune system.

"Breast milk is widely

acknowledged as a good immunity-builder as well as the most complete form of nutrition for infants. This is something on which both the ADA and AAP [American Academy of Pediatrics] agree."

The American Dental Association recommends that parents protect the dental health of young children by promoting a healthy diet,

monitoring their intake of food and drink, brushing their teeth or wiping gums after mealtimes, and by having infants finish their bedtime or nap time bottle before going to bed. Children should receive their first dental visit within six months of eruption of the first tooth and no later than 12 months of age.

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every three to six months.

- Home-use prescription-strength 0.5 percent fluoride gel or paste or 0.09 percent fluoride mouth rinse (for patients 6 years old or older).

- A 2.26 percent professionally applied fluoride varnish every three to six months for children younger than 6 years old.

Application of additional fluoride should not replace daily oral hygiene habits. It is still vital to brush twice a day, floss daily, eat a balanced diet, and visit the den-

tist regularly for checkups.

### Heart disease and oral health

The millions of bacteria that proliferate inside of the mouth and contribute to cavities also can affect other areas of the body. Evidence suggests the same bacteria that can cause plaque and gum disease may lead to cardiovascular problems. According to information from Harvard Medical School, several species of bacteria that cause periodontitis have been found in the atherosclerotic plaque in arteries in the heart and elsewhere. This plaque can lead to heart attack.

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dex finger, then gently wipe the gum pads of your child's mouth."

"Good dental health is essential to total body health," added Dr. James Sconzo, the program director of the hospital's Division of Dental Medicine. "Children should start seeing the dentist at 1 year of age, and by the time they have all their primary (baby) teeth, they should be in the habit of regularly brushing their teeth, with the assistance of a parent until they develop the dexterity to brush on her own. Whether age 1 or 101, there's no time like the present to prevent dental health issues from worsening, or starting in the first place."

Parents and children ages 1 to 16 are invited to join New York Methodist Hospital for Give Kids A Smile Day! on Friday, Feb. 7 from 9 am to 3 pm. Free dental screenings, including sealant placement, cleanings, X-rays, and more if applicable, will be available. The event will take place in the offices of the Hospital's Division of Dental Medicine, located on the first floor of the Kirkwood Pavilion.

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# Maimonides changing lives

## New procedure gives hope for patients

Until now, patients with severe aortic stenosis had to give up much of what makes life enjoyable. But a trailblazing new procedure at the Maimonides Heart and Vascular Center means they won't have to give up hope.

Maimonides was among the nation's first hospitals to offer transcatheter aortic valve replacement, the newest breakthrough for those considered too high-risk for traditional heart valve replacement.

"Only a handful of heart centers in the nation are able to provide this option for heart valve patients," said Dr. Jacob Shani, Chair of Cardiology and co-leader of the program at the Maimonides Heart and Vascular Center. "Our team of experts is unrivaled in exploring and developing the best therapies for cardiac problems."

A transcatheter aortic valve replacement is an innovative approach to the treatment of severe aortic stenosis (narrowing of the aortic valve opening). Instead of standard open-heart surgery, a balloon catheter is placed in the femoral artery and guided into the heart. A compressed heart valve is then placed in the catheter and positioned

directly inside the diseased aortic valve. Once in position, the balloon is inflated to secure the valve in place.

"TAVR is minimally invasive, with all the benefits that implies," said Dr. Greg Ribakove, Chief of Cardiothoracic Surgery and co-leader of the program at Maimonides. "This is clearly the best option for certain patients who cannot undergo open-heart surgery."

The patients who underwent the procedure at Maimonides are ecstatic over the results.

"I had lost hope of ever feeling better," said Grace Young, who had been told at other hospitals that she had no options. Now, a year after her procedure, she continues to thrive. "I feel like a whole new chapter of my life began at the age of 78! Everyone with this valve problem should speak to the folks at Maimonides and get their lives back."

In clinical trials, the procedure has been shown to significantly improve survival compared to non-surgical therapy. It also significantly improves symptoms and quality-of-life, and reduces repeat hospitalizations compared to medical therapy.

The approach is approved by the Food and Drug Administration for patients who have severe, symptomatic aortic stenosis and who are not eligible for open-heart surgery.

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Mayor Bill DeBlasio has already had a few impressive successes in implementing his agenda during his first 30 days in office.

His expanded sick leave bill has the strong support of new Council Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito (D-Manhattan) and will mark a big victory for the progressive treatment of workers throughout the city. Its predecessor was a contentious piece of legislation delayed for a long time by former City Council Speaker Christine Quinn that ordered companies with 15 or more workers to pay up to five sick days a year. The latest version applies to companies with as few as five employees.

The widespread use of stop, question, and frisk by the police department, which had already been dropping in 2013 in Ray Kelly and Mike Bloomberg's



## MAYORAL SPIN CYCLE

Tom Allon

last year, seems to be a relic of the past as Bill Bratton takes the reigns at One Police Plaza.

The new mayor has picked a diverse and talented group of commis-

sioners and a deputy mayor and schools chancellor who have vast experience and will know how to navigate the sometimes stifling bureaucracy as they implement DeBlasio's vision for "One City."

But perhaps the most impressive win thus far, the governor's promise to fund universal pre-K in New York for the next five years, has gotten lost in the seemingly futile argument of paying for this through additional taxes on wealthy New Yorkers.

Whether you agree or not that high earners can pay more to help improve our city for all (and there may be a very compelling argument here), the idea of raising taxes in 2014, a gubernatorial election year, seems like a non-starter.

Although I find the mayor's conviction and consistent message very impressive, in this case he probably

should declare victory, take the state funding right away, and begin the daunting task of setting up schools for these early learners and explore how to best implement this long-overdue educational reform.

Where the funding comes from is secondary to the great opportunity to erase the achievement gap before kindergarten. We should be laser-like focused on figuring out how to get this accomplished as quickly as possible. Even if it happened tomorrow, it will be years before we see the potential positive impact of this new education reform.

Kudos to DeBlasio for making this a big issue in his campaign and for getting Gov. Cuomo to include it in his budget, just a week after DeBlasio's inauguration.

As President Obama once said about something

else, DeBlasio should feel the fierce urgency of now to get universal pre-K off the ground. Take Cuomo's generous offer in 2014 and perhaps in 2015, when the governor is safely ensconced for four more years, and after Hillary Clinton's declaration of running in 2016, the mayor can convince Albany to raise taxes for the long-term funding.

Although there is a lot to do in education — from widely expanded teacher training to the rebuilding of our crumbling school

buildings — this legislation is a quick and great first step for DeBlasio and Chancellor Carmen Farina to begin improving our drifting school system.

As Woody Allen titled one of his early, funny films, he should "Take the Money and Run."

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# Select Bus Service a disservice to B44 riders

To the editor,

It has now been almost two months since the Metropolitan Transportation Authority, in its infinite wisdom, rolled out Select Bus Service on the B44 Nostrand Avenue line.

I must in all fairness say that on the face of it, it seems like a wonderful plan. Double-sized buses that whiz through traffic in special "bus only" lanes, only stopping at key intersections, thereby getting more commuters to their destination faster. Terrific! The problem is that while this plan may work well in Manhattan, where there are wide avenues and lanes that can be put aside for the buses, or in Williamsburg where hipsters need to get to their destinations faster, it does nothing at all in overcrowded Marine Park where Nostrand Avenue is already only one lane wide.

For those of us who live between the junction and Avenue U, all we have done is lose access to more buses at major intersections with other bus lines like Avenue R and Avenue L, which are bypassed by the new buses.

This week, when temperatures plunged close to zero it was especially difficult to watch the special buses sail by serenely empty while I waited as much as 20 minutes for a local bus. Has anyone in Marine Park yet sighted one of these buses with no empty seats?

When the plan was first launched in November, agency representatives said to walk to the nearest stop or complain to our elected officials. Of course, their timing conveniently coincided with the turnover in our politicians from last year's elections. I am sure that helping former constituents was high on the list of Lew Fidler and other outgoing politicians.

In any case, my fellow riders and I complained, and other than a vague statement that the service was being monitored, nothing has happened.

Now in all fairness, I could walk to the S.B.S. stop on Avenue U or Kings Highway, but unfortunately I live in the middle of both. It would be a 10-minute walk to one and a 15-minute walk to the other. Only the M.T.A. could maintain a straight face while explaining the logic of

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doing this rather than taking the bus that stops right on my corner at Avenue R.

There needs to be a re-evaluation of this plan before riders develop frostbite at a local stop while multiple, empty buses pass them.

**Larry Fried  
Marine Park**

### Class-action effort

To the editor,

I applaud Principal Alyce Barr for having the insight and determination to move forward with her Brooklyn School for Collaborative Studies in District 15 ("Too cool for high-school school," Jan. 24). It's all about creating a strong foundation and preparing our students for their future careers.

As an educator and community activist in Coney Island, I know that preparing young adults for success requires a different educational experience than it did many years ago. We are seeing that many of America's students are not meaningfully engaged or motivated in their academic experience while in high school.

Many high school graduates lack exposure to learning that links their work in school to college and careers — especially in the critically important fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. Our schools must do more to engage, prepare, and inspire college- and career-ready students, and our career technical education programs must be better aligned to employer and post-secondary needs.

The time is now to bring more of these programs to southern Brooklyn schools. It's all about creating a pathway and pipeline to education for our students. We must create a new blue print for education that engages our newly elected officials, business alliances and chambers of commerce. Make it a team effort for education.

**Scott Krivitsky**

*The writer is a teacher  
at PS 188 in Coney Island.*

### Boycott boycotters

To the editor,

I find it most offensive that extremist Angela Davis used a Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., commemorative service to spew her hatred for Israel, without a response from Mayor DeBlasio, his wife, or the Rev. Al Sharpton.

If Israel allows Arabs to be in the Knesset, how can Israel be an apartheid state? Are Israelis living in Arab countries represented in their governments?

Davis and other anti-Semites conveniently forget that when the U.N. declared

the partitioning of the Palestine in Nov. 1947, the Jewish people offered peace to the Palestinians, but the leaders of the latter dispersed their people and chose war instead. Who has bombed buses and committed other terrorist acts?

We, Jews, had to learn the hard way that by keeping quiet in the 1930s, Hitler was able to get away with one of the greatest tragedies ever to befall mankind. Don't expect that kind of submission from us anymore.

In fact, I am urging that people boycott those who advocate boycotts of Israel: Pink Floyd, Annie Lennox, Stevie Wonder, Emma Thompson, Vanessa Redgrave, and others.

**Ed Greenspan  
Sheepshead Bay**

### Safety first

To the editor,

All the best to Mayor DeBlasio, who is to be commended for adding at least 50 new video cameras and curbing speed limits to 20 miles per hour to prevent pedestrians from being hit by a motor operator.

His approach is as meritorious as that of the late former Mayor Tom Bradley of Los Angeles, where drivers were required to stop for pedestrians.

An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure, and the city shouldn't wait until a pedestrian is killed by a driver to install a new traffic light. Yet, if pedestrians cross improperly, they should be fined as well. This would bring in more revenue and help to realize our goal of becoming a safer city.

New York, the fourth largest state in population, is being eclipsed by California, Texas, and Florida, all of which charge \$10,000 for no-fault insurance, while we pay a maximum of \$50,000 — more than anywhere in the country.

It is only right that the city do its fair share to at least alleviate this problem, if not cure it.

**Elliott Abosh  
Brighton Beach**

### Rich tax

To the editor,

Mayor DeBlasio's rejection of Gov. Cuomo's offer to fund pre-K with state funds because it lacked the requisite tax-the-rich component of the mayor's philosophy is reminiscent of President Obama's assertion that he would favor increasing capitol gains tax even if it produced no new income because the point was to promote "fairness," otherwise known as taxing the rich.

Impoverishing the rich has never managed to enrich the poor, even though

it sounds like it should. And now here we are. Fasten your seat belts!

**Stephen Finger,  
Mill Basin**

### Inconvenient chapter

To the editor,

I was furious when the libraries, beginning with the Kings Highway branch, converted to computerization. However, after some time went by, I decided that since I still wanted to borrow library books, I would have to learn how to use the new system. To my surprise, this turned out to be both easy and convenient.

Then I received another unpleasant surprise at the same branch. Books used to be returned by putting them through a slot, but the return system was recently computerized, and patrons now have to scan the books before putting them through the slots. Do we now have to do all of the librarian's work?

This is not difficult to do, however, the problem which I encountered was that when many people are returning books at the same time, we have to wait a long time to return books. The fact that the librarian was giving instructions to people who needed help, added to the wait time.

When I complained to two nearby librarians, I was told to register my complaint with the central library. Would this do any good? Would they change the system? Of course not!

I wonder what the library will come up with next to further inconvenience patrons.

**Sarah Vogel  
Sea Gate**

### 'Trivial' Stan

To the editor,

I was disappointed by Stanley P. Gershbein's column, "Stan is sure he can keep it up" (It's Only My Opinion, Jan. 17).

He discusses such trivial matters as the length of a movie he recently saw, and families with members of differing political stripes. With all that's going on in the city, the nation and the world, one would think that Gershbein could find something more substantive to write about than Mickey Mouse's fingers.

What puzzles me is why you continue to publish such nonsense. Gershbein prides himself on having never missed a deadline in 25 years. While I respect his sense of responsibility, I submit that your readers would be no less served if he missed an occasional deadline.

**Arnold Kingston  
Sheepshead Bay**

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# Stan takes on the Santa clause

Christmas is long past, and it is hard to believe but there are still noisemakers that love to call radio shows to continue the argument about the color of Santa Claus.

Today's broadcast was not a replay of a month old show. Pinky swear. The jolly fat man in the red suit is an imaginary character. He is a fig-newton of billions of people's imaginations and could be any color they want him to be. If this continues, by next December there will be arguments about the length of his beard, the realty of flying reindeer, and the color of Frosty the Snowman. No! No! No! He's a snowman, so Frosty, by definition, is white. According to my Second College Edition of the American Heritage Dictionary snow is the solid precipitation in the form of white ice crystals. Yada, yada, yada. Please don't mess with my Frosty.

Either for medical reasons or because of the extra calories, more of us have been laying off the sugar. Of the many substitute sweeteners on the market, the most popular are Splenda (in the yellow envelope and made from sucralose), Equal (in the blue envelope and containing aspartame), and the good old reliable pink envelope of Sweet N' Low (which contains saccharin).

Saccharin has been around for as long as I can remember. My son, Daryl, is convinced that it is only a matter of time before one of these will be considered unsafe because its long term use will cause something we do not want. So, instead of sticking to one, he bought a box of each and uses one on Monday, another on Tuesday, and the third on Wednesday. He starts all over on Thursday and repeats the cycle. This way he feels that whichever brand leads to a problem he's only been using one-third of that sweetener



## IT'S ONLY MY OPINION

Stanley P. Gershbein

reducing the odds by two-thirds. Yes. I *do* have smart children.

Fact: in the first 24 hours of the Chris Christie massive traffic jam scandal, there was 17 times more media coverage than there was in the last six months of President Obama's Internal Revenue Service controversy. Tell me again that there is no double-standard in the media.

Let me make it clear that I am not now, nor have I ever been, a fan of the Garden State governor. He may still be liked by the voters of New Jersey, but he doesn't play well with my friends in Kansas and Nebraska.

The left is busy telling us that we are not supposed to believe Christie when he insists that he did not know about the traffic problem but we are supposed to believe Obama when he tells us he didn't know about whatever one of them is a proven liar. Why should I believe anything he says?

The ads are asking, "Are you ready for Hillary?" I am [StanGershbein@Bell-south.net](mailto:StanGershbein@Bell-south.net) with a message for her. Dear Mrs. Clinton: if you run, I will vote for you if you promise to bring back the dishes.

# New councilman's 'illegals' gig

The law exists to be followed, but rookie Councilman Carlos Menchaca (D-Red Hook-Sunset Park) is all for giving those that break it an easy pass.

The new head of the Council's Immigration Committee wants to introduce legislation for municipal identifications "regardless of immigration status," making him a champion of people who illegally enter the country.

Undocumented aliens would have a legal inroad into American society, allowing them access to library, prepaid debit, transportation or parking services — a stepping stone to unearned legal amnesty, if you will — if Menchaca gets his wish.

That's simply not acceptable, considering the caliber of some of the illegal immigrants trespassing in America these days.

Illegal Mexican immigrant Miguel Mejia-Ramos was charged with stabbing his girlfriend and their two daughters to death last week in Queens, and then trying to bolt across the Mexican border before authorities dragged him back in handcuffs to face the piper for his alleged crimes.

Sunset Park mass murder suspect Mingdong Chen, an illegal Chinese



## A BRITISHER'S VIEW

Shavana Abruzzo

immigrant, was arrested in November for slaughtering his cousin's wife and four children with a meat cleaver because he was jealous of their good life.

Both men confessed to their crimes without a jot of remorse. Just the type of people we want roving among us, right?

There is no easy solution to immigration reform, but endowing illegals with rights they have not earned is a slap in the face of every person who has made a back-breaking, good-faith effort to abide by the law to come here.

The benefits of illegal immigrants — if any — are more than absorbed by the expense of harboring them. Increasing numbers of undocumented immigrants from Mexico and Central America are giving birth, burdening hospitals, and costing taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars. An estimated 70 percent to 80 percent of the 10,587 births at two Texas hospitals in 2005 were born to people who came

here illegally.

Our national security is at risk, too. More than half of the 48 Islamic radicals convicted or linked to U.S. terror plots in the last 10 years were illegals or people who solicited illegals for

fake government IDs.

Lax immigration laws have emboldened illegals to show their true colors. Illegal immigrants attending an immigration law hearing in North Carolina last year giggled and guffawed when the president of a legal immigration advocacy group spoke about the many North Carolinians whom illegal aliens had killed. Are these the type of people we want among us?

Real immigration reform requires tough mandates, including a reversal of law that grants automatic citizenship to babies born here to illegals, and sanctioning rogue nations for making life so unbearable for their nationals that they feel compelled to flee here and become part of the problem and not the solution.

America was built on the back of immigrants who came here to make positive investments in their adopted nation — not on the whims of free-loaders and their advocates who want to bastardize the American Dream.

## Bieber's parents should learn a thing or two

Believe it or not — how refreshing to see the spot light off of Amanda Bynes and Lindsay Lohan for a change, while firmly lighting the smiling, drunken face of Justin Bieber.

The naughty 19-year-old was arrested in Florida for drag racing, resisting arrest, and driving under the influence all on the same night, according to a reports.

What an achievement.

Just hours before being arrested, the Biebs had a "heart to heart" with a model in a club, lamenting how hard it is to be in the limelight.

This begs two questions:

- How does a 19 year old get into a strip club where alcohol is served in the first place?

- How hard is it to be in the limelight?

Carmen Ortega, the model in question says, "He's just doing what any teenager would do if they were a star with lots of money."

Okay. Here are two more questions:

- Why, oh, why is his behavior acceptable? Because he is a star and has lots of money?

- Why is it okay for someone with lots of money to act like an a-- and get away with it?

Is this model a child psychologist



## NOT FOR NUTHIN'

Joanna DelBuono

licensed to give out advice?

Page Six in the Post had photos of Beiber, just hours after his DUI arrest, bar-hopping with dad. Okay, your son just got arrested for a drinking and driving, and you reward him by taking him into a bar. Wow, I wish that my dad would have been that understanding — don't you?

Wait, here are some more questions:

- What's wrong with the father?

- Why would a bar serve the underage kid again?

As a parent, it would seem that the senior Bieber would want to get his son out of that environment and get some help. Instead, he takes him to a bar so they can discuss the problem over a few beers.

Still more questions:

- What is it going to take for daddy dear to stop his teen son from this self-destructive path?

- What would the dad have done if little Bieber crashed his rented Lamborghini and ended his own life, or taken an innocent person's life? Shed a tear and toast it with a brew?

Let's face it, we all have feet of clay and we all make mistakes, but the type of mistakes these teen train wrecks make are life-threatening. Adding salt to the open gaping wound is the fact that the parents are just as dysfunctional and irresponsible, unable to lead their children in the right direction.

Not for Nuthin™, but studios should make it mandatory for all parents of up-and-coming teen idols to take a "good parenting skills," just so that they can be a functioning parent when the camera is turned off and the teen-train-wreck is unleashed on the public.

# Finally! An award worthy of the name 'Carmine'!

I'm madder than the windshield-cleaning panhandler who got a doggie bag of food for payment when, in fact, he was hoping to get some coin for his next bottle over the fact that for the next few weeks, all my readers will be mad at me because instead of getting a dose of the typical piss-and-vinegar prose they expect from me, they'll be getting my annual tributes to some great people from the neighborhood who'll be receiving my annual Carmine Awards for Community Service!

Look, you all know that every year the group that I've been president of for 34 years (with my pols still riding sky-high) — the Bensonhurst West End Community Council — known to those in the know as BWECC! — is having its 53rd annual gala on March 19 at the fabulous El Caribe in Mill Basin, where there will be enough food served to feed a small country for a week — or two! But what you don't know are



## BIG SCREECHER

*Carmine Santa Maria*

the names of the honorees, which I will announce right here in this space right now, hoping and praying that I spell their names

right so they don't get mad at me and demand a correction.

I'm proud to announce that Deborah Dellumo is my Woman of the Year. Scott Herman is my Man of the Year. Ann Marie Lettieri-Baker is my Educator of the Year Award. Luisa DeSilvio and Anne Polizzi are my Parents of the Year. Steven and Mary Placanica have been tabbed as my Couple of the Year Award. Rosalie Bacarella will be receiving the new School Leadership Award.

So, beginning this week, I'll break down the biographies of these fabulous people the only way I know how: by cutting and pasting something one of my many minions sent me and printing it as if it was written by your's truly.

Without further ado, here's our first bio, on our Woman of the Year, Debbie Dellumo.

Debbie was born and raised in Bath Beach. She is the younger daughter of Lillian and Carmelo

Fragomeni. Although Debbie has lived in District 21 her entire life, she is the product of parochial school education, attending Our Lady of Solace, Fontbonne Hall Academy, and St. Joseph's College where she double majored in Child Study and French. She earned masters degrees in special education, reading, and administration and supervision.

Debbie says she wanted to be a teacher her entire life. Her earliest memory is of a little girl drawing rows of stick figure students on the wall behind her mom's living room curtains. When her mom discovered her "artwork" she stated, "I want to be a teacher, mommy."

Debbie secured her first teaching position at St. Mary, Mother of Jesus School. She taught first grade for five years. In 1984, Debbie left St. Mary's and joined the District 21 family. During the 30 years that Debbie has been part of District 21, her dream of teaching continued and expanded!

Debbie taught first and third grades at PS 100. Debbie moved to PS 128 where she taught reading for two years before she was invited to become a District 21 staff developer. In 2003 Debbie was appointed assistant Principal to PS 212.

Among her professional accomplishments Debbie considers her Book of the Month Program to be her greatest success.

While Debbie has loved every minute of her career, her greatest pleasure comes from time spent with her family. She truly believes that her life has been a dream come true."

And there you have it — a beautiful, talented teacher, innovator, administrator, who is friendly and meanwhile is an exceptional mother as well as loving wife. Congratulations Debbie, we all can't wait to meet your beautiful family. If anyone is interested in joining us contact us at [bwecc@aol.com](mailto:bwecc@aol.com)

Screech at you next week!

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2008	Jeep Liberty, 17k	54235	\$9,495	2010	Infiniti G37, 28k	70898	\$18,995
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# New York Harbor Watch



**RACING DOWN THE COURSE:** Olympic bobsled champion driver Steven Holcomb works with fellow bobsledder Capt. Chris Fogt to start their first run on Dec. 6, 2013 in Park City, Utah.

Tim Hips

## Sled team chases gold at Sochi

### HARBOR WATCH

Capt. Chris Fogt, Sgt. Justin Olsen, Sgt. Nick Cunningham, Sgt. Dallas Robinson, and Team USA assistant coach 1st Lt. Michael Kohn will represent the U.S. Army in the 2014 Olympic Winter Games in Sochi in the men's bobsled team. With the exception of Robinson, everyone in the group has previously competed in the Olympics.

They will be joined by former U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program, or WCAP, bobsledder Steven Holcomb, the reigning Olympic champion driver in the four-man event. Therefore, the U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program had a hand in helping produce about half of the U.S. Olympic men's bobsled squad.

Holcomb, who spent seven years in WCAP, will drive USA-1 with brakeman Fogt and civilians Curt Tomasevicz and Steve Langton aboard. Holcomb also will drive USA-1 in the two-man event.

Cunningham will drive USA-2 with WCAP teammates Olsen, Robinson and civilian Johnny Quinn aboard. Olsen was a member of Holcomb's four-man squad that struck gold at the 2010 Olympic Winter Games in Whistler, British Columbia, Canada.

Cunningham and Corey Butner also will pilot U.S. sleds in the two-man event. The two-man bobsled brakemen will be selected from the pool of six push athletes named to the four-man squads.

A number of components were considered when selecting the 2014 U.S. Olympic Bobsled Team push athletes, including combine test and U.S. National Push Championship results, U.S. National Team Trials finishes, driver input, proven international experience with a history of results and team combinations working well together, trend of push times, start

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# Ted-E-Bear faces freeze

## Fort Rucker's resident bear is prepared for polar vortex

### HARBOR WATCH

The polar vortex that has swirled around the continental U.S. has caused a few zoos to bring in their arctic animals, but it takes more than a chill wind to frighten Fort Rucker's resident white carnivore.

In many cities across America, mascots can be found that promote esprit de corps. Dothan, Ala., has its peanut statues. Louisville, Ky., has its horses, and Cherokee, N.C., has its bears. Promoting morale is one of the things that Fort Rucker's Sgt. Ted E. Bear does best, even in frigid weather conditions.

Located at the corner of Andrews and Novosel, Bear has dutifully watched over Fort Rucker for the last 53 years. Standing watch over the installation near the Daleville Gate, he observes the thousands of people passing by him every day, said J. Patrick Hughes, Aviation Branch historian.

"People have fun with that bear," he said. "He was originally designed in Panama City by Lee Koplin, but he was built here and he will stay here. He is now a Fort Rucker icon."

Bear was originally erected as an emblem of the 2nd Battle Group, 31st Infantry Regiment, also known as the Polar Bear Regiment. Construction was commissioned in 1961, by Col. Bennett L. Jackson, to commemorate the action the unit saw while attempting to keep the Trans-Siberian Railroad open during World War I, in Murmansk, Russia. It was that operation that earned the regiment the nickname "the Polar Bears," and Bennett



**CHILL OUT:** Warrant Officer Candidate class 10-20 paints Sgt. Ted E. Bear, located near the gate of Fort Rucker Ala., on July 18, 2010 to look like a penguin to promote the Leading Change initiative.

Emily Brainard

received the nickname "Bear," said Hughes.

The regiment even incorporated the polar bear into its crest, he added.

"Smokey" was originally located next to the 46th Engineer Battalion building after the 31st Infantry Regiment was reassigned to Fort Benning, Ga., in 1966.

Over the years, Bear has donned many outfits as part of his provided care, rang-

ing from bunny and penguin suits to flight suits. He has also sported superhero costumes and a variety of other seasonable ensembles.

Bear overshadows all of his fellow sergeants, if not by age then by dimensions. At 15 feet high, Bear weighs 2,000 pounds (mostly made of solid concrete), with his weight steadily growing with each outfit he dons.

Eventually, the responsibility of caring for Bear passed to 1st Battalion, 210th Aviation Regiment, in 1994, when the bulk of the engineer battalion relocated to Fort Polk, La., and he was then reassigned to the Warrant Officer Career College, in 1997.

"With his reassignment to the 210th, he received his new orders, rank and name — Pfc. Ted E. Bear," said Hughes, adding that Bear received official orders.

He was promoted to sergeant on Sept. 19, 2007, in an official ceremony approved by Maj. Gen. Virgil L. Packett II, then U.S. Army Aviation Warfighting Center and Fort Rucker commanding general, and at the time it was stated that his weight issues kept him from being promoted higher.

In 2008, Bear was moved from his original home on Ruf Avenue to his new home near the U.S. Army Aviation Museum, where he bravely and quietly watches over passing traffic.

"People would notice if he was moved or removed in a heartbeat," said the historian. "It was somewhat controversial when they moved him to his new post. Can you imagine what would happen if he was taken down permanently?"

"Many soldiers return to 'Mother Rucker,'" he added. "If Bear could not be found, it would be like losing a friend you always expect to see when you return home."

In a real sense, Bear serves as a colorful community bulletin board, and many organizations have updated the ante when it

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# Guardisman checks pump

## Specialist checks water condition in West Virginia

### HARBOR WATCH

Virginia National Guard soldiers and airmen, along with personnel from other states, are using the skills and training they have for sampling and identifying unknown chemical or biological agents to help West Virginia officials evaluate the quality of water after a chemical spill left more than 300,000 residents without drinking water.

Weapons of mass destruction civil support teams from five different states have been working in the Charleston area since Jan. 9 to assist West Virginia with the collection, data entry, and transport of water samples for evaluation. Fourteen soldiers and airmen from the Virginia National Guard's Fort Pickett-based 34th Civil Support Team, or CST, arrived on Jan. 18 to assist with the ongoing water-sampling operation.

"The impact of the National Guard has been huge," said Jeff McIntyre, president of West Virginia American Water.

He said that his company has a lot of capability and technically savvy people, but the Guard has played a key role in helping with a water sampling effort that spans more than 3,000 square miles.

"Their support shows us how important the National Guard is to a state and community or even a private enterprise that can't do everything it needs for the people of West Virginia," McIntyre said.

West Virginia officials lifted water restrictions that began on Jan. 9, but sampling continues to evaluate the water supply. Officials say they will continue testing until the system has been sampled and tested at 1/100 parts per million (10 parts per billion), a level well below the Centers for Disease Control recommended threshold for public health and considered to be the level of non-detection.

CSTs from Tennessee, Ohio and Washington, D.C., deployed for duty soon after



**BRRR!** Staff Sgt. Nathan Peltway collects water sample on Jan. 19 in Charleston from icy fire-hydrant. Cotton Puryear

the initial spill to assist the 35th CST with water sample collection, inputting tracking information and transporting samples to testing labs for evaluation. CSTs from Virginia and Pennsylvania arrived on Jan. 18, to continue support after the initial CSTs departed.

"After our initial response, we realized pretty quickly that we were going to need some help," said Lt. Col. Greg Grant, commander of the 35th CST.

He said that, while the water company was very skilled and experienced in their operations, the demand of collecting more than 1,500 samples over a period of more than 10 days required a huge effort. With the help of the other CSTs, water sampling operations have been running 24 hours a day.

For the sampling operations, National Guard soldiers and airmen pair up with employees of West Virginia American Water, travel to a designated survey point, collect a water sample, label it, then return it to a collection point where the key data are captured and then the sample is sent off for evaluation. CST personnel continue to track the samples until the

evaluation results are returned from the lab.

"Our baseline survey task is to go to a point, take a sample, bring it back, and get it to an analytical lab," said Maj. Casey Cox, commander of the 34th CST.

He said the nuts and bolts behind effective sampling is the data and being able to carefully and accurately track the sample results through the entire process.

The coordinated multi-state response has also validated many of the training practices and procedures used by the CSTs. Grant explained that because CSTs are regionally aligned and often train together, there were already established relationships that improved the effectiveness of the initial response.

Because CSTs follow standard protocols and procedures, it was easy to integrate new CST members into the operation without compromising mission effectiveness, he said.

According to National Guard Bureau, there are 57 WMD-CSTs located across the U.S., U.S. territories, and Washington, D.C., with two each in California, Florida, and New York. The teams are on stand-by 24 hours a

day, seven days a week, and can deploy an advance team within 90 minutes of notification. The main body deploys within three hours.

Grant said that he called the commander of the Tennessee CST at 10:30 am, and they were on a plane at 3:30 pm.

"The professionalism and skill sets of the National Guard and CSTs are really remarkable, and we know we can count on each other," he said.

"I am very pleased with how quickly we were able to alert, marshal, and deploy safely into West Virginia," Cox said.

He added that their experience in West Virginia is allowing them to exercise their sampling skills and will make them more effective.

"What we are doing here is allowing us to hone our skills for future missions," Cox said.

A National Guard weapons of mass destruction civil support team is comprised of 22 full-time Army and Air National Guard personnel with the mission to support civil authorities at a domestic chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear incident site with identification and assessment of hazards, advice to civil authorities, and facilitating the arrival of follow-on military forces during emergencies and incidents of weapons of mass destruction terrorism. Following Hurricane Katrina, the CST was expanded to include natural and man-made disasters.

The unit complements and enhances, but does not duplicate, state CBRNE response capabilities and is divided into six sections: command, operations, communications, administration-logistics, medical-analytical, and survey.

More than 500 members of the West Virginia National Guard have been on duty assisting with water testing as well as distribution of bottled water to residents in support of the state's multi-agency response to the situation.

# Love and laughs at Fort Hamilton

Love and laughter come to the Fort Hamilton Theater on Feb. 14.

Celebrating the holiday of love, comedians present a comedy show, "A Military Love Thang," at the Fort for a special show featuring Dell Harrison, Drew Frasier, Smokey Suarez, Gerald Kelly, and Faecman.

The doors open at 8 pm and the yucks get going at 8:30 pm. Tickets are \$20 in advance and VIP tickets are \$25, which includes a meet and greet with the

bad boys of comedy.

Adding to the love, there will be a prize given to the sexiest couple, the sexiest single, and the first 150 ladies will receive a Valentine's gift.

The event is open to the public with proper ID.

"A Military Love Thang," at Fort Hamilton Theater at Fort Hamilton Army Base [Seventh Ave. at Poly Place Gate, in Dyker Heights]. Feb. 14, 8 pm. For tickets call (201) 772-2020.

— Joanna Delbuono

## Ted E-Bear

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comes to decorating him — giving him 3D accessories like banners, hats, sporting equipment, and large polar bear-sized packages.

"Countless generations of aviators have come through here and seen him. He has always been a very prominent figure in the community," he said. "Aviators see him and they identify with him, and I know it is usually one of the first things family's notice when they arrive here.

"He is now part of the tradition of being at Fort Rucker, even though his origins do not lie in aviation. He is part of the experience of becoming an

Army aviator," he continued.

People across the area can only wonder what fashion statements Bear will reveal next and when he will be promoted to staff sergeant, because he is surely the most famous sergeant in the lower 49 states. He has been featured in local newspapers more than 10 times, and his likeness is now featured as a trophy at the Fort Rucker Arts and Crafts Center.

But people should exercise care when taking photos with Bear. Although he loves the attention, is dressed to impress, is wearing a smile and his arms are open to receive hugs, he is a 2,000 pound carnivorous infantryman, and the intersection he is by is a high traffic area.

## Sochi

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rank and velocity, and current season results.

Nations were allocated Olympic quotas based on rank in international points following seven competitions during the 2013-2014 season. The U.S. was one of three nations that qualified to enter the maximum of three teams in men's two-man bobsled competition, and one of the only two nations to qualify the maximum of three

sleds in the women's race. The U.S. was not one of the top three nations in four-man bobsled standings and is limited to two crews.

The Olympic bobsled events are scheduled for a four-heat format over two days of racing. The men's two-man bobsled competition is slated for Feb. 16-17, followed by women's bobsled Feb. 18-19. The men's four-man bobsled competition will be one of the last events of the Olympic Games, set for Feb. 22-23.

# 'Sesame Street' helps base children adjust

## A new book and DVD are geared to military kids and their special needs

### HARBOR WATCH

The Defense Department and "Sesame Street" have unveiled a book and DVD to develop resilience in young children. Barbara Thompson, the director of the office of family policy, children and youth said "Little Children, BIG Challenges" lets military children know that challenges are a part of life. Whether a child struggles with sitting quietly at the dinner table, or faces a bully at school, the beloved "Sesame Street" characters can help.

After several collaborations initiated by "Sesame Street" on topics such as grief, the Defense Department wanted to "get ahead of the game," Thompson said, and produce something that was preventive in nature.

So "Little Children, BIG Challenges" was born.

"We wanted to build re-

silience and coping skills in young children (for) some of the everyday challenges young children face," she said.

Whether a child's challenge is large or small, the goal was to teach him to cope with and manage his emotions, stay positive, and give him tools to overcome adversities in life, Thompson said.

A chapter on bullying, for example, teaches preschool children skills that they can use later in school, Thompson noted.

"We want to make sure they know how to diffuse a situation, how to respond to it, and know they can seek help," she added.

"If we start ingraining those habits into children — that it's not okay for somebody to be disrespectful to them or hurt their feelings, and they have the skills and the coping mechanisms to



**SUNNY DAYS:** "Little Children, BIG Challenges," developed by the Defense Department and "Sesame Street" lets military children know that challenges are a part of life.

Department of Defense

react to it — they will know what to do," Thompson said.

The DVD isn't something

children can watch alone for entertainment, she said, calling it a "learning experience" that requires an

adult to watch and discuss it with them.

While most "Sesame Street" shows, books, and DVDs are geared toward young children, the coping mechanisms taught in "Little Children, BIG Challenges" will show parents how to pass those skill sets along to their older children in middle and high school, Thompson added.

"Parents can translate it to an older child at his or her developmental level," she said.

The follow-up research and evaluation on the first military child product from "Sesame Street" showed very positive feedback from parents who said it helped them help their children understand the issue. All materials are in English and Spanish and are downloadable at Military OneSource.

Additionally, a free

"Sesame Street" phone app was recently launched on relocating. "The Big Moving Adventure," Thompson said, is in the top-five of apps for children younger than 5 years old.

Even though the Iraq war has ended and Afghanistan's war is drawing to a close, the "Sesame Street" series for military children still will be available in peacetime, Thompson said, because other missions will evolve and similar circumstances will arise, such as frequent military moves, sibling rivalries and divorce.

"When they have the skills to label their feelings and to validate it's okay to feel happy or sad ... and when we give kids the skills to verbalize and understand themselves, that self-regulation is probably the greatest gift we can give a child," Thompson said.

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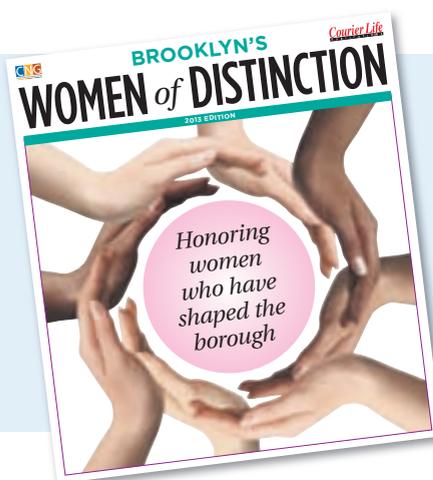
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## Recap

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pledged to splurge \$3.65 million to transform a shabby, overgrown lot at Brigham Street and Emmons Avenue into a kids' playground to accommodate the neighborhood's family boom. Former Canarsie Councilman Lew Fidler allocated funds for the project from his discretionary budget before being term-limited out.

**Method-ical tweaks:** New York Methodist Hospital's ambitious plan for a U-shaped outpatient center needs some nips and tucks before it can proceed with its operations, stated Community Board 6, dispensing a prescription of demands it says will make the new facility blend in with the landscape while sticking to height-zoning laws.

**'River' reopens:** A new \$76,000 Steinway piano and succulent oysters wrapped in smoked salmon with caviar are among the sumptuous new offerings at the renovated River Cafe, which reopened after more than a year after damage by Hurricane Sandy. The superstorm destroyed the famous waterfront restaurant's old 88 and kitchen, but didn't dish it the ultimate fate of other ravaged eateries, such as then-newly-opened Governor, which closed for good after the flood.

**'Zumba' boom:** Mill Basin fitness fiend Joe "Zumba Daddy" Gillette danced into local history books, after breaking his own record for the city's largest indoor zumba class at Aviator Sports and Events Center, attended by 434 zumbaoists — up 15 from last year's 419.



**BAD MEDICINE:** Bedford-Stuyvesant's Interfaith Medical Center received \$2 million in state funds to keep it from flatlining.

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Gillette said he expected recordsetters.com to declare his milestone of attracting the largest number of zumba dancers in any city building. Stay tuned.

**Fiscal CPR:** An emergency cash transfusion was just the tonic for ailing Interfaith Medical Center, which returned to business after Albany funneled around \$2 million in state funds to keep the Bedford-Stuyvesant hospital from flatlining.

**Swan song:** Swans are not symbols of purity, beauty, and transformation, but rather a blot fit to be shot, claimed Albany swan haters, who came up with a plan to kill off the mute variety of the birds by 2025. The state's "Mute Swan Management Plan" calls for an all-out war against New York's largest fowl for allegedly behaving aggressively towards people, destroying aquatic vegetation, frightening away other birds, and posing a danger to flying planes. Animal activists retaliated with a petition on Change.org that has drawn thousands of signatures so far.

**Nyet!** You can take a person out of the former Soviet

Union, but you can't take the Soviet Union out of some people. Members of Russian punk band Pussy Riot went to prison for singing anti-state lyrics in a Moscow cathedral, but a Russian-American priest warned them to stay away from his Bensonhurst church when they attend next month's Amnesty International concert in Prospect Heights. Archpriest Serge Lukianov of the Orthodox New Martyrs and Confessors of Russia Church called the punk protestors "satanic," and said their message against the church and its role in government was nothing to rave about.

**Gung hay fat choy:** The polar vortex plunged the borough into a deep freeze for most of January, but the icebox didn't dampen the spirits of warm-hearted, party-hearty Brooklynites, who will close the month with rollicking Chinese New Year celebrations around town. Festivities lead up to the big shebang in Sunset Park, where firecrackers and a parade along Eighth Avenue will officially ring in the Year of the Horse on Feb. 2.

## History

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swer it," Grimm snapped. "I've earned that respect."

• At a 2012 forum at the Dyker Civic Association, Jonathan Yedin — the former chief-of-staff to Rep. Micheal McMahon, who Grimm unseated in 2010 — questioned the ongoing investigation into Grimm's fund-raising practices. Grimm began to respond, and Yedin interrupted, causing the

legislator to lash out.

"Have a little respect. And if you don't have any, I'd be happy to teach it to you," Grimm said.

Yedin said he was aghast at the incident afterward.

"Congressman Grimm came to a public meeting to campaign and answer questions about why he deserved to get our votes. Yet when I asked him for a simple explanation, he exploded and physically threatened me," Yedin said.

Of course, Grimm is not the only politician to blow

up on camera.

Who can forget then-Councilman and now Staten Island Borough President Jimmy Oddo's outburst when a Norwegian comedy show attempted an "Ali-G"-style interview, only to have the Republican representative completely lose his cool.

"Get the f--- out of my office! What the f--- is this?" Oddo screamed when he realized what was going on and demanded his staff remove the phoney news crew from his Staten Island office.

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Neon tights: SyncStudio's Katie Vohwinkel, left, Karla Misjan, Javier Hernandez, and Ashley Lively will lead an '80s Jazzercise class at bar and theater Videology.

Photo by Elizabeth Graham

# JAZZERCISE IT UP

**W'burg fitness studio resurrects 1980s aerobics fad — and outfits**

By Meredith Deliso

**B**reak out the spandex and leg warmers — Jazzercise, the aerobics craze of the 1980s, is back!

Well, it never really went away, as you can still do a modern, updated form of the dance fitness fad at some gyms today. But for one day at least, you can workout to the vintage version when Williamsburg bar and video store Videology hosts its “Suzanne Somers Workout Party!” on Feb. 1.

The throwback exercise event will be led by instructors from nearby SyncStudio, which normally offers classes in cycling and yoga.

“We’re really just about bringing people

together in a fun workout environment to try and get rid of the whole stigma that working out has to be so serious,” said Karla Misjan, a yoga instructor at the studio. “We thought this would be another fun, silly way to get people together.”

Misjan was inspired to throw a Jazzercise party after viewing a YouTube clip from the mid-'80s of Jazzercise founder Judi Sheppard Misset. In the clip, a heavily-tanned, leotard-sporting Misset leads a workout set to the Bar-Kays’ “Move Your Boogie Body” and spouts enthusiastic words of encouragement, such as, “Shake it, honey!”

“I’m pretty sure that Kristen Wiig stole all of

her characters from this video,” said Misjan.

After some sleuthing, Videology’s Kaitlyn Wylde was able to track down the original hour-long video — on VHS, of course — for the ironic dance party.

“It’s hard to imagine that barely 30 years ago this was cool and people took it seriously,” said Wylde. “It was this thing that was empowering women to reinvigorate their workout, but now it’s a joke.”

Indeed, don’t expect to sweat too much in your spandex at Videology.

“It’s a terrible workout,” said Misjan. “It’s a silly, stagnant way to move your body. It’s certainly entertaining though.”

Adding to the entertainment factor will be drink specials and a costume contest for the best dressed jazzerciser. At stake? A “really good” SyncStudio membership, said Misjan, and goods from American Apparel. As for what to wear, think lots of spandex, side pony tails, tube socks, big T-shirts over tights, and “total body-hugging, hideous '80s neon lycra,” suggested Wylde.

“I’m really hoping that some people will be brave and wear a spandex thong leotard,” said Wylde. “But I’m being optimistic.”

“Suzanne Somers Workout Party!” at Videology [308 Bedford Ave. at S. First Street in Williamsburg, (718) 782-3468, [www.videology.info](http://www.videology.info)], Feb. 1 at 5 pm. Free.

# WINGING IT ON GAME DAY

*Last-minute Super Bowl party solutions from Brooklyn restaurants*

By Meredith Deliso

Putting together a last-minute Super Bowl party? There is no need to drop the ball by only serving your guests chips and dip. We have rounded up several Brooklyn eateries that will take care of the big game catering for you, at late notice. Whether you are in the mood for wings, barbecue, or even meatballs, Brooklyn has you covered like Buffalo sauce.

## Uncle Jimmy's Backyard BBQ

**The package:** Deals start at two-dozen grilled wings, a rack of ribs, and two pounds of pulled pork for \$90, and go up to five slabs of ribs, five-dozen grilled wings, and five pounds of pulled pork for \$300. You will also get plenty of mac 'n' cheese and coleslaw, plus a choice of add-ons. For dessert, there is an apple crisp.

**Delivery?:** Yes.

**Pre-order:** By 9 pm, Feb. 1.

[8727 Fourth Ave. at 88th Street in Bay Ridge, (718) 567-3800, [www.bbqbrooklyn.com](http://www.bbqbrooklyn.com)].

## The Meatball Shop

**The package:** Mix things up with an order of meatballs. You can order 36 balls (including sauce) for \$70, or 80 for \$145. Meat choices include beef, spicy pork,



For the wing: Uncle Jimmy's Backyard BBQ's Maria Young holds a plate of wings from the Bay Ridge eatery's Super Bowl menu. Photo by Elizabeth Graham

chicken, and veggie. Sides and cookies can also be added on.

**Delivery?:** No.

**Pre-order:** 48 hours in advance.

[170 Bedford Ave. near N. Eighth Street in Williamsburg, (718) 551-0520, [www.themeatballshop.com](http://www.themeatballshop.com)].

## Pork Slope

**The package:** This punny Park Slope barbecue joint is offering a pork shoulder, 25 wings, and half-trays of coleslaw and potato salad for \$195.

**Delivery?:** No.

**Pre-order:** 48 hours in advance.

[247 Fifth Ave. between Carroll Street

and Garfield Place in Park Slope, (718) 768-7675, [www.parkslopebrooklyn.com](http://www.parkslopebrooklyn.com)].

## The Wing Bar

**The package:** What is a Super Bowl party without loads of wings? You can order 100 for \$75 here, in mild, medium, hot, or barbecue. Beyond wings, menu options also include fried pickles, fried Brussels sprouts, cream cheese jalapeno poppers, and mozzarella sticks.

**Delivery?:** Yes.

**Pre-order:** Recommended, but will take limited orders on the day.

[275 Smith St. between Degraw and Sackett streets in Carroll Gardens, (718) 237-2728, [www.thewingbar.com](http://www.thewingbar.com)].

## Eastern District

**The package:** Create a customized party platter and choose from a variety of meats and cheeses at this high-end Greenpoint grocery. Platters are \$7 per person (minimum of five) and come with crackers, olives, nuts, and dried fruit and are displayed on a compostable bamboo tray.

**Delivery?:** No.

**Pre-order:** At least 24 hours in advance.

[1053 Manhattan Ave. between Eagle and Freeman streets in Greenpoint, (718) 349-1432, [www.easterndistrictny.com](http://www.easterndistrictny.com)].

## Maestro of puppets: Marionette show from Mexico reinvents 'Sleeping Beauty' for the modern day

By Danielle Furfaro

A theater company that uses puppets on strings to pull at families' heart strings is putting on a modern-day version of "Sleeping Beauty."

Marionetas De La Esquina (The Corner Marionettes), a Mexico City-based puppet company, will perform its version of the Grimm classic at the Brooklyn Academy of Music beginning Feb. 1. In addition to familiar fairy-tale elements such as princesses and witches, "Sleeping Beauty Dreams" focuses on modern childhood problems, such as how to deal with overprotective parents.

"We try to take problems that children have today and put them in a fairy tale," said Amaranta Leyva, who wrote



Pink beauty: Marionetas de la Esquina portray "Sleeping Beauty" with this pink-haired puppet.

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the play for her family-owned and operated company. "It's about how far we can go without having any freedom for the children."

The story begins with a

queen who cannot have children, so has a daughter with the help of a witch. She keeps the daughter locked in the house until she is eight, when the girl decides it is time to see the world.

The play, which debuted last year at the Kennedy Center, is made up of fantastical characters and multimedia dreamscapes. The marionettes are constructed to move as much like humans as possible and to be operated by just one puppeteer.

The production is truly a family affair — Leyva's father designs the puppets, her mother directs the play, and her cousin handles the multimedia designs for the nightmares and other hallucinations.

The message of the play,

which will be performed separately in both English and Spanish, is intended to speak to elementary school-aged children, but the beauty of the show can be appreciated by all ages, said artists manager Robin Klinger.

"It's a nice take on a fairy tale from a Mexican point of view," said Klinger. "And it's coming from a nicer place than the old fairy tale. They are not trying to kill anybody."

"Sleeping Beauty Dreams" at the Brooklyn Academy of Music, BAM Fisher, [321 Ashland Pl. between Lafayette Avenue and Hanson Place in Fort Greene, (718) 636-4100, [www.bam.org](http://www.bam.org)]. Feb. 1-2 and Feb. 8 at 11 am and 3 pm (Feb. 1, 3 pm performance will be in Spanish). \$12.



Back in black: Park Slope pianist Simone Dinnerstein has been spreading the good word of classical music, with her "Bachpacking" elementary school tour, a new album, and a performance on Jan. 11. Photo by Lisa Marie Mazzucco

## P'Slope pianist takes Bach to the future

By Tammy Scileppi

Park Slope pianist Simone Dinnerstein is taking New York City Bach to school.

The accomplished ivory-tinkler is already well-known in the neighborhood for the regular "Neighborhood Classics" concert series she hosts at PS 321. But this year, Dinnerstein has been taking her love of classical music well beyond Seventh Avenue, with a tour of 10 elementary schools all around the city.

"Schools are wonderful places to expose children to this beautiful art form," said Dinnerstein, whose mission was to get youngsters excited about Johann Sebastian Bach's "Inventions and Sinfonias" pieces. "There really isn't any equivalent to this kind of music in contemporary popular music."

During Dinnerstein's two-week tour — which she dubbed "Bachpacking" — the pianist packed up her digital keyboard and introduced Bach's music to area students. In a recent class at UFT Charter School in East New York, the kids sat mesmerized by how fast Dinnerstein's hands moved as she played Bach's "Inventions" — exercises he wrote in 1723 to teach his own students how to play.

"The presentations were fairly interactive and I had the kids sing and come to the keyboard," said Dinnerstein, who also had the students sing different songs simultaneously to understand how the left and right hands work together on the keys in concert.

"This led into me playing more Bach, and by that point they had already started to draw connections between music they knew and the music I played for them," Dinnerstein said.

Dinnerstein's efforts to make the hits of the 18th-century cool again appear to have been a success — several students have since sent her hand-written thank-you notes, she said.

The keen keyboardist is also endeavoring to make adult fans fall in love with the 30 short pieces that make up "Inventions and Sinfonias," which she recently recorded onto her new album, "J.S. Bach: Inventions & Sinfonias," and will perform at a "Neighborhood Classics" concert on Feb. 11.

Dinnerstein hopes listeners will discover what her Bachpacking pupils did — that these almost 300-year-old pieces still have relevance today.

"Bach's pieces are all about texture — like complex tapestries, and his music has a timelessness about it," she said. "It could have been written in the Baroque period, the Romantic period, or today."

Simone Dinnerstein performs at "Neighborhood Classics" at PS 321 [180 Seventh Ave. between First and Second streets in Park Slope, (718) 499-2412, [www.neighborhoodclassics.com](http://www.neighborhoodclassics.com)]. Feb. 11 at 7 pm. \$15.

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## ■ AROUND TOWN

# ART IN FROM THE COLD

*Bushwick street artist takes his work indoors for new show*

By Matthew Perlman

A popular Bushwick artist is getting out of his element — by going indoors.

Luis Rosenfeld's glossy black and white photographs are more commonly found plastered to the outsides of buildings. But until the end of February, they will be on display in warmer surrounds at Bushwick's Ange Noir Cafe.

Even on the neighborhood's graffiti-strewn walls, Rosenfeld's work stands out. Most street artists trade in paste-ups, tags, and stencils, but Rosenfeld displays intimate black and white portraits — often photos he has taken of people on the street. The subjects are in stark focus, and the background is blurry with camera shake, thanks to a long exposure and off-camera flash. After printing the photographs on cheap standard paper, he coats the images with polyurethane, which gives them a deep gloss.

"I love the process," said Anguy Pacini, co-owner of Ange Noir Cafe. "The simple paper, with polyurethane. It's something different. No tags. No spray paint."

Pacini said he had seen Rosenfeld's work around the neighborhood, and liked it so much, he tracked the artist down and invited him to exhibit it at the cafe.

"I said to my wife, Why don't we find the artist?" he said. "And so we did."

Outside of Ange Noir, one of the best places to view Rosenfeld's work is on Thames Street, between Morgan Avenue and Vandervoort Place. Here, he has put



Glossy galleries: Luis Rosenfeld's photos on display at Bushwick's Ange Noir Cafe. Photo by Stefano Giovannini

up nearly a dozen photographs, most of eye-catching people, such as an old man smoking a cigarette and a woman with big frizzy hair. There is also a large-scale close-up of a cat's face, which people around the neighborhood often recognize.

"I made my own gallery there," Rosenfeld said.

Other artists have started covering the wall with their own work, which adds layers to the piece as it evolves over time. But Rosenfeld is fine with that.

"I like it when it gets dirty," said Rosenfeld, who splits his time between Brooklyn and Baltimore, where he runs a

graffiti museum in a warehouse he owns.

Back at Ange Noir, Pacini said he could not be happier with his decision to invite the al fresco artist inside his cafe — who knows, Rosenfeld could turn out to be the next Banksy.

"He wants to offer a new concept," said Pacini while looking at a photograph of a woman wearing a small decorative mask around her eyes. "I'm going to buy it. In a few years this guy could be big."

See Luis Rosenfeld's art at Ange Noir Cafe [247 Varet St. between White and Bogart streets in Bushwick, (718) 821-2459, [www.angenoircafe.com](http://www.angenoircafe.com)]. Through February.

## New book celebrates first black Congresswoman

By Meredith Deliso

As the first African-American woman elected to Congress and the first major party black candidate to run for president, Shirley Chisholm is one of the most important political figures in history. Never heard of her? Don't worry — you are in good company.

"Most people under 50 have never heard of her," said Barbara Winslow, who recently published a biography of Chisholm. "She's completely written out of history."

Winslow is working to change that. A women studies professor at Brooklyn College — from which the Bedford-Stuyvesant-born Chisholm graduated in 1946 — Winslow not only teaches her students about Chisholm in her classroom, she also founded an historical archive called the Shirley Chisholm Project at the school.

The professor's new book on Chisholm, "Shirley Chisholm: Catalyst for Change," is the first biography of Chisholm in more than 40 years.

"This is the first really scholarly biography of Chisholm," said Winslow. "It's a historic look at her life and accomplish-



Author's copy: Brooklyn College professor Barbara Winslow with her book, "Shirley Chisholm: Catalyst for Change." The Shirley Chisholm Project

ments and relies on materials that have not been used before."

These include campaign materials and interviews with people who knew Chisholm, including former New York City Mayor David Dinkins, feminist and journalist Gloria Steinem, and even her hairdresser. Winslow also referred to resources used in the 2004 documentary "Unbought and Unbossed," about Chisholm's 1972 presidential bid. Thanks to this research, the Shirley Chisholm Project now boasts the largest collections about the politician

anywhere, said Winslow.

Being the first was not easy for Chisholm. She was a champion of women's rights, equal pay for all, and access to education, helping to pass legislation that assisted students from urban schools in getting into the City University of New York. But she found it difficult to get things done in an increasingly conservative political environment, which could also be racist and sexist. After 14 years in Congress, Chisholm retired in 1982. She went on to work as an educator, and passed away in 2005 at the age of 80.

Thanks to documentaries such as "Unbought and Unbossed," as well as, of course, her own book, Winslow is hopeful that more people will come to appreciate Chisholm's legacy.

"She was an outspoken, proud feminist," said Winslow. "She went the course she wanted to go, in spite of all the attacks."

Barbara Winslow celebrates the release of "Shirley Chisholm: Catalyst for Change" at Brooklyn College [2900 Bedford Ave. at Campus Road in Flatbush, (718) 853-7350, [www.chisholmproject.com](http://www.chisholmproject.com)]. Feb. 25 at 5 pm.

## Strange sounds

*C'Heights show makes the experimental mainstream*

By Samantha Lim

This birdsong may sound a bit bizarre, but don't let that turn you off.

On Jan. 31, Crown Heights arts space LaunchPad will host "Strange Birds," an evening of experimental music and art. The organizers created the event to combat the popular idea that experimental music is inaccessible, confusing, or just plain bad. In fact, it can be really fun, they said.

"Experimental music will go mainstream when people start to realize that just having fun and playing around with whatever you find in your house has just as much artistic merit as a piece of sheet music composed by someone with years of musical training, if not more," said Zane Van Dusen, LaunchPad's director of operations. "People are going to have a lot of fun then go home and think, 'Wow — I just saw some really weird stuff and loved it. I should see more!'"

One of the acts bringing both fun and weirdness in equal measure will be performance ensemble Power Animal Systems. The group, created by visual artist and musician Jason Martin, is a multimedia mixture of music, video installation, and live performers dressed as "animal-human hybrid creatures" — such as wolves and poodles sporting sparkly, space-age spandex costumes.

"Jason Martin is one of the most wonderful weirdos I ever met and I was instantly drawn to his work," said Van Dusen. "At the time, he was most known for a band called Evolution Revolution that would throw huge parties featuring animal costumes and costumed wrestling. Then the band would go on and everyone would dance like they really didn't care who was watching and have a great time."

Confirming Van Dusen's notion that experimental art is edging closer to the mainstream, Power Animals Systems was tapped to open for Lady Gaga on her "Born This Way Ball" tour last year — though the shows were cancelled when the pop star injured her hip.

Other left-of-center groups on the bill include 86 Supreme, which fuses jazz, funk, hip-hop, pop, and rock into one beguiling musical mix, and Zographia, which combines violin and drums with painting.

The organizers of "Strange Birds" hope the night will open the audience's minds to new sounds and ideas.

"If a bunch of people are doing the same thing, it's not pushing the boundaries anymore," said LaunchPad's house manager Juliana Schley. "My favorite thing about experimental art is that it's generally open for interpretation, and I believe the most successful art gives the viewer a reflection of him or herself."

"Strange Birds: An Evening of Weird But Fun Music, Performance and Art" at LaunchPad [721 Franklin Ave. between Sterling and Park places in Crown Heights, (646) 494-7211, [www.brooklynlaunchpad.org](http://www.brooklynlaunchpad.org)]. Jan. 31 at 8 pm. \$5 suggested donation.



Poodle skirt: Experimental performance group Power Animal Systems, which features "animal-human hybrid creatures," is one of many oddball acts on the line-up for LaunchPad's "Strange Birds" show.

Jason Martin

# Salvi celebrating 25 years thanks to its delectable Italian cuisine

BY CAMILLE SPERRAZZA

Succulent “Shrimp Salvi” sautéed in garlic, lemon, and white wine, sprinkled with a hint of red pepper, and served atop a plump crostini. A zesty “Zuppa Di Pesce” of mussels, clams, shrimp, calamari, and scungilli, in a red sauce, served on a bed of linguine to follow. And a melt-in-your-mouth millefoglie pastry to top it all off.

The dessert, also called “thousand leaves,” is extraordinary, its name referring to the layers of thin pastry used to create it. Similar to a Napoleon, but lighter, it is made fresh on the premises, filled with lots of creamy goodness, and presented on a plate that’s drizzled with raspberry sauce.

Mmmm. Is your mouth watering yet?

These and other choice menu items are just the tip of the fine-dining experience at Salvi Restaurant in Marine Park, where generations of discerning diners have enjoyed a taste of the dolce vita — complete with pasta made on the premises and new specials everyday — for 25 years.

Gerardo “Jerry” Camarda has a homespun recipe for staying in business at a time when other restaurants are folding.

“We work hard to serve delicious food with great service,” says the gracious restaurateur who sets the tone for his refined dining establishment, personally greeting guests at the door in an impeccably cut European suit. The wait staff — among them long-time employees Peppe, Louis, and Emanuel — exude similar old world charm and an attention to duty as flawless as their tailored suits, working seemingly effortlessly in the elegantly-appointed dining room featuring light wood décor.

Consider a visit to Salvi an escape from life’s hustle and bustle, without venturing too far from home. Little touches, such



A plate of black-and-white spaghetti with vongole, shrimp, and cherry tomatoes.

as wine served in long-stemmed glasses, appealing cocktails delivered gracefully from the bar to your table, and a pianist playing soft music for diners’ listening pleasure on weekends, contribute to a memorable time — whatever the occasion.

Salvi’s star has always been its food. The sensory medley of traditional Italian cuisine is culled from recipes that originate from Camarda’s home town of Calabria, Italy.

The appetizers spoil you for choice, and include the burrata from the Puglia region — a creamy mozzarella heaven, so soft, with a velvet consistency that’s part buttery, part ricotta-like. Made with cheese and cream, it’s served with two thick slices of tomato, and a variety of green and black olives. A wonderful way to start a meal.

Entrees have been on the menu since the beginning, such as the sumptuous Rack of Lamb. Try the fresh seafood for an equal bite of the dolce vita. The tender Black Sea Bass is simmered in a white wine sauce, mixed with sliced cherry tomatoes, Shiitake mushrooms, and artichokes. Simply a very tasty dish.

One of Salvi’s highlights is the light, homemade pasta Fusilli Calabresi, a recipe that dates back to the original chef, since deceased, who hailed from Calabria. He trained the restaurant’s current chef, teaching him how to roll the pasta, mixing it with pepperoncino, to create a flavorful



The staff holding, from left, a medallion of filet mignon with grilled shrimp and Shiitake mushroom sauce; stuffed portabella mushrooms with spinach and roasted peppers, topped with goat cheese; black-and-white spaghetti with vongole, shrimp, and cherry tomatoes, are joining by owner Jerry Camarda.



Salvi Italian Restaurant is celebrating 25 years of business.

dish, with a kick of spice. It’s the pasta itself that’s spicy, not the sauce, and it’s just enough to add a bit of pizzazz without being overwhelming. The same homemade pasta is available without the pepperoncino. The basil and tomato sauce is delightful, as is the Bolognese. Opt to enjoy it over homemade vegetable ravioli or another of Salvi’s light and delicious pastas that you may prefer — penne, linguine, spaghetti, and more.

Entrees are accompanied by miniature rice balls so scrumptious that they crunch when you bite into the crisp outer

shell. The potato squares are another favorite — mashed potatoes, tossed with flakes of onion and parsley, then baked to perfection.

Ready for dessert? Expect a heady and ambrosial trip. Desserts are baked on premises, including the popular cannoli that is anything but humble. Its crisp outer shell laden with rich cream that tickles the tongue. Enjoy it with cappuccino, served hot, with lots of foam and no whip cream, just like in Italy.

Salvi offers four different party packages for special occasions, and a party here will surely



A plate of medallion of filet mignon with grilled shrimp with Shiitake mushroom sauce.

impress all guests. Valet parking is available, making it convenient for them, too.

Jerry Camarda’s American Dream continues to cook up a storm, and his daughters Bianca and Tatiana are now getting a glimpse of the business that has remained a steady cut above the rest, as they take turns working on Salvi’s coat check every other weekend.

Salvi Restaurant has been the go-to spot in the neighborhood — be it for

an intimate or family dinner, or a party — for a quarter of a century for a simple reason.

“Every customer has to leave happy,” insists the owner.

*Salvi Italian Restaurant [4220 Quentin Rd. between Flatbush and Hendrickson streets in Marine Park, (718) 252-3030, www.SalviRestaurant.com.] Open Sundays, Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, noon-11 pm, and on Saturdays and Sundays, noon-midnight.*



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# EVENTS

**FRI, JAN. 31**

**ART, "WITNESS — ART AND CIVIL RIGHTS IN THE SIXTIES":** Exhibition that explores how artists expressed the Civil Rights era. \$12 (suggested). 11 am-6 pm. Brooklyn Museum [200 Eastern Pkwy. at Washington Avenue in Prospect Heights, (718) 638-5000], [www.brooklyn-museum.org](http://www.brooklyn-museum.org).

**OPEN MIC:** Get creative and share your voice with other teens. Registration required. **Free.** 6-8 pm. Herbert Von King Cultural Arts Center [670 Lafayette Ave. at Marcy Avenue in Bedford-Stuyvesant, ((718) 622-2082)], [www.nycgovparks.org](http://www.nycgovparks.org).

**THEATER, "VANYA AND SONIA AND MASHA AND SPIKE":** A Brooklyn take on the Broadway hit play. **Free.** 7:30 pm. St. Francis College [180 Remsen St. between Court and Clinton streets in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 489-5200], [www.sfc.edu](http://www.sfc.edu).

**MUSIC, BROOKLYN CONSERVATORY CHORALE:** Performing Mozart's Coronation Mass and works by Schoenberg, Bruckner, and Schubert. \$15 (\$10 students and seniors). 8 pm. Lafayette Avenue Presbyterian Church (85 S. Oxford St. at Lafayette Avenue in Fort Greene).

**THEATER, "ANTEBELLUM":** A portrait of the notorious and famed in pre-Civil War era New Orleans from Gogol Annex. 7 pm. The Brick [575 Metropolitan Ave. at Lorimer Street in Williamsburg, (718) 907-6189], [www.bricktheater.com](http://www.bricktheater.com).

**THEATER, "WOW":** A Milli Vanilli-inspired opera created by Joe Diebes, Christian Hawkey, and David Levine. \$18 (\$15 in advance). 8 pm. BRIC Arts Media House [647 Fulton St. at Rockwell Place in Fort Greene, (718) 683-5621], [www.bricartsmedia.org](http://www.bricartsmedia.org).

**THEATER, "DOUBT":** The Heights Players performs a provocative drama about truth and consequences. \$20 (\$18 seniors and children under 18). 8 pm. Heights Players [26 Willow Pl. between Joralemon and State streets in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 237-2752], [www.heightsplayers.org](http://www.heightsplayers.org).

**DANCE, "ACTRESS FURY":** Dance-theater artist Jennie MaryTai Liu's newest work. \$18. 8 pm. The Bushwick Starr [207 Starr St. between Wyckoff and Irving avenues in Bushwick], [www.thebushwickstarr.org](http://www.thebushwickstarr.org).

**MUSIC, THE WILLIAMSBURG SALSA ORCHESTRA, SPANGLISH FLY, DJ MIKEY PEREZ:** **Free.** 8:30 pm. Brooklyn Night Bazaar [165 Banker St. at Norman Avenue in Greenpoint], [bkbazaar.com](http://bkbazaar.com).

**SAT, FEB. 1**

**THEATER, "THE AFRICAN DRUM":** Puppet show telling traditional African folktales. \$15. 1 pm. PS 3 The Bedford Village School [50 Jefferson Ave. between Bedford and Franklin avenues in Bedford-Stuyvesant, (212) 724-0677], [www.shadowboxtheatre.org](http://www.shadowboxtheatre.org).

**ART, BLACK ARTSTORY MONTH ARTWALK:** Ten galleries along Myrtle Avenue in Fort Greene display work by African-American artists. **Free.** 6-8 pm. Myrtle Avenue [Various locations], [www.myrtleavenue.org](http://www.myrtleavenue.org).

**MUSIC, WFAN'S BIG HELLO TO BROOKLYN:** Featuring Red Hot Chili Peppers, New Politics, MS MR, J. Roddy Walston & The Business, and Basic Vacation. \$79.50-\$350. 7 pm. Barclays Center [620 Atlantic Ave. at Pacific Street in Prospect Heights, (917) 618-6100], [www.barclayscenter.com](http://www.barclayscenter.com).

**THEATER, KRASNOYARSK NATIONAL DANCE COMPANY OF SIBERIA:** Over 55 dancers and musicians incorporate colorful folklore, costumes, and songs to celebrate the heritage of Siberia. \$36-\$45. 8 pm. Brooklyn Center for the Performing Arts at Brooklyn College [2900 Campus Rd., between Amersfort Place and Kenilworth Place in Midwood, (718) 951-4500], [www.brooklyncenteronline.org](http://www.brooklyncenteronline.org).

**READING, RUTH MCATEE AND PATRICK MCATEE:** Child authors of "Fire Flying." Reservations required. **Free.** 3:30 pm. Gumbo [493 Atlantic Ave. between Nevins Street and Third Avenue in Boerum Hill, (718) 855-7808].

**MUSIC, SCRAPOMATIC:** 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).

**ART, TARGET FIRST SATURDAYS:** Enjoy a day at the museum with entertainment, exhibits, and more. **Free.** 5-10 pm. Brooklyn Museum [200 Eastern Pkwy. at Washington Avenue in Prospect Heights, (718) 638-5000], [www.brooklynmuseum.org](http://www.brooklynmuseum.org).

**RED HOOK FEST:** Celebrate the neighborhood's heritage, food, and sights with local products and vendors while a DJ provides music. Located under a heated tent. 11 am-3 pm. Fairway Market Red Hook [480-500 Van Brunt St. at Reed Street in Red Hook].

**SUN, FEB. 2**

**MUSIC, JAZZ CLASSES:** WeBop teaches children 2 to 5 years old and their caregivers about the core concepts, instruments, and great performers of jazz in eight workshops. \$350 (whole series for one



**Dragons den:** Imagine Dragons (the band that does that "Radioactive" song) will play Amnesty International's "Bringing Human Rights Home" concert at the Barclays Center on Feb. 5.

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child and adult). BAM Kids [30 Lafayette Ave. at Ashland Place in Fort Greene, (718) 636-4129], [www.bam.org](http://www.bam.org).

**THEATER, SALUTE TO BROADWAY:** Regina Opera members perform. \$12 (\$5 teens, children free). 3 pm. Our Lady of Perpetual Help [5902 Sixth Ave. at 59th Street in Sunset Park, (718) 259-2772].

**MUSIC, CD RELEASE:** Alan Friend, Harry Bolick, Don Friedman, and Charlie Shaw celebrate the release of "Bad Times & Better Times." \$10 (\$5 for children under 13). 4 pm. The Old Stone House [336 Third St. between Fourth and Fifth avenues in Park Slope, (718) 768-3195/(718) 965-4074], [theoldstonehouse.org](http://theoldstonehouse.org).

**MON, FEB. 3**

**AFTER SCHOOL SKATING:** At the newly minted LeFrak rinks at Lakeside, students offered, skating, homework help, education activities and off-ice exercises. These are just a few of the programs in the winter program. Children also attend workshops on nutrition, college readiness and so much more. Students must commit to the twice per week sessions. There is a refundable registration fee and a skate deposit due at registration through 12/31/13. **Free.** 4-6:15 pm. Prospect Park Wollman Rink [Ocean Ave. at Parkside Avenue in Prospect Park, (718) 594-7439], [www.brooklynice.org](http://www.brooklynice.org).

**READING, CLAIRE MESSUD:** Author of "The Woman Upstairs." With editor Robin Dessler. **Free.** 7-9 pm. PowerHouse Arena [37 Main St. at Water Street in Dumbo, (718) 666-3049], [www.powerhousearena.com](http://www.powerhousearena.com).

**BUSHWICK'S VA-VA VARIETY SHOW:** A night of music, burlesque, and variety hosted by the Lovely Ms. Foxy Squire. \$7. 9 pm. Goodbye Blue Monday [1087 Broadway, between Lawton and Dodworth streets in Bedford-Stuyvesant, (718) 453-6343], [www.myspace.com/goodbyebluemondayinc](http://www.myspace.com/goodbyebluemondayinc).

**FILM, "NOSFERATU: A Symphony of Horror":** With piano accompaniment from Ben

Model. **Free.** 11 am. St. Francis College [180 Remsen St. between Court and Clinton streets in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 489-5200], <https://www.sfc.edu>.

**MUSIC, KONCEPTIONS MUSIC SERIES:** With Jerome Sabbagh on saxophone, Simon Jermyon on bass, and Allison Miller on drums. 9 pm. Korzo [667 Fifth Ave. between 19th and 20th streets in Park Slope], [www.jeromesabbagh.com](http://www.jeromesabbagh.com).

**TUES, FEB. 4**

**ART, "LADAKH: Land of High Passes":** Exhibition of photographs and interviews by Uwe Gielen with members of a Tibetan Buddhist society that had limited contact with Western Culture. **Free.** 8 am-8 pm. St. Francis College [180 Remsen St. between Court and Clinton streets in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 489-5200], <https://www.sfc.edu>.

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**WED, FEB. 5**

**READING, RODDY DOYLE:** Author of "The Guts." **Free.** 7-9 pm. PowerHouse Arena [37 Main St. at Water Street in Dumbo, (718) 666-3049], [www.powerhousearena.com](http://www.powerhousearena.com).

**TALK, PENS AND SWORDS:** Warriors Write Their Experience at War: Panel discussion with Adrian Bonengerger, Myke Cole, and Phil Klay on writing and PTSD. **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).

**MUSIC, BRINGING HUMAN RIGHTS HOME CONCERT:** Presented by Amnesty International and featuring performances by Imagine Dragons, The Flaming Lips, Ms. Lauryn Hill, Tegan and Sara, The Fray, Cold War Kids, Colbie Caillat, Cake and more. \$54.50-\$255. 8 pm. Barclays Center [620 Atlantic Ave. at Pacific Street in Prospect Heights, (917) 618-6100], www.barclayscenter.com.

**SAVE ROOM FOR DESSERT!:** Enjoy demos, tips, small samples and Q&A just in time for Valentine's Day from Roni-Sue Chocolates, Love Sweet Love Pralines and Sugarbuilt. \$5. 8-10 pm. Brooklyn Brewery (79 N. 11th St. at Wythe Avenue in Williamsburg), www.ediblemanhattan.com/event/save-room-dessert.

**THURS, FEB. 6**

**READING, FRANCIS K. DECKER JR.:** Author of "Brooklyn's Plymouth Church in the Civil War Era: A Ministry of Freedom." Free. 6:30 pm. Brooklyn Historical Society [128 Pierpont St. at Clinton Street in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 222-4111], www.brooklynhistory.org.

**READING, JOYCE CAROL OATES:** Author of "Carthage." RSVP requested. Free. 7-9 pm. PowerHouse Arena [37 Main St. at Water Street in Dumbo, (718) 666-3049], www.powerhouse-arena.com.

**MUSIC, BROOKLYN CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC GALA:** With music provided by Ar-

luro O'Farrill and his Afro Latin Jazz Orchestra. Celebrating the 25th anniversary of the Conservatory's Music Partners program. \$200-\$1,000. 7 pm. Roulette (509 Atlantic Ave. at Third Avenue in Boerum Hill), bcmgala.org.

**READING, HERO SYSTEMS POETRY READING:** With Andrew Durbin, Corina Copp, Bunny Rogers, and Lorenzo Bueno. Free. 7 pm. Molasses Books (770 Hart St. between Knickerbocker and Wilson avenues in Bushwick), https://www.facebook.com/events/238985476283537.

**FRI, FEB. 7**

**PUNK ROCK KARAOKE:** A night of punk rock singalongs. \$8 (donation). 8 pm. Pine Box Rock Shop (12 Grattan St. between Bogart Street and Morgan Avenue in Bushwick), facebook.com/PunkRockKaraokeNortheast.

**MUSIC, MISSION OF BURMA, SPEED THE PLOUGH:** \$25. 9 pm. Bell House [149 Seventh St. at Third Avenue in Gowanus, (718) 643-6510], www.thebellhouse.com.

**MUSIC, BEATLES TRIBUTE:** With performances from Beatles tribute bands Hal Bruce and The Clover. Free. 11 pm. Freddy's Bar [627 Fifth Ave. between 17th and 18th streets in Greenwood Heights, (718) 768-0131], www.freddysbar.com.

**ART KIDS:** Children 5 years and younger explore a new style of art and develop skills. Free with museum admission. 11:30 am and 2:30 pm. Brook-

lyn O'Farrill and his Afro Latin Jazz Orchestra. Celebrating the 25th anniversary of the Conservatory's Music Partners program. \$200-\$1,000. 7 pm. Roulette (509 Atlantic Ave. at Third Avenue in Boerum Hill), bcmgala.org.

**SAT, FEB. 8**

**MUSIC, RUSSELL TAYLOR:** 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.

**"A SURPRISE INSIDE - BUILDINGS WITH SECRET POWERS":** A special program for children 6 years and older to discuss the 74th Street Powerhouse building and then make their own dioramas. Free with museum admission. 1:30-2 pm. New York Transit Museum [Boerum Place at Schermerhorn Street in Downtown, (718) 694-1600], www.mta.info/mta/museum.

**EMBRACE WINTER FESTIVAL:** Enjoy music, dance, art, games, and crafts inside and outside stores along Third Avenue from 69th to 75th streets. \$5 (suggested donation). Noon-5:30 pm. [68th Street and Third Avenue in Bay Ridge, (718) 748-5950], www.bracabrooklyn.org.

**TODD-O-PHONIC TODD!:** Playing the wildest rock, soul, garage, freakbeat and more. Free. Midnight. Union Hall [702 Union St. at Fifth Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 638-4400], www.unionhallny.com.

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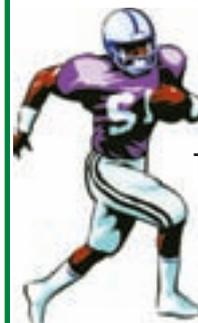


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# Stella is chasing 'Top Dog' dream

## WILLIAMSBURG

Give a big bag of treats to **Stella**, a dextrous Brussels Griffon who will be acing the paces of the agility course at the **Masters of Agility Championship** at West-



minster on Feb. 8, in that other borough across the East River.

The tournament is open for the first time to dogs of mixed breeds, and the nimble pooch's owner **Kristin Krings** says Stella — hailing from a puppy mill in Maine — was born to be a star.

"I got her from a friend who couldn't keep her, and have been training her ever since," she says.

Standing O pal Kristin explained Stella has been competing for the past five years in various agility contests, and now qualifies for the masters' level — the highest one of all.

Stella will be competing in the Standard Class division. That's no surprise since Stella can leap with the greatest of ease. There are 16 to 20 activities that Stella will have to complete, including scaling the A frame, the dog walk, the teeter-totter, and traveling through tunnels, before she can hop away with top-dog honors.

Stella is more than a pretty face. She works with Krings, a personal trainer at **Andrea Arden's Dog Training school**, teaching other pooches to sit, stay, and obey. No matter what the outcome, Stella is already a top dog for Standing O!

## SUNSET PARK

### Insuring success

Three cheers to the staff at the **Lutheran Family Health Center** for helping consumers obtain health insurance, get information on financial assistance, and navigate the quagmire that is the New York health marketplace.

The team also provided free blood pressure screenings and administered flu shots during a Jan. 24 health fair at Trinity Lutheran Church, sponsored by **Rep. Nydia Velazquez** (D-Sunset Park).

*Lutheran Family Health Center [150 55th St. at First Avenue in Sunset Park, (718) 630-7155].*



**WELCOME HOME:** Elected officials and community leaders from the 45th Assembly District gather at the first meeting in the club's new home on Coney Island Avenue on Jan. 22.

## New home for Bay Dems – go blue!

### GRAVESEND

Congrats to the **Bay Democrats** on finding a new home after Hurricane Sandy wiped out their old one.

The Sheepshead Bay political club hasn't had a regular meeting place since the superstorm — but no longer! Club president **Ben Axelrod** and District Leader **Ari Kagan** will bang the gavel at their new stomping ground in Gravesend every Wednesday at 7 pm.

Bring on the serious issues, we say,

and Standing O Pal Ari plans to do just that.

"Now that Bay Democrats has a home, we can focus on the issues affecting our community," he said. Hear, hear.

Standing O welcomes the Bay Dems into their new home and wishes them a long and happy tenure. Go Blue!

*Bay Democrats [2508 Coney Island Ave. between Avenue V and Gravesend End Neck Road in Gravesend, (718) 797-6552].*

## CONEY ISLAND

### En Garde

It was parry, thrust, and win for fencing sisters **Jaclyn and Caralina Khrol**, who train at the **New York Fencing Academy**.

The dueling sibs aced medals galore at the Sword in the Snow Super Youth Circuit in New Hampshire. Ten-year old Jaclyn took home three medals — a gold and two bronzes — and younger sister Caralina, 7, nabbed a bronze medal of her own. The girls take after their mom **Galyna Khrol**, who is an accomplished fencer herself.

*New York Fencing Academy [2896 W. 12th St. at Neptune Avenue in Coney Island (718) 996-0426].*

## CROWN HEIGHTS

### A STAR is born

The **Special Treatment and Research Program** at **SUNY Downstate Medical Center** has received five new awards totaling more than two million smackaroos for providing more than a quarter century of innovative HIV-Aids primary and special care.

**Dr. Jack DeHovitz**, director of the pro-

gram and professor of medicine, explained how important this grant is to the continuation of treatment of HIV patients in the borough.

"Brooklyn continues to be at the center of the Aids epidemic, but the nature of the epidemic is changing, and these new grants reflect Downstate's history of developing new means of reaching and treating the people most at risk," he says.

*SUNY Downstate Medical Center, [450 Clarkson Ave. at New York Avenue in Crown Heights, (718) 270-2696]*

## BOROUGH WIDE

### Teddy Bears rule

Standing O hears that the **Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers** organization is sponsoring the Teddy Bear Campaign to raise funds to build the Stephen's House of the Maison d'Enfants par las Foi Orphanage in Haiti. The goal is to raise \$250,000 in order to help out the hundreds of children who were left homeless after the 2010 earthquake that decimated the island nation.

The foundation is hosting a benefit dinner on May 2 at the LiGreci's Staaten in



## BENSONHURST

### Double the blessings

Five stars to **Bishop Kearney High School** juniors **Cameron** and **Christina Slaughter** for being "geniuses."

The accolade came courtesy of the **Christian Cultural Center (C3)** in Flatbush, which made the smart sibs the inaugural honorees for its new Genius of the Month program.

Cameron and Christina, recognized for their academic and service accomplishments, received a certificate along with the admiration of their peers at a ceremony last month. Now, they can add a Standing O shout-out on their resumes!

The Christian Cultural Center is a fellowship of youth and young adults united by a common faith, whose mission is empowering young people to embrace and live out the values of faith, family, education, and community.

Standing O wishes these do-gooding doublets blessings and good fortune in their future.

*Bishop Kearney High School [2202 60th St. at Bay Parkway in Bensonhurst, (718) 236-6363]*

## STATEN ISLAND

People interested in donating or attending the event should e-mail [miracles@tunnel2towers.org](mailto:miracles@tunnel2towers.org).

## FORT GREENE

### Satisfy the crave

Cheers to **Justin Boshell** on opening **Hungry Ghost Coffee Bar**. Our pal Justin was able to open the door and start the pot perking on the best coffee around, with a little help from his friends at the **Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce** and its small business loan program. The high-end espresso served at the coffee bar is brewed from the finest roasted beans from by Red Hook's **Stumptown Coffee Roasters** with a side of melt-in-your-mouth pastries and breads baked on-site. If you want a bit more than coffee, Justin also serves sandwiches.

Justin has been in the bean-brew business for the past 10 years, first as an employee and now as an owner.

"I love what I do and a coffee shop is a great environment. It's nice to love what you do," he says.

Standing O suggests if you're jonesing for a cup of Joe, take a jog over to the Hungry Ghost and satisfy your craving with a double espresso and a side of baked goodness.

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● 'The first practice, we knew we had somebody special.'

— Paul Robeson's track coach Anthony Williams on sophomore Amanda Crawford

● 'Isaiah had the hot hand, so we had to feed him.'

— Desi Rodriguez on Abraham Lincoln teammate Isaiah Whitehead

## Hot Whitehead powers Lincoln past South Shore

BY ANTHONY PARELLI

The Abraham Lincoln boys' basketball team found itself down for the first time against South Shore with six minutes left in the game, but the Railsplitters never trailed again thanks to the play of Seton Hall commit Isaiah Whitehead.

Whitehead scored 15 of his 35 points in the fourth quarter to propel Lincoln to a 70-54 victory in front of a packed house at South Shore on Sunday. The Railsplitters (10-1), ranked No. 21 in the country by USA Today, closed the game on a 26-9 run to stay unbeaten in the Public School Athletic League Brooklyn AA division.

"After we went down we tried to get defense stops," said Lincoln forward — and fellow Seton Hall commit — Desi Rodriguez. "Isaiah had the hot hand so we had to feed him."

Lincoln's strategy worked. When his team fell behind, Whitehead immediately responded with a 3-pointer, then two mid-range buckets and an assist. He almost single-handedly fueled a 9-2 run that would give his team a lead they would never relinquish.

The Lincoln defense had pressure on them all afternoon as they were forced to hold off a relentless South Shore offense that wouldn't quit. After scoring only eight points in the first quarter, the Vikings ended the half on a 19-7 run, bringing the deficit to only three points at 31-28.

Headed into the fourth quarter, South Shore once again found themselves



**BUCKET LIST:** (Above) Lincoln star Isaiah Whitehead scored 35 points in Saturday's game against South Shore. (Right) Lincoln's Damarri Moore dunks the ball.

Photos by Steve Solomonson

down 44-40, but with six minutes remaining in the game, two Doudmy St. Hilaire free throws gave the Vikings a 45-44 lead that they simply could not hold.

"I don't think we played up to our full capabilities," said Vikings coach Mike Beckles of his team's up-and-down performance. "We kept the game close, we just didn't finish. Playing against a team like that, you have to play a full four quarters. We started slow and ended poorly."

Complementing the firepower of Whitehead was Lincoln point guard Anthony Williams, who amassed 17 points and was 8

of 11 on the free throw line. At the other end, South Shore (8-4) missed 18 free throws in the game, something Beckles knows they must improve on.

"You have to keep your composure in any big game," Beckles said. "I thought we were prepared, but it might have been a little overwhelming at times, and that contributed to all those misses."

For Lincoln and Rodriguez, the game was another stepping stone in its city title defense season, and the lessons learned from the victory will carry over to their next game.

"We want to focus on ex-



ecuting better throughout and communicating more on defense," Rodriguez said. "We'll go work on that in practice and keep grinding away."



**RACING DOWN THE COURT:** Katie Fox records three steals during the game against Wagner. Photo by Steve Schnibbe

## St. Francis loses early steam for 3-game slump

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

The impressive start the St. Francis women's basketball team enjoyed this season seems to be losing steam.

The Terriers got off one of the program's best starts in recent years behind hot outside shooting, but cold spell has them in a three-game losing streak after falling to Wagner 73-62 during a Northeast Conference game in Brooklyn Heights on Monday. St. Francis shot just 32.2 percent from the field for the game and connected on only three treys.

"Everything that we did to get to the position where we won some game was based on the fact that we opened things up with perimeter shots, and we just can't make them [now]," said second-year Terriers coach John Thurston. "We haven't made them for a couple of weeks."

Against Wagner his team instead rode the play

of 5-foot-11 forward Jessica Kaufman inside during the second half. The junior scored 15 of this career-high 20 points after the break and added six rebounds. Leah Fecko chipped in 11 points and seven boards.

Kaufman, an Australia native, tallied five straight points to give St. Francis its largest lead of the game at 42-38 with 11:48 remaining in the contest.

"Everyone has been trying as hard as they possibly can," Kaufman said. "The shots just ended up dropping for me a bit."

Despite her best efforts, another drought came and St. Francis College had no answer for Wagner freshman guard Jasmine Nwajei. The former Murry Bergtraum star scored 25 of her game-high 27 points in the second half, after playing just seven minutes before the break because of foul trouble.

Wagner (4-15, 3-5) had four players in double fig-

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## Raptors in the rafters

Toronto Raptors forward Amir Johnson goes up for two points as Nets forward Kevin Garnett tries in vain to defend at the Barclays Center on Jan. 27. Despite the best efforts of Brooklyn's beloved ballers, the Raptors managed to rip through the Nets to win a 104-103 squeaker.

Associated Press / Kathy Willens

# Xaverian loses lead over Molloy

BY PATRICK MCCORMACK

Experienced teams can find ways to win basketball games, but a young Xaverian squad has allowed winnable games to slip away.

The Clippers' rebuilding season has been a rough one, and the struggle continued as an 11-point half-time lead disappeared in an eventual 52-44 loss to host Archbishop Molloy in Catholic High School Athletic League Class AA boys' basketball Tuesday night.

Xaverian coach Jack Alesi saw the team's inexperience a key factor in the defeat.

"We played very well the first half," Alesi said. "We are a very young team and I think in the first half we executed. The second half, you have to do certain things to win the game and we are just not ready. We are very inexperienced, we don't handle the ball real well, and we didn't have much poise in the second half."

The Clippers couldn't execute against Molloy, which switched from a man-to-man defense to a zone in the second half. The Stanners



**CLIPPED:** Xaverian's Robert Rossiter grabs a rebound over Molloy's Kenneth Hoyt during Tuesday night's game.

Photo by Ken Maldonado

held Xaverian to just four points in the third quarter and outscored it 34-15 in the half. Molloy was able to hold Xaverian to limited, second-chance opportunities and the quality of shots taken were not as good as the ones the Clippers took before halftime.

The lack of success on the offense end looked to be due to the change in the Molloy defense, but Alesi said it was more about his team's execution than it was changes made by Molloy.

"With all due respect to Molloy, they're a very good team, but this is more about what we didn't do," he said.

In the second quarter, the Clippers outscored the Stanners 20-5, after trailing 13-9 at the end of the first. Xaverian (8-10, 4-9) capped off the strong second quarter with a 10-0 run, led by senior Robert Rossiter. He led the team with 11 points. Molloy's Jason Cethoute led all scorers with 13 points, and Columbia-bound guard C.J. Davis added 11 points.

Xaverian held a 29-18 lead at halftime. It was able to build that advantage on the Stanners (12-4, 8-3) by getting to the line and creating high-quality scoring opportunities, which put the home team in a hole going into the half. Xaverian, however, couldn't maintain its momentum after the break.

The result was another close loss for the Clippers. This was Xaverian's third consecutive defeat by 10 points or less. It fell to third-place Molloy 53-49 earlier this month. For Alesi and his squad, the talent is there,

but the experience isn't.

"The games where we get the lead and that are close are because, although we are young, we do have a lot of ability," Alesi said. "The kids play hard, but they do not know how to win yet. We are playing sophomore, juniors, and freshmen. We are a young team."

But Alesi said he's not making excuses for his team letting wins slip away.

"That is not an excuse. It is the reason," he said. "Young players have to sometimes go through things like this before they find what the answer is."

**Bishop Loughlin wins SNY Invitational:** Seton Hall-bound guard Khadeen Carrington scored 20 points and grabbed 10 rebounds to help Loughlin to a 69-55 victory over St. Anthony's (N.J.) in the SNY Invitational final at City College on Jan. 25. Mike Williams, who is headed to Rutgers, added 20 points and nine boards. The Lions host defending city champion Christ the King in a first-place battle on Jan. 31.

# Greatness to come for Baird's college career

Former Medgar Evers track star Kadecia Baird had a better start to her college career than she had in her homecoming race at the Armory last Saturday.

The Nebraska University freshman got a slow start off the blocks and finished second in the elite 300-meter race, which included professionals, in a personal best time of 37.26 at the New Balance Games.

Baird used her signature late kick around the final turn to move into second and close the gap on winner Shanae Miller (37.26). Baird said she is always afraid she isn't going to have enough left in the last stretch, despite her history as a superb closer and one of the best high school sprinters ever to come through New York City.

"I knew once I got out it would be easy for me to come home," Baird said of the race.

A start Baird is certainly pleased with is the one to her career in Nebraska. The Guyana native clocked a time of 23.70 in the 200 meters in her first collegiate race at the Holiday Inn Invitational earlier this month. It's the fifth-fastest indoor time in the history of the Cornhuskers program.

She also beat reigning collegiate 400-meter champion Diamond Dixon of Kansas, who was a member of the United States' gold-medal-winning 4x400-meter relay team at the 2012 Olympics.

"I'm doing pretty good," Baird said. "At first it was a challenging being away from home, but I'm happy."

It's just the start of



## JOE KNOWS

by Joe Staszewski

big things to come. She has an attainable goal of running for Guyana at the 2016 Olympics in Rio. Baird isn't worried about setting goals for her first collegiate season.

"I'm not going to put any pressure on myself," she said.

Baird soaked in every minute of her homecoming. Her mother Ulele got to watch from the stands. There was plenty of applause for Baird during her introduction at the Armory. A blown up picture of a much younger Baird in action hangs from the rafters.

She received plenty of hugs and greetings as she came off the track. One woman even yelled, "I miss you Kadecia" as she walking to the interview room.

"Oh my god. To hear the people cheer for me and the way they announced me, it made me feel sad, but I was happy at the same time," Baird said. "I'm glad to be running here."

She again provided a glimpse of the elite accomplishments that lie ahead off her, like she has so many times before on that very track.



**DOUBLE TEAM:** Two Mount St. Mary's players try to stop LIU's Jason Brickman. Photo by Steve Schnibbe

# High-flying Blackbirds top the Mount

BY RICHARD KAGAN

The freezing temperatures and snow outside certainly had no effect on Long Island University's shooting over the weekend.

The Blackbirds men's basketball team was on fire, shooting 50 percent from the floor en route to a 75-71 Northeast Conference win over Mt. Saint Mary's at the Wellness Center last Saturday night. They have won two of their last three games following a three-game losing streak.

"We are still a work in progress," said LIU coach Jack Perri. "We're focusing on each day, each game."

Five players hit double figures in scoring, notably freshman reserve forward Glenn Feidanga. He had 15 points and 11 rebounds for his first double-double of the season.

Senior guard Jason Brickman continued his stellar year by scoring 14 points and dishing out 12 assists. Brickman now has 905 assists in his three-plus seasons at LIU, and leads the nation in assists with a 9.7 average per game.

E.J. Reed scored 12 points, including an emphatic dunk in the second half. Forward Landon Atterberry and D. J. Griggs each added 10 points. At 7-12 overall and 2-4 in conference, wins have been hard to come by. However, the Blackbirds play well at home, and three of its next

four games are at Wellness Center.

Long Island University, which led by five at half-time, increased its lead to 47-41 on a beautiful pass from Brickman to Reed for a slam. A Feidanga bucket gave the Blackbird flock its largest advantage at 58-46 with 12:17 to go. Mount St. Mary's (7-12, 3-3), didn't seriously threaten again after that.

Feidanga scored 15 points in just 21 minutes on seven of eight attempts from the floor to pace LIU. Perri said the freshman was playing injury free for the first time this season. However guard Gilbert Parga is out indefinitely with an arm injury.

The Blackbirds out-bounded the Mount 39-33 in one of the few games where it has won the battle on the boards.

"Rebounding is not something we've done a good job of this year," Perri said. "It's disappointing. However, our team is starting to focus on that."

The Blackbirds played zone defense for most of the game and held Mount guard Sam Prescott to just 14, after he scored 25 points against St. Francis earlier in the week. Reserve guard Byron Ashe led the Mount with 18 points.

Long Island University is now heading into the heart of the conference schedule, but Perri said the team is finding its way.

# Up-and-comer Crawford shines at the New Balance Games

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

It wasn't love at first sight with track and field for Paul Robeson's Amanda Crawford, but it was meant to be.

The 14-year-old sophomore, who entered high school a year ahead of time, had never run track until she met guidance counselor and coach Anthony Williams last year. The distance running that comes with cross-country wasn't to her liking starting out. All that changed when the races shortened and went indoors for the winter.

"It was really hard," the soft-spoken Crawford said of distance running. "Then I got to indoor and it was really fun, so it's fun now."

Crawford finished second in a personal-best time of 39.68 thanks to a great surge around the final turn in the invitational 300 meters at the New Balance Games at the Armory last Saturday afternoon. It was the third-best time in New York State this season. Her performance was not a surprise to her coach.

"When I got her freshman year, I'd say probably the first practice we knew we had somebody special," Williams said.

What impressed him



**FAST TRACK:** Paul Robeson's Amanda Crawford placed second in the invitational 300 at the New Balance games last Saturday.

Photo by Joseph Staszewski

the most was her work ethic and composure at such a young age. He said she is always going hard whether it is in her track work or even just her warm up.

Competing against varsity runners as a freshman helped prepare her for a breakout sophomore year. Williams said she was usually nervous before a big race, but never intimidated.

"She's handled it well," the coach said. "She can't compare it to anything. This is a great experience for her. The big stage really doesn't frighten her."

Crawford is front-runner in the classroom as well. She has already completed all her high school regent exams and took three advanced placement classes in the fall, according to Williams.

Crawford said she still feels like a baby on the track, but understands that the sky is the limit for her in the future. She hopes to get her 300 time under 38 seconds this season. Her name is getting more and more well known in the process, especially competing in meets like the New Balance Games

that feature some of the top runners in the nation as well and professionals.

"I'm getting more exposure every time I run with older girls," Crawford said. "It makes me better."

Exactly how much better remains to be seen.

**Medgar Evers's Thompson, Broughton each place second after slow starts:** Cougars stars Brenessa Thompson and Shayla Broughton both took silver medals at the New Balance Games. Thompson was second in the invitational 55-meter dash with a personal-best time of 7.13.

"I have a really good finish and I always close on people, but it's just my start I need to work on," Thompson said.

Broughton, who came into the invitational 55 hurdles as the favorite, didn't get a good push out of the starting blocks. A late surge gave her at time of 8.16 and a second-place finish.

"I wasn't really used to the blocks," Broughton said. "I didn't get out of the blocks fast."

Paul Robeson's Kiambu Gall was third in the boys 300 meter invitational with a time of 34.55.

## Terriers

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ures. Nwajei banked in a three-pointer from the top of the key with the shot clock running down to put the Seahawks up 61-52 with 3:05 left.

"She's a superstar," Thurston said. "She just took over the game."

His team has relied on balance, and the experience it gained last season. The Terriers' starting five include four juniors and a sophomore, and there are just three seniors on the team. Forward Jaymee Veney and guard Eilidh Simpson have been the squad's leading scorers.

St. Francis is 13-6 overall and 4-4 in conference play after starting 12-2. It's a dramatic turnaround for a program that two years ago won just four games and only two the year before that.

"We are to the point now where we expect to win every night," Thurston said.

The coach said his players told him they wanted practices to be harder moving forward to help them get out of this funk. They expect to be back in the business of posting W's soon.

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**GOING FOR THE NET:** St Francis's Eilidh Simpson throws a left handed shot to the net. Photo by Steve Schnibbe



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3 BR Duplex, lg LR, DR, kit., full bsmt, ¼ bth, 2 car gar., new win., beaut. hdwd flrs, new boiler. PL1268. . . \$530s

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**Marine Park Open House**  
SUN. 2/02, 1-3PM  
2073 East 38th Street, #1A  
3 Bdr 1st floor Condo! 2 bths, new kit., hdwd flrs, lg LR/DR combo, full bsmt, (private) with laundry room and an extra 500 sq - Nice rear yard and private driveway for 3 cars. . . \$470s

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**Old Mill Basin Open House**  
SUN. 2/02, 1-3PM  
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Waterfront!! What Potential! 5 BR, 3 bth det. home, 40x120 lot - new bulkhead, dock, hdwd flrs throughout. Great Views - needs total Renovation!! PL1273 . . . \$1.2M

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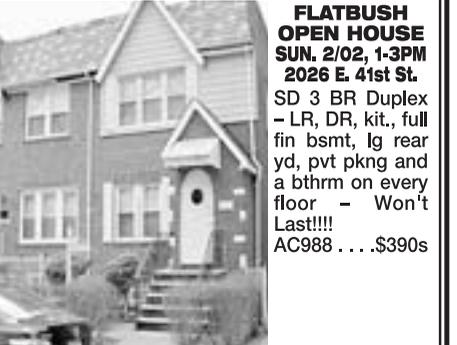
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Here's how the newest breakthrough non-surgical back pain and sciatica treatment may end your pain and solve your herniated, bulging or degenerated disc pain problems...

You may be thinking "What IS going to happen to me if I can't find a solution to my back pain or leg pain?" The answer to your question starts out hopeful. I'll just go to my doctor and he will take care of me. He will know what to do. But then something very odd happens to you. You discover your primary care physician is not really well equipped to handle that job. He or she is very busy treating infections, diabetes, heart conditions and the like, which they are very well equipped to handle. This is very apparent with your resulting drug prescription for Soma muscle relaxers and Norco, Neurontin or any other of the various prescribed pain medications. You then take the drugs soon to feel strangely like you're not altogether "there" or you immediately are sick, feel nausea and vomit the drugs as fast as you swallowed them. When you get sick of that (pardon the pun! I couldn't resist), you go back to your doctor looking for another more appealing treatment. This time it's physical therapy. The thing you already can't do! You already can't bend over, twist, lift things, and now they want you to do more of it with a bunch of other back pain sufferers! Gimme a break. Now, you've really had it. You try the chiropractor and either you feel better for a little while only to have the pain return, or worse nothing happens at all. Or even worse than that, after your treatment you have **MORE** pain (not because chiropractic does not work...your condition is just too deteriorated or severe). Then you try acupuncture because you read in a magazine it could help pain. You then realize sticking a bunch of needles in you will not magically remove the bulging disc that is smashing your nerve and causing you pain. You try massage as you read on the internet massage may help alleviate back pain...only to be disappointed. You're now beginning to feel desperate. Back to your primary care doctor to tell him about your adventures hoping he will have a different answer this time. He does.



"We can inject pain drugs through a big needle into your spine." You cringe in fear and reluctantly agree at this point. "NOW I will be fixed." Or at least that's what you've been led to believe. You have either no pain relief, some pain relief, a whole lot of pain relief or it makes you have more pain. The second pain shot (oh, yes there will be a second and a third) is usually less effective or not at all and requires another one. You come to the realization that pain shots will not fix the disc bulge or herniation still smashing your delicate nerves causing you pain. Finally, your doctor recommends you see a "Specialist" (Back Surgeon) and he can do risky surgery. If you've read the latest article in the Journal Of American Medical Association\*, you will see surgery patients and non surgery patients turned out the same! Why even do the surgery? Risk of paralysis, death, infections, more pain. No thanks. So. Back to the question. What are YOU going to do if you are stuck between serious back pain or leg pain or surgery? **Great News! A new extremely effective non surgical new back pain treatment is now available in Brooklyn.** If you are suffering from back pain or leg pain,

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**Fabienne Alexander - Retired  
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*"I saw several different doctors, medical doctors, chiropractors and other various treatments with no results. I had a couple bad discs. I immediately started feeling much, much better and the back pain decreased. At the end of my treatments my pain is almost non-existent."*

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